

Egypt's Canal Plan Gets U.S. OK on Trial Basis

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 26 (AP)—The United States accepted Egypt's new Suez Canal plan on a trial basis today even though not fully satisfied with it.

U. S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge told the UN Security Council Egypt's 1000-word declaration on running the waterway, registered with the UN Wednesday, lacked necessary provisions for "organized cooperation" with the users to safeguard their interests.

Mid-East States Warned by U.S. About Violence

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP)—The United States disclosed today it has urgently cautioned Syria, Egypt, Israel and other governments against any drastic action which might further inflame the Jordan crisis.

The State Department reported this newest move to bolster young King Hussein's hand amid unconfirmed rumors that Russian volunteers might back up forces seeking to topple him.

Top officials expressed doubt Kremlin leaders would risk any such thinly disguised intervention in the Middle East lest it set off a major military explosion.

A State Department spokesman said U.S. diplomats had urged "caution and prudence" on many governments, particularly those near Jordan. He identified Syria, Egypt and Israel as among the countries contacted and hinted Russia also had been approached.

American ambassadors have made these points, said press officer Lincoln White: 1. the independence and integrity of Jordan is "vital" as President Eisenhower stated from Augusta Wednesday and that 2. "prudence should be exercised by all."

College Plans Discussed

HARRISBURG (AP)—Gov. Leader today discussed his plans for broadened college opportunities at a special session of his cabinet.

3rd Spy Suspect Confesses To Red Espionage Charges

NEW YORK (AP)—Jacob Albam, accused member of a Soviet spy ring, today pleaded guilty to conspiring with Russians to obtain U.S. defense data for transmission to Russia.

Albam, 64, was the third member of an espionage ring seized by the FBI early this year to confess his guilt.

His action came 16 days after two cohorts in the plot, Jack Sobel, 53, and Sobel's wife, Myra, 52, entered similar pleas, and threw themselves on the mercy of the court.

By so doing, they apparently sought to escape a death penalty.

Federal Judge Richard H. Levett, who received the pleas from all three, set next Friday for sentencing them. Each could get up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$10,000 or both.

Indicted on Six Counts

The trio, all refugees from the Iron Curtain, were charged on a six-count indictment, detailing spy activities here and abroad. Their pleas of guilty were to one count only, concerning conspiracy with Russian agents to obtain defense documents, photographs and other data, knowing it would be sent to Russia.

The gravest of the remaining counts—the one which could have brought them death if they were convicted on trial—charged conspiracy actually to transmit the secret papers and information.

Custom Waived

It is customary when a defendant pleads guilty to part of an indictment for the defense to move for dismissal of the other counts on the day of sentencing.

The government has not indicated if it will concur in such a move.

The three spies, originally scheduled to stand trial beginning May 22, are being held without bail.

Humphrey Reticent On Retirement

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey today again declined to be drawn out on his retirement plans, although it's an open secret here that he plans to return to private industry soon.

"When the time comes for my resignation," he said in a statement, "it will be presented to President Eisenhower."

Aides Hint Retirement
The secretary's aides admit "the time" is coming, and may not be far off. No one close to him expects Humphrey to remain in the Cabinet until the end of President Eisenhower's term.

His statement today was in reply to published reports that he would be named board chairman of National Steel next month.

Another published report—that Robert B. Anderson, former deputy secretary of defense, has been chosen to succeed Humphrey—drew comment from James C. Hagerty, President Eisenhower's press secretary.

Hagerty Repeats Statement
"I repeat what I said Sunday night—I know of no present plans for Mr. Humphrey to leave the government," Hagerty told newsmen at the President's vacation headquarters in Augusta, Ga.

Anderson, an Eisenhower Democrat and a native of Texas, now heads Ventures Ltd., a Canadian mining firm. At the firm's New York office it was said Anderson will not be available for comment until May 3.

Ike Asks GOP Workers For 'Up-to-date' Party

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 26 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in a telephone talk to a party workers' regional conference here, called today for "a stronger, completely up-to-date Republican party."

St. George, Bermuda, is believed to be the oldest English-speaking community in the Western Hemisphere. It was founded in 1612.

Hatmaker Lev, 4 Others Convicted in Fraud Case

NEW YORK, April 26 (AP)—Harry 'The Hat' Lev and four other defendants today were convicted of defrauding the government on military purchases. A sixth defendant, was acquitted.

The first woman student, Miss Minerva Whitman, was permitted to enter botany classes in 1865.

Roosevelt to Back Nixon For President in 1960

MERIDEN, Conn. (AP)—John Roosevelt, youngest son of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt says he will make an effort to obtain the 1960 Republican presidential nomination for Richard Nixon.

Nixon is a strong and able leader. Roosevelt told a group of Republicans last night.

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But he said it should be "given a trial" and "practical arrangements" should be worked out under it while the 11-nation Council kept the question under review. He announced that US vessels would be authorized to pay tolls to Egypt only under protest until a settlement had been reached with the old Suez Canal Co. from which Egypt took the route last July 26. U.S. shippers have done this since that date to avoid being caught owing both Egypt and the company.

The Philippines agreed on a trial for the Egyptian scheme. Colombia, Cuba and France said the unilateral declaration should be replaced by an international agreement.

French Delegate Guillaume Georges-Picot said that Egypt had reserved its right to bar Israeli shipping from the vital 103-mile link between the Red and Mediterranean seas.

Omar Loutfi of Egypt declared his country favored freedom of navigation through the canal but did not make clear whether this included Israel, long excluded.

Lodge said that the interests of Egypt and the users required "the assumption that there will in fact be, as there should be, free and nondiscriminatory use of the canal at all times by the ships of all nations."

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