

Traffic Moving In Suez Canal

CAIRO, Egypt, Nov. 26 (AP)—Gen. E. L. M. Burns announced today plans for expanding the base for his growing UN police force in the Suez Canal zone.

At the same time dispatches from Port Said reported the first of 13 ships, trapped in the canal since the beginning of hostilities, had been freed by the removal of wrecks.

Syrians Rapped For Accepting Russian Arms

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Nov. 26 (AP)—Syria came under bitter Turkish attack today for accepting Soviet weapons, imposing martial law and allegedly concentrating troops along the border of Lebanon, a sister state in the Arab sphere.

Radio Ankara brought into the open charges—long circulated in the coffee houses and market places of the Middle East—that Egypt is instigating large-scale trouble in other Arab nations with Communist help.

Much of that trouble has arisen in Syria, whose 60,000-man army fell under control of a group of pro-Soviet officers headed by Col. Abdul Hamid Saraj in a silent coup the day fighting broke out in Egypt. Saraj, about 32, is a Nationalist strong man in the style of Egypt's Gamel Abdel Nasser.

The Turkish radio commentator said investigation showed Egyptian agents played a part in recent disturbances in Lebanon, a little half-Christian, half-Muslim republic where some French and British buildings have been the targets of bombing attacks.

He said arms and explosives had been smuggled into Lebanon on behalf of both Egypt and Syria. In one case, he reported, bombs were found in the car of an Egyptian Embassy staff.

The British announced that the north end of the canal had been unplugged by the opening of a 160-foot wide channel, 25 feet deep through an arc of sunken ships in Port Said harbor. Shortly after, the 10,500-ton British-owned Liberty ship Harpagon steamed through the opening in the wake of the British minelayer Manxman.

More Ships Could Escape
The Port Said dispatches quoted British officials as saying six and possibly 10, more ships in the canal could now get out—if the Egyptians do not object. These include the Eugenia and the Mary, of Liberian registry, and the Brigitte and Dorado of Panamanian registry.

Two others, including the 22,610-ton Liberian-registered Cities Service tanker, Statue of Liberty, were too large, however, to maneuver through the present opening.

Egyptians Oppose Operation
The Egyptians have opposed the canal-clearing operations before British and French forces withdraw from Egypt, and the Egyptian held southern stretch of the waterway remains tightly plugged. It will take months to open it.

Gen. Burns, Canadian commander of UNEF U.N. Emergency Force told a news conference he hopes to establish his headquarters near Qantara in the canal zone "within a relatively short time." Qantara is 35 miles south of Port Said and close to the cease-fire line at El Cap.

Work Starts After 9-Day Dock Strike

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (AP)—Longshoremen from Maine to Texas went back to work today but no one could estimate how long it will take them to work their way through the ships and cargo which piled up during their nine-day strike.

More than 200 ships and thousands of tons of cargo were caught in East and Gulf Coast seaports by the contract dispute between the International Longshoremen's Assn. and the New York Shipping Assn.

A 10-day court injunction ended the walkout Saturday.

The government hopes that through court action resumption of the strike can be prevented for the entire 80-day "cooling off" period provided under the Taft-Hartley Act.

Both ILA President William V. Bradley and Alexander P. Chopin, chairman of the shipping association, declared publicly they were "willing and ready" to resume talks.

Near Normal Life Resumed in Erie After Big Snow

ERIE, Pa., Nov. 26 (AP)—Storm-beaten Erie resumed a near normal course of life today after digging out of a two-foot snowfall that hit the lake port city Thanksgiving Day.

Traffic rolled over newly opened roads and big industrial plants—closed since last Thursday—posted full production schedules once more.

Many of the side streets in the city and rural areas in the county still were partially blocked. That caused Erie schools to postpone until tomorrow the resumption of classes.

Mayor Arthur Gardner said preliminary surveys indicated the snow removal operations cost the city more than \$100,000. He appealed for federal disaster aid to help pay the bill.

Rail and bus transportation was back to normal schedule. The city's municipal transportation system began operating on full schedule last night.

The snow began falling last Thursday and swept over a 150-mile area extending from Buffalo, N.Y. well into Ohio.

YMCA Early Organization

Until the late 1880's, there were but two types of student organizations on the campus—the Literary Societies and the YMCA.

