

Egypt May Win Control of Suez

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—An old fight between Egypt and the Western powers swung back into the forefront of the Middle East situation today, with Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser rated a good bet to win. At stake is operating control of the Suez Canal.

Gaza Arabs Demonstrate For Egypt

GAZA, March 8 (AP)—Thousands of Palestinian Arabs surged through Gaza's streets today demanding return of Egyptian control to the Gaza strip.

Bewildered but good-natured Scandinavian occupation troops of the United Nations Emergency Force kept the demonstrations under control. No violence was reported.

The UN took over from the departing Israelis in midweek. The ultimate fate of the trip is undecided. It had been occupied by Egypt under 1949 armistice terms until Israel seized it last fall.

Cheer UN Troops
The Arab crowds cheered the UN troops as "soldiers of peace" but their banners warned of trouble if the UN keeps Egyptian authority out of the strip permanently.

The throngs were in a happy mood, waving the banners and flags, dancing in the streets, firing shots in the air, beating drums and tootling reed flutes.

Similar Celebrations
Similar celebrations were staged in other towns in the strip. The ranks of the demonstrators were swollen by hundreds of Arab refugees returning to the area from Egypt after the Israeli withdrawal.

The crowd packed into the main street of Gaza was estimated at 10,000. It gathered outside the Municipal Building to cheer former Mayor Munir el Rayess. He is one of 75 political prisoners arrested during the Israeli occupation and freed by the UN force today. He made a fiery speech.

Ghana Admitted to UN Three Days After Creation

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 8 (AP)—Ghana became the 81st member of the United Nations today less than three days after it came into existence.

The new African nation was welcomed by unanimous vote of the General Assembly.

Ghana combines the former British Gold Coast colony and the UN trust territory of British Togoland. It became independent Wednesday.

Minner Impressive

FORT MYERS, Fla., March 8 (AP)—Veteran pitcher Paul Minner, 33, released by the Chicago Cubs last season, may find a spot with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

6 Arrested in New Hungarian Purge

BUDAPEST, March 8 (AP)—Five church leaders and a Hungarian employe of the U.S. legation have been swept up in a new wave of arrests.

The roundup was ordered by Communist officials in apparent fear of another revolt.

An official spokesman scoffed at a report that 12,000 preventive arrests were planned. But the large number of Hungarians missing from circles known to foreigners indicates the figure may not be far off.

Calvinist Leaders Seized
Arrests disclosed today included five leaders of the Calvinist Church. It is second in strength only to the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary.

At least two leaders had been singled out previously in Communist attacks on counterrevolutionaries. They are Dr. Andor Bekesi, dean of the Budapest Re-

The State Department moved cautiously into action on the issue. It prodded Nasser to stop ignoring a Western proposal on the collection of tolls and make some kind of reply soon. The proposal is several weeks old.

Nasser seemed to authorities here to be moving ahead on some plan of his own for setting up the operation of the canal entirely on Egyptian terms. This would leave it up to the user nations, including the Western powers, to transit the canal as customers of the Egyptian government or take the long and costly route around Africa.

If the West has any strong pressures to exert on Nasser now they were not apparent here today. Some experts on shipping said that when the waterway is thrown open to vessels of all sizes in about three weeks no country which can get access to it can afford competitively not to use it.

Authorities are not yet certain, however, how Nasser intends to play this situation—whether he will take account of Egypt's long-range interest. The experts concede if Nasser wants to be tough he is in a strong position to get away with it.

Suez interest was focused here today on the statement of the Egyptian Canal Authority that ships of 500 tons could begin moving through the canal immediately if they paid their tolls directly to Egypt. Since the canal is scheduled to be ready for about 70 per cent of normal traffic in three weeks today's announcement was taken as a pattern of the Egyptian plan.

The tolls formerly approached 100 million dollars a year.

Israeli Withdrawal From Gaza Strip Reported to UN

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 8 (AP)—Dag Hammarskjold formally notified the United Nations General Assembly today that Israel has withdrawn from the Gaza Strip and Sharm el Sheikh.

He turned promptly to his next assignment of working for peaceful conditions in the troubled area. The UN Secretary-General reported final liquidation of the invasion of Egypt more than four months after the first assembly demand for Israel, Britain and France to withdraw.

Britain and France complied in December. Israel, however, remained behind until the Israeli government felt it had sufficient assurances against renewed Egyptian blockade of the entrance to the Gulf of Aqaba and commando raids from Gaza.

