

# Egypt Silent on West's Suez Move; Israel Rejects US Withdrawal Plan

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 15 (AP)—The Western Big Three and Norway were reported agreed today on a temporary arrangement for use of the Suez Canal but so far have met silence and resistance in Cairo.

This was reported by an authoritative source who is familiar with the negotiations but who would not permit identification. He said also that UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold would be requested to go to Cairo and seek an agreement with President Nasser.

**Negotiations in Progress**  
Spokesmen for the United States and Norway confirmed that negotiations are in progress but said it is too early to speak of an agreement.

The authoritative source who reported agreement said that Nasser apparently decided to do nothing on the Suez question or any other aspect of the tense Middle East situation until Israeli troops are withdrawn from Egypt.

The authoritative source, however, said the United States, Britain, France and Norway have agreed on the following idea for an interim arrangement.

**Freedom of Passage**  
1. All ships, no matter what flag, will have freedom of passage through the Suez Canal when it is opened.

2. Tolls will be paid into a neutral account, such as the International Bank, with some part of the receipts to go to Egypt for operating purposes.

The vital waterway, blocked by wrecks when Britain and France invaded Egypt last fall, is expected to be opened to light shipping early in March. Britain and France have been pressing Hammarskjold for an interim arrangement before the canal is reopened.

**Obstacles Noted**  
Some diplomats pointed out obstacles in the reported agreement of the four countries. They said President Nasser has shown no sign of allowing Israeli ships in the Suez Canal. As for tolls, they said, Nasser is likely to demand that the tolls be paid to Egypt. Norway is working closely with the Big Three powers because of her role as one of the major users of the Suez.

## Symington Will Continue Investigation of Ross

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Sen. Symington (D.-Mo.) said today he does not intend to let the departure of Robert Tripp Ross from the Pentagon end the Senate's investigation of Ross' business connections.

•In 1929, the first work in "Clinical Speech" was started and in 1930 the first extension course in public speaking was offered.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Israel today rejected, in effect, an American plan for withdrawal of Israeli troops from disputed Mideast territory. It offered a counterproposal which the State Department promptly labeled "not responsive."

## Ike's Program In Mid-East Given Support

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—Two key Senate committees declared today they strongly support President Eisenhower's program to use military force, if necessary, to defend the Middle East against Red aggression.

The Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees issued a joint report on the subject. The report was sent to the Senate along with a modified version of Eisenhower's Middle East resolution.

**Language Changed**  
Although the language of the resolution was changed by the committees, they said the revised version "strongly supports" the President. They said the changes clearly provide that "should aggression occur and should American help be requested, help would be forthcoming promptly and forcefully."

Beside the military features, the resolution waives restrictions on the use of up to 200 million dollars of foreign aid appropriations to enable the President to give military and economic assistance to nations in the Mideast. The President had asked this power also.

**Urge Adoption**  
The two committees urged congressional adoption of the revised resolution "to put the Soviet Union on notice that Communist aggression in the Middle East would be a serious threat to the vital interests of the United States."

Debate on the resolution will begin in the Senate Monday.

## Flaming Bomber Reaches Safety

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 15 (AP)—A B47 bomber crew battled flames in the plane 180 miles out over the Atlantic today and brought the craft home safely after one man had parachuted out and another had lost consciousness.

The fire broke out in the tail section as it cruised over the ocean on a training flight.

After one man parachuted it was discovered that another was unconscious, apparently from lack of oxygen. The pilot then headed for Hunter Air Force Base here, home base of the plane.

The negotiations on a two-part proposal put forward by Secretary of State Dulles continued. But they were understood to be foundering on Israel's insistence on a nonbelligerency pledge from Egypt or stronger assurances of American support before pulling out of the Gaza Strip and Gulf of Aqaba area.

**Dulles Leaves**  
After authorizing a statement of "regret," Dulles left a meeting with Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban and headed for Washington's National Airport. He took off with Henry Cabot Lodge, ambassador to the United Nations, for a hurry-up conference with President Eisenhower tonight and tomorrow at Thomasville, Ga.

The State Department said the conference would take up Dulles' efforts to get Israeli troops out of Egypt as well as other foreign policy problems.

**Heralded Conference**  
Eban spent 75 minutes with Dulles at the State Department. It was a long-heralded conference at which Eban was expected to reply to Dulles' proposal to him last Monday.

This proposal was that Israeli forces quit the Gaza Strip and Gulf of Aqaba area on assurances that the United States would 1. support the right of all ships to "innocent passage" through the Strait of Tiran into the Gulf of Aqaba, and 2. pledge to work for stationing United Nations forces and observers along the borders of the Gaza Strip to prevent any terror raids.

**Statement Issued**  
Eban was expected to reply to Dulles and request further clarification. However, after the meeting, State Department press officer Lincoln White issued a statement with Dulles' approval. "We regret," it said, "that the ambassador's reply does not seem responsive to the U.S. positions communicated to Mr. Eban last Monday."

## Post Office Budget Cut Draws Sharp Criticism

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (AP)—One of the first tentative cuts in the new federal budget—something under two per cent in postal operating funds—drew a sharp protest from the Post Office Department today.

•The Hoover Dam, on the Colorado River, completed in 1936, is still one of the largest in the world, and reaches a height of 726 feet.

# Dock Union Heads Split On Terms to End Strike

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP)—Top dock union leaders split in anger today over terms for ending a four-day East Coast waterfront strike. Their falling out stalled any progress toward settlement.

Forty-five thousand longshoremen are idle from Maine to Virginia and strike losses are mounting at the rate of three million dollars a day.

Moreover, the economic paralysis on the docks was spreading inland. Railroads began laying off men because their shipments to the struck docks have been choked off.

**Trying for Decision**  
Leaders of the International Longshoremen's Assn. (Ind.) have been trying for two days to decide whether to take a final peace offer from the shippers.

Twice this afternoon, a faction opposed to the peace terms stormed angrily out of the ILA caucus. It finally was adjourned until tomorrow, without a final decision. "A cooling off will be good for them," said ILA counsel Louis Waldman of the overnight adjournment.

**Negotiator's Waiting**  
Meanwhile, negotiators for the 17-members New York Shippers Assn. cooled their heels for a second day, waiting the ILA's decision.

The shippers made what they termed their final contract offer to the ILA in midafternoon yesterday. Since then the union's 125-man Wage Scale Committee has been deadlocked over the proposal.

**Leader's Willing**  
ILA President William V. Bradley and Brooklyn dock boss Anthony (Tough Tony) Anastasia were believed willing to accept the peace terms and end the strike.

But West Side Manhattan union chiefs—including leaders of pistol Local 824—were holding out for further concessions from the shippers.

## Algerian Motion Passed by UN

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 15 (AP)—The UN General Assembly approved unanimously today a "conciliatory" resolution expressing hope for a peaceful, democratic and just solution to end more than two years of violence and bloodshed in Algeria.

Both sides in the bitter dispute—the French and representatives of independence-seeking Arab nationalists—immediately claimed the Assembly action represented a victory for their point of view. There was no word that the 77-0 vote had prompted new negotiations on Algeria.

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