Iraq Requests Aid Of U.S. Air Force

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (AP)—Iraq formally appealed today for American jet planes and anti-aircraft "defensive weapons." The request came amid reports that a group of pro-Soviet army officers has seized virtual control of neighboring Syria.

Iraq's Ambassador Moussa Al-Shabandar asked for the arms during a call at the State Department. His government has a military aid agreement with the United States, signed in 1954.

"We just don't have enough arms, taking into account the actual situation in the world," he told a reporter afterward.

Want to Increase Defense
"We especially want to increase our aerial defenses and we hope these weapons will be shipped as quickly as possible."

State Department officials, who had been seriously concerned over reports of new Soviet weapons reaching Syria, said they would give prompt consideration to Iraq's request.

An undisclosed quantity of American weapons including tanks, artillery and light arms have been delivered to Iraq under the 1954 aid agreement. These arms were sent in order to help Iraq, a member of the Western Bagdad Pact, strengthen its defense against possible aggression.

Envoy Plays Down Riff
The Iraq envoy, in discussing the new arms request, sought to play down reports of mounting friction between his government and Syria. On Sunday, Syrian army officers and a member of the Syrian government charged Iraq with plotting against Syria's welfare.

Bandman Tommy Dorsey Dies in Connecticut

GREENWICH, Conn., Nov. 26 (AP)—Bandleader Tommy Dorsey died today in his sprawling \$130,000 mansion, apparently the victim of a bizarre accident while he slept.

An air of mystery surrounded the death of the bespectacled "sentimental gentleman of swing." Dorsey, 51, and his brother, Jimmy, were familiar to millions of music lovers the world over.

The mystery was perhaps brought about by one of Dorsey's own erratic habits—one of writing notes.

Russian Troops Tightening Up Escape Routes

VIENNA, Austria, Nov. 26 (AP)—The numbers of Hungarian refugees decreased as Russian troops slowly tightened up the border with Austria today. But there were still many holes in the Iron Curtain.

Police at Eisenstadt, capital of Austria's Burgenland border province, said apparently fewer than 2,300 turned up during the daytime yesterday.

Security officials said the first crossing area to be seriously hampered was near Nickelsdorf, close to where Czechoslovakia, Austria and Hungary touch. Now the area near the Neusiedlersee, a shallow lake on the frontier, is becoming more dangerous.

"There are five kinds of crossing areas," said one official. "Where Russians shoot, where the Hungarians don't shoot, where the Hungarians shoot, where the Hungarians don't shoot—and where there aren't any guards at all."

Nearly 85,000 refugees have come across, jamming the facilities of Burgenland and of little Austria itself.

The Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration today moved 2,600 refugees out to other countries.

Anderson Wins

MELBOURNE (AP)—Paul Anderson of Toccoa, Ga., broke the Olympic weight lifting record today winning the heavyweight title with a total lift of 500 kilograms (1102 pounds).

Forest Fire Kills 11, Still Rages

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 26 (AP)—A forest fire described as strangely silent but terribly swift, killed 11 fire fighters last night and burned through its third day today with no end in sight.

The 11 men were forced back against a cliff and perished as they tried to claw their way up the steep sides.

U. S. Forest Service officials said they were in control along only about 20 miles of the 73-mile perimeter of the blaze in the Cleveland National Forest.

Men who survived the trap in which the others perished, said the flames—whipped about them by a sudden shift in the wind—made no noise and gave no warning.

"I've never seen anything like this fire," declared Ralph L. Fenner, specialist in backfiring technique. "It burns without a sound. There isn't a bit of moisture in the underbrush to cause crackling."

"Until the winds die down or shift, or unless it rains, the whole United States Air Force and one hundred million dollars can't stop this fire."

The Weather Bureau said the dry northeast and east winds would continue.

Forestry officials said the fire, blazing through its third day, had been partly checked on the southwest front near the San Diego suburb of Lakeside, but was running uncontrolled along a 40-mile front to the south.

Approximately 40,000 acres, stretching from near the mountain top town of Julian to within six miles of Lakeside, had been blackened.

The flames could be seen at night from San Diego. A pall of smoke continued to drift seaward over the city.



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