

Last Attempts Made To Alter Suez Plan

WASHINGTON, April 4 (AP)—The United States was reported today to be making last minute efforts to win some revision of Egypt's plan for operating the Suez Canal despite initial rejection of the main American proposals by the Egyptian government.

The Suez issue was one of the questions discussed in a 45-minute conference today between President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles.

Tax Exemptions Made into Law Sans Signature

HARRISBURG, April 4 (AP) — Gov. George M. Leader last night permitted to become law without his signature a Republican bill giving new sales tax exemptions to manufacturers, utilities and shipyards.

The law became effective automatically at midnight.

The governor said he would have vetoed the bill if Republican leaders in the Legislature had not agreed to adopt a plan revising enforcement and administrative provisions.

Leader said the new law gave what he termed "inexcusable preferences to certain favored groups."

"It makes unwarranted concessions to a handful of favored interests and in this manner sets business against business," Leader said in a 600-word statement.

The new law precludes the possibility of the 3 per cent levy dropping to 2 per cent June 1. Its most important other provision eliminates the stamp plan for collection.

The system, suspended by a court test, provides for issuing stamps to consumers as evidence the tax was paid. The stamps in turn would have been redeemed by the state at 2 per cent of face value.

Raging Storms Renew Threat To Midwest

Wild spring storms touched off tornadoes in the South, whirled snow across the North and raised flood threats in the Midwest yesterday.

The twisters hit in Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The snow belt reached from the Western Plains to the Atlantic in the northern states.

Persisting rain swelled the Ohio River and its branches in western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

During the day five storm deaths were reported. Tornadoes killed two persons in the South—both in Mississippi—and injured 100 or more. Traffic deaths attributed to the bad weather numbered two in Nebraska and one in Missouri.

Dag Reports Cooperation From Nasser on UNEF

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 4 (AP) — Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold reported today he got full cooperation in Cairo from President Nasser and made satisfactory arrangements there for the UN Emergency Force.

The UN chief told reporters he would be "unhappy to see the breaking up of the UNEF arrangement" until a fundamental change in the Middle East situation removes the need for the 10-nation, 6000-man force. It now is posted in the Gaza Strip and on the Egyptian shore of the Aqaba Gulf.

News Conference Hammarskjold spoke in reply to questions at his first news conference since returning a week ago from a nine-day mission to Cairo. He said he did not skip a single Middle Eastern question in his talks there. He declared himself ready to go to Jerusalem or

back to Cairo whenever that would be useful.

The secretary general said he did not think it would be a good idea to call the Security Council in on the issue of how to operate the Suez Canal until possibilities of current Washington-Cairo negotiations have been exhausted.

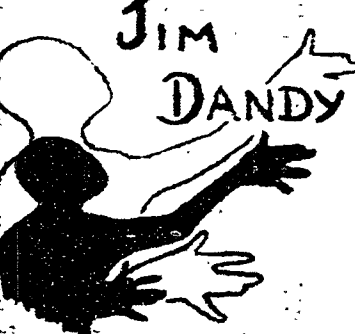
Agrees With Ike In answer to a question on President Eisenhower's news conference statement that he expected Egypt would not bar the ships of any nation from the canal, Hammarskjold said: "I think it is a wise assumption."

Hammarskjold denied Egypt has asked for a loan from the UN or the World Bank for canal equipment.



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