

18-NATION SUEZ PLANS HIT SNAGS

Dulles Reschedules His Return Trip

LONDON (AP) — Last-minute snags today delayed final agreement among foreign ministers and envoys of 18 nations considering joint action to challenge Egyptian control of the Suez Canal.

U. S. Secretary of State Dulles put back his planned time of departure for Washington by 90 minutes to 8:30 p. m. (2:30 p. m. EST).

There was no indication of the precise nature of the difficulty except that it involved drafting of tricky political passages in two documents. The conference was to issue later tonight.

Experts of 17 of the nations agreed on the form and timing of an approach to the United Nations.

They hammered out the accord after the final touches to a plan setting up the "Cooperative Assn. of Suez Canal Users" (CASCU) to protect the rights of the maritime nations in the canal. Egypt took over July 26.

Only Pakistan, of the 18 nations in conference here since Wednesday, stayed away from the experts' meeting. The Pakistani delegation, which regards the rajatory approach as too much like an ultimatum to Egypt, said it could not attend without instructions from Karachi.

JAPS DISAPPROVE

However, Japan also came out against the users' project as it stands and three other conference nations — Sweden, Denmark and Iran — called instead for an immediate approach to the U. N.

Ethiopia's position remained to be announced.

Indications were that all the rest of the conference nations, an even dozen, could be counted on to join as soon as their governments at home gave formal approval.

U. S. Secretary of State Dulles, described as highly pleased, planned to fly back to Washington tonight.

He didn't expect so much agreement "an authoritative American source said. "Most if not all the 18 will join the users' association. We never expected all 18 would sign on that line."

In Tokyo Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu told newsmen Japan will not take part in the plan unless and until the U. S. gives its support. A spokesman for the Japanese shipping industry applauded this statement.

The spokesman for the Kyodo News Service as saying there was no reason for Japan to join since Egypt "has assured Japanese ships safe and speedy passage."

The experts' meeting ran long overtime, causing postponement of its expected final plenary session of the 18.

Record Lows Set in East

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Low temperature records tumbled in the eastern third of the nation today.

New marks for the date were written into the books in many cities. Freezing weather brought heavy coats out of storage.

Bartley Field, Conn., with 32, and Providence, R. I., with 34.9, had the lowest readings ever recorded so early in the season.

At Washington, N. H., had a temperature of 15 above and an inch of snow on the last full day of summer.

The cold snap ruined many gardens in Maine, and it killed late maturing tomato and sweet corn crops near Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

A half inch of snow fell during the night in western foothills of the Adirondacks.

The mercury got down to 29 at Falmouth, Mass., to 27 at Lebanon, N. H., to 29 at Newport, Vt.

Record lows for the date in included 30 at Portland, Maine, 32 at Albany, N. Y., and 32 at Windsor Locks, Conn.

Citizens in Burlington, Vt., saw the earliest snow flurries ever seen there.

Our Weather
Sunny and cool today. Fair and cool tonight. Saturday fair and warmer.

Low this morning 50
Low tomorrow morning 55
High today 78
High yesterday 82
High tomorrow 83

Sunrise today 6:10 a.m.; sunset today 6:22 p.m.

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THIS BABY MALE gannet, newly arrived at the St. Louis zoo, lost no time in making friends with Harry Kiener (right), vice president of the zoo's board of control. Lonsome in his new surroundings, he warmly received the friendship offered by Kiener. The baby is about 10 months old and weighs 20 pounds. (AP)

Plane Sets Space Record: 23.86 Mi.

By VERN HAUGLAND

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force has staged another in its series of daring pilot flights into space, this time to an altitude of almost 24 miles.

Capt. Iven C. Kincheloe, 28, who piloted the Bell X-2 rocket plane to that height, ventured twice as high as the altitude at which, without protection, a man's blood would boil, bringing it instant death.

Secretary of Defense Wilson declined, at a conference yesterday, to confirm published reports that Kincheloe, probing heat and altitude problems of supersonic flight high above Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., had piloted the X-2 to an unprecedented altitude of 126,000 feet — 23.86 miles — late in August.

Wilson also refused to confirm similar unofficial — but completely reliable — information released in New Orleans early in August that Lt. Col. Frank K. (Pete) Everest Jr. flew the X-2 1,900 miles an hour — 2.83 times the speed of sound — at Edwards last July 25.

Wilson acknowledged that "some very responsible people" had said the X-2 had set new speed and altitude records, and he added: "I think I could say that it has flown higher and faster than any other aircraft."

SOVIET AIR POWER

Wilson observed that with people talking about Russia "closing the gap" between U.S. and Soviet air power, "if we yap about everything we do the gap will be closed. He said he did not want to give substance to the various published reports about the X-2 by commenting about them.

Before the X-2 began its flight research program its sister ship, the Bell X-1A, was the queen of speed and altitude with records of

1,550 miles an hour and slightly above 90,000 feet.

The X-2 has wings and tail of stainless steel and a body of the nickel alloy K-monel, to give it greater resistance to the heat generated by air friction at its tremendous speeds.

It is borne aloft by a B-50 mother plane and launched at about 30,000 feet.

POWER OUTPUT

Its Curtis-Wright rocket engine has the power output of a Navy cruiser steaming at high speed, and is unique among rocket power plants in that it can be throttled forward or backward with the changing need for power.

Because centrifugal force, at its high landing speed, would tear wheels apart, the X-2 lands on skid gear.

It was built by Bell Aircraft Co., Buffalo, N. Y., and has been flying for the Air Force for two years.

Belk Interests Buy Stock In Efrid Group

Prices Dip On Level Of Consumer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices dipped two-tenths of one per cent last month from the all-time high recorded in July, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported today.

Ewan Clague, BLS commissioner, said a sharp seasonal drop in fresh food prices caused the decline. Other items in the index generally rose.

Clague said an expected rise in meat, apparel, automobile and other prices may offset the still falling food prices in the September index, and added:

"The September index could equal the all-time high."

The August consumer price index stood at 116.8 per cent of the 1947-9 average and was about 2 per cent above a year ago chiefly because of price rises in May, June and July.

SLIGHT DECLINE

Despite the slight decline last month, about 10,000 workers in aircraft factories will receive a two cent or three cent hourly wage increase under sliding scale contracts which call for adjustment of wages in line with three-month fluctuations of the price index.

The strong trend of nonfood prices suggests, Clague told reporters, that a leveling-off of the index, which has been expected this autumn, will be at a level close to the peak recently attained.

"The spendable earnings — on take-home pay — of factory workers went to the highest level in history in August.

"Real earnings" — the amount of goods and services the worker can buy with his pay — was the highest on record for the month, though not as high as the peak attained last December.

Real earnings lost more than 1 per cent in August, approximately the amount they lost in July.

Food prices, accounting for about 30 per cent of the living costs of the average city family, dropped 1 1/2 per cent in August because of big reductions in fresh fruit and vegetables.

But the prices of all other types of food advanced over the month, especially those of beef, poultry and some port cuts. The trend is still upward, Clague said.

Strike Continues

By EDMOND LEBRON

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Washington high school principal told House investigators today Negro students in his school on the average lagged scholastically behind whites, even when their home backgrounds were comparable.

Cedric Reynolds gave his views to a special House subcommittee, made up predominantly of Southerners, which is conducting hearings on the effects of racial integration and other problems of the Washington school system.

Reynