

Middle East Plans Upset By Gaza Strip Flareup

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—American officials dropped advance planning for Middle East "peace and tranquility" today to turn to a newly flaring fire they thought they had tamped down—the Israel-Egypt quarrel over the Gaza Strip.

Some officials admitted dismay at the rapidity of events today:

Wage Hike Asked For Rail Union

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—A three-stage wage increase totaling 26½ cents an hour after three years was recommended today by an emergency board for 160,000 members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The cost of the increase was estimated at 94 million dollars a year.

The proposed three-year "pattern settlement," also calling for a moratorium on further wage demands during the period, is similar to those already in effect for some 800,000 other railroad workers, mostly nonoperating employees.

Findings Not Binding
The three-member board made its report to President Dwight D. Eisenhower who created it last Dec. 22 after the brotherhood, representing mostly road brakemen, and yard conductors and brakemen, and 175 class No. 1 railroads failed to settle disputes over pay and rules.

The board's findings are not binding on the parties. But under the Railway Labor Act there can be no strike or other changes in working conditions for 30 days.

Demands Not Fulfilled
The board's recommendations are less than the union demanded, and are essentially what the carriers proposed. The roads agreed to withdraw three substantial demands for revision of rules in consideration for adoption of the pattern settlement. The principal union demand was a wage increase of \$3 a day starting immediately. At the end of three years the board's proposal would amount to a raise of \$2.12 a day for an eight-hour day.

1. U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold announced postponement of his scheduled trip tomorrow to Egypt.

2. Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir announced she was flying from Tel Aviv to Washington tonight for State Department talks.

3. Maj. Gen. Mohammed Hassan Abdel Latif, Egypt's new chief of the Gaza Strip, declared everything there was going "back to normal, just as it was before the Israeli aggression."

Any one of these three developments was enough to cause concern. Taken together they added up to potential calamity for U.S.-UN efforts to pacify the area and get on with the business of erasing poverty, disease and ignorance.

The State Department press officer, Lincoln White, speaking to a news conference before any one of these developments became known, obviously was looking ahead to the next step in seeking an Arab-Israeli settlement.

He reported the department had called in representatives of five European governments—all of them maritime powers—for a "global review of recent developments."

This included Middle East problems, particularly reopening of the Suez Canal, he indicated.

It was learned that the United States held the conference with envoys of Britain, France, Italy, Norway and the Netherlands to check signals on U.S. policy on the eve of Hammarskjold's scheduled visit to Cairo.

Britain's Naval Reserve Cut From 30,000 to 5000

LONDON (AP)—Britain announced today it is slashing the number of men in the royal fleet reserve from 30,000 to about 5000 as part of the armed forces economy drive.

Those discharged, up to the age of 45, still will be subject to recall in an emergency.

Atomic Device Blast Reported By Commission

LOS ALAMOS, N.M., March 15 (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission, in a belated announcement, disclosed today that an atomic device used in weapons research blew apart Feb. 12.

A spokesman said the blast, having the same explosive force as a "few grams" of high explosive, was the first of that strength in a large number of similar experiments in the Los Alamos scientific laboratory.

The stripped-down atomic reactor, known as the "Godiva," was so severely damaged it was not considered worthwhile to try to repair it. Nobody was injured in the incident, which took place in a blockhouse with concrete walls six inches thick while scientists monitored with instruments from a quarter-mile away.

The AEC spokesman said there was never any possibility for an atomic bomb-type blast resulting.

Court Drops Charges Against Cleveland Paper

CLEVELAND, March 15 (AP)—A Common Pleas Court judge today dropped a contempt citation against the Cleveland Press for taking a courtroom photograph which the judge and trial participants were unaware was being taken.

Labor Boss Admits Using Union Funds

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—Frank W. Brewster acknowledged today he drew on the Teamsters Union treasury for the traveling expenses of his horse trainer and jockey. He said he intends to repay the money.

Brewster, boss of the 11-state Western Conference of Teamsters, came before the Senate committee investigating rackets to deny testimony that he schemed with other high-ranking Teamsters officials to take over gambling and vice in Portland, Ore.

Under questioning by the committee he acknowledged he had used union funds to pay for travel by Mel Eisen, the horse trainer, and jockey Richard Cavallero. He didn't say how many trips or how much money was involved.

Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) asked the witness whether he considered the travel payments a proper use of union funds.

"With intent to pay it back, yes," Brewster replied. He said he was going to have the union's books audited to find the travel payments and any other items that might have been paid by what he termed a mistake.

"How is the auditor going to find them?" asked committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy, having in mind previous testimony by Brewster that many of the

Western Conference's records have been destroyed.

"Probably the same way you did," Brewster said with a grin. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) appeared before the committee to plead that both sides be given a chance to be heard about conditions in Portland, his home town.

He said he was particularly disturbed because Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) suggested yesterday that Portland should be flying its flag at half staff in "shame" because of the committee's revelations.

"I hope the committee will make it possible to add to the record any testimony which may be presented from sources in Oregon for the purpose of balancing the impressions which have been created so far, and of repairing any damage which may have been done to the good reputation of my state and city and of some past and present public officials," Neuberger said.

●The U.S. textile industry was born in 1873 in the Old Slater Mill in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The mill is still open for visitors.

\$500 Million Clipped From Ike's Budget

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP)—The House Appropriations Committee made its biggest budget cut of the year today, lopping \$516,993,000 from funds requested by President Dwight D. Eisenhower for 18 independent federal agencies.

The \$5,406,201,700 recommended by the committee was about 8.7 per cent less than the President asked for the year starting July 1. The cut was the biggest made by the committee in four annual appropriation bills it has considered this year.

Some committee members grumbled privately that the cut wasn't deep enough and there were indications that the House might be asked to slash further when it considers the bill next week.

Recommendations Approved
To date, the House has followed the committee's money recommendations to the dollar, approving a total of 550 million dollars in deductions from over-all requests for \$10,300,000,000 in three other bills.

The big cuts in today's bill were in funds requested for the Veterans Administration, the Civil Defense Administration and the General Services Administration.

Part in Compensations
However, \$149,500,000 of the reduction in VA funds was in the veterans compensation and pensions budget. Since these payments are a matter of law, Congress would be required to furnish more money later if needed. The VA request for a larger amount was based on estimates which could vary.

The committee approved without change the President's re-

quest for 10 million dollars for his disaster relief funds to help state and local governments during calamities.

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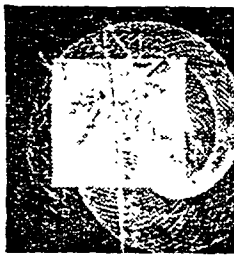
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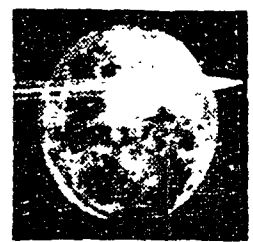
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