

# Asians Seek Israeli Withdrawal In Egypt

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 8 (AP)—The leader of the Asian-African group called today for effective measures, including sanctions to force Israel to withdraw finally and totally from Egypt.

Ambassador Abdul Monem Rifa'i of Jordan, president of the 27-nation group for February, told newsmen he had expressed to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold at a 40-minute conference the "deep concern" of the group over Israel's defiant stand.

Rifa'i said he asked Hammarskjold for a report and for a meeting of the General Assembly by next Tuesday to consider what next to do. The Assembly last Saturday asked Israel for the sixth time to get out of Egypt and requested Hammarskjold to report at the appropriate time.

**Considering Resolutions**  
"We are considering what resolution should be submitted but any resolution will have to embody effective measures," Rifa'i said. Asked if these would include sanctions, he replied, "Yes."

Some members of the group, especially the Arab countries, are pushing for such sanctions as complete economic, financial and military restrictions on Israel. Others are studying more moderate steps.

While the United States and other leading delegations here consulted on the next move in the worsening situation, word came from Tel Aviv that Israel is standing firm.

**Reached a Deadlock**  
Walter Eytan, director general of the Foreign Ministry, said to newsmen in Tel Aviv that the Foreign Ministry has reached a "deadlock" in negotiations with Hammarskjold to inquire whether Egypt will agree to a mutual abstention from belligerency but Eytan said Israel does not even have confirmation that Hammarskjold relayed the questions to Egypt.

He said Israel is anxious to get out of Sharm el Sheikh, at the mouth of the Gulf of Aqaba, but only after receiving adequate guarantees that Israeli shipping interests will not be impaired by Egypt.

# Lines Discovered Networking Mars

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8 (AP)—Something new on Mars—a network of irregular blue lines running through the bright red desert areas of the planet—is reported by a California astronomer.

They were seen fleetingly by Dr. Robert S. Richardson through the Mt. Wilson 60-inch telescope June 3, 1956.

Dr. Richardson noted several other details as the planet approached the earth but never saw the intriguing blue lines again. His report, one of the first to come from the 1956 observations, was published today by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

# Reds to Convene in New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP)—American Communists will go into a four-day convention here tomorrow in a showdown struggle on future policy.

The question is whether the party will adopt what some party members call "an American road to socialism" or stand fast to the traditional Marxist-Leninist line handed down by the Kremlin.

**300 Delegates**  
The 300 delegates representing some 25,000 members will convene in the Chateau Gardens, Lower East Side hall that rents space for meetings and dances.

The Daily Worker, Communist newspaper, described the hall as "inconveniently located for most of the delegates," but said that it was chosen only after 60 other places had rebuffed party attempts to find convention space.

It said a score of hotels and twice that number of halls had rejected Communist offers of rental.

**16th Convention**  
The convention, the party's 16th, will be its first since 1950. The seven-year lapse came while a number of the party leaders were in prison on Smith Act charges of teaching and advocating violent overthrow of the government.

Convention sessions in the past have been closed to the press. That policy was expected to hold for this convention, too.

# Reds Propose Ministers Talk On Disarming

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 8, (AP)—A Soviet proposal for foreign ministers instead of lower-level delegates to hold the next round of UN disarmament talks today awaited official replies from the United States, Britain, Canada and France.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vassily V. Kuznetsov transmitted the proposal in letters to the UN delegation heads of the other four countries. With Russia they make up the UN subcommittee on disarmament.

There was no immediate reaction from the four Western governments.

Kuznetsov agreed to a British proposal that the three-year-old subcommittee resume its private talks in London March 11. A British spokesman said later his government now wants the talks to start a week later. He said the UN secretariat would be in a better position then to provide interpretation and other services.

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