

UN Head Calls Suez Plan Worldwide 'Engagement'

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 25 (AP)—UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold registered Egypt's new declaration on Suez Canal operations as an "international engagement" today.

Leader Pushes Traffic Safety As Major Issue

HARRISBURG, April 25 (AP)—Gov. George M. Leader called today for a concerted campaign to keep chronic traffic violators off the state's highways.

The governor told Pennsylvania's first traffic court conference attended by 50 police officers, attorneys and safety directors that "repeaters and irresponsible drivers should receive suspensions and be removed from the highways."

At the same time, Leader said a new plan for tightening traffic fine enforcement across the state is making it tougher for convicted violators to escape penalties.

The plan, he said, has developed the formula: "Those who don't pay, don't drive; for their licenses are suspended."

The drive, Leader reported, started on a trial basis two months ago and "seems to be getting results."

"As things stand now," the governor explained, "magistrates make prompt reports of those on whom fines are imposed, and the clerks return to the Department of Revenue a complete list of delinquents."

He added the stepped-up fine enforcement requires the cooperation of the county courts in their role as agents of the revenue department.

Leader said that while Pennsylvania's traffic fatality rate has improved, "we cannot justifiably feel complacent."

long as it lasts but could be revoked by Egypt at any time or replaced by another declaration or an international agreement.

Egypt handed Hammarskjold the declaration yesterday. The UN Security Council will discuss it tomorrow morning.

The document says Egypt will run the canal, collect all tolls, grant freedom of navigation "within the limits" of the 1888 Constantinople Convention on that subject, and be guided in disputes by arbitration or the World Court.

Egypt interprets the convention to authorize her to bar Israeli shipping from the canal as a defense measure. An Egyptian delegation spokesman has said Israeli shipping "definitely" will be barred.

The Council will meet at the request of the United States to hear a report from chief U.S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge on a month of U.S.-Egyptian canal negotiations.

Diplomatic sources said the United States and Britain want a quiet discussion, finished by afternoon.

An Israeli source said Israel will ask permission to speak for its right to use the canal, Egypt, which took part in last fall's Suez debate in the Council, will be invited to speak as a matter of course. Neither Egypt nor Israel is a council member.

Professional Pedestrian

OTTAWA, April 25 (AP)—Safety education expert Walter C. Cutter calls himself a professional pedestrian. He told a driving forum here he gave up his car years ago and "I live in New York City where there are only two classes of pedestrians—the quick and the dead."

Oil Imports To Undergo Investigation

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower acted today to find out whether mounting oil imports are threatening the national security and whether mandatory curbs are necessary.

He announced in Augusta, Ga., where he is working and playing golf, that an immediate investigation would be made of the national defense angles of the situation.

At the same time the President directed his defense mobilization chief, Gordon Gray, to renew efforts for a voluntary reduction of the flow of crude oil into this country.

"If the finding and recommendations resulting from the investigation which I shall cause to be made result in my determining that an impairment of the national security is in fact threatened."

Eisenhower said, "it will be important for me to know whether an adjustment of imports can be accomplished voluntarily, or whether other measures may be necessary."

As a defense measure, the government could impose import quotas. It also has authority under certain conditions to raise the tariff on crude and discourage imports in that manner.

The President acted after Gray reported to him that the rate of imports "could reach a point at which the incentive for exploration and development in this country would be so reduced as to make us dependent upon overseas oil supplies to meet our national energy requirements."

Bearing in mind the European oil shortage created by the closing of the Suez Canal last year, the government wants to place a minimum of reliance on foreign sources.

Eisenhower Blasts Labor Racketeering

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 25 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower today branded labor racketeering "an abomination which must be eliminated." He called for ousting leaders "who abuse power and trust."

To help wipe out "corruption on the part of a few in the labor field," he urged Congress to pass laws to protect all union funds, including an estimated 25 billion dollars so far contributed to labor organization health and welfare programs.

After a 90-minute conference here with Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, the President asked for swift enactment of legislation to require:

•Registration, reports to the government and public disclosure of complete data on all health and welfare funds. The administration already has a bill before Congress to provide for that.

The bill provides for such reporting and publication on management as well as labor union funds of that kind.

•Reporting the public disclosure of all other union financial data—for example, dues collected, salaries of union officials, and full treasury statements. The Labor Department gets such information at present, Mitchell said, but needs congressional authorization to make it public.

"We are trying to help the American labor movement clean house in those areas where it needs to clean house," Mitchell said at a news conference after discussing the situation with Eisenhower at the President's vacation headquarters, the Augusta National Golf Club.

First S. Africa Woman Diplomat

LONDON, April 25 (AP)—South Africa's first woman diplomat, Miss Elizabeth Meyer, 29, is heading for the United States to become cultural attache in Washington.

Protest Lodged For Seizure Of U. S. Attache

BUDAPEST, April 25 (AP)—The United States protested today to the Hungarian Communist government that the way an American military attache was held and questioned here under orders of a Russian officer was typical of an "occupied country."

U.S. Charge d'Affaires N. Spencer Barnes delivered a note to the Hungarian Foreign Ministry rejecting the Communist charge of espionage against the attache, Capt. Thomas R. Gleason of Urbana, Ill., who was ordered expelled on April 9 and returned home.

The U.S. statement referred to an incident the previous week when Gleason and the senior U.S. military attache in Hungary, Col. James C. Todd of Tulsa, Okla., were halted on a country road. They were accused of photographing a barracks, which they denied.

A Russian officer, apparently the barracks commander, took charge of the soldiers who held the American pair.

"The U.S. government considers it inexcusable," the note added, "that Capt. Gleason and Col. Todd should be halted a gunpoint, questioned at length and detained for nearly six hours on a public road by Soviet and Hungarian military personnel."

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