Senators Find 'Conflicts'

Perjury Action Seen in Probe

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—Conflicting testimony by Mayor Terry Schruck of Portland, Ore., and six other witnesses about an alleged \$500 bribe was referred to the Justice Department today for "possible perjury prosecution."

The move was ordered by Chairman John L. McClellan (D.-Ark.) of the special Senate committee investigating rackets.

Testimonies Conflict
McClellan said the department has a difficult job in deciding whether perjury has been committed when there is a conflict between just two witnesses.

"But in this instance," he

said, "I think there is an opportunity for the department to find the correct answer and determine what its duty is in prosecuting the guilty."

"Big Jim" Elkins, former boss of Portland's underworld, has testified he was told by a gambling associate that Schruck accepted a \$500 bribe to call off a gambling raid in 1955, when Schruck was Multnomah County sheriff. Five other witnesses have corroborated parts of his story.

To Use Lie Detector

But Schruck swore today he never accepted the bribe. He has agreed to undergo a lie detector test in an attempt to convince the committee he is telling the truth.

The senators are making a nationwide inquiry into alleged racketeering in labor unions

and industry. For the past two weeks they have been investigating Teamsters Union and racketeers in Portland and Seattle and Spokane, Wash.

Union Man Testifies
Another witness today was Clyde Crosby, the \$16,800-a-year international organizer for the Teamsters Union in Oregon.

Crosby testified Elkins once tried to extort \$10,000 from him. He said the gambler told him that if he paid up he could have some tape recordings of conversations which Elkins represented as being detrimental to Crosby.

The union official said Elkins played the recordings for him but he didn't hear "anything derogatory to me."

Crosby assailed Elkins, a key witness in the probe, as a perjurer and blackmailer.

Macmillan Regime Seen 'In Trouble'

LONDON, March 8 (AP)—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's government is in serious trouble with the British electorate.

With gasoline rationing dragging on and the cost of living rising, the tide of public opinion is flowing toward the

Student Strike Forces College To Close Doors

ALCORN, Miss., March 8 (AP)—Students of Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College, an 86-year-old land grant school for Negroes, announced its "death" today and prepared to go home.

Some of the 585 students cried and others sang as they trooped from the rickety old chapel where Prof. Clennon King—whose dismissal or resignation they demanded as a condition for staying—made a half-hour plea for "understanding." King did not resign.

The students said they objected to a series of articles written by King, a Negro professor of history. The articles, which began appearing in the Jackson State Times last Sunday, criticized the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The State Times' associate Editor, Robert Webl, said the paper would continue to print King's articles.

It was not clear whether the students would have a college even if they decided not to leave. The State College Board yesterday had ordered the students to return to classes or find their school closed.

Bill Axes Postal Savings

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—The House Post Office Committee today approved a bill to junk the 47-year-old Postal Savings System.

Laborites for the first time since they were swept out of power in 1951.

Five special parliamentary elections in the last few weeks have shown an antigovernment swing of between five and six per cent in the voting, enough to put the Laborites back in power with a majority of 100 seats in the House of Commons if the trend were maintained.

The Conservatives lost a seat to Labor in one of the contests.

Yesterday's election at Warwick and Leamington, former Premier Sir Anthony Eden's old seat, was the most staggering blow yet to the Conservatives. They got their man in—but only by a 2,157 margin in a Conservative stronghold where Eden won by 13,466 at the 1955 general election.

There is every sign that Macmillan means to ride the storm and take the government through its full term. It still has three more years to run.

Peter Thorneycroft, chancellor of the exchequer, may play a key role. If he can think up new ideas for easing the tax burden, he may win back many who have deserted the government in months of austerity.

Macmillan holds that present problems bear little relation to issues on which the next general election will be fought. Most Britons believe this will not be before 1959.

N.Y. Tugboat Strike Ends

NEW YORK, March 8 (AP)—A 36-day-old tugboat strike in New York harbor ended today. The strikers ratified a new contract and started back to work aboard 400 idle tugboats.

Bill Would Up Fishing Fees

HARRISBURG, March 8 (AP)—The state Fish Commission said today it expects a proposed bill doubling the \$2.50 fishing license fee will be ready for introduction in the legislature next week.

William Voigt Jr., executive director, said the bill would be submitted with two companion measures designed to save the state \$40,000 annually.

Voigt said he hopes the license fee bill will win bipartisan support.

The "money-saving" bills, he said, would do away with fish license buttons and metal license tags now required for owners of motor-powered boats. He placed manufacturing cost of the buttons at about \$24,000 a year and the license tag expense at \$16,000 annually.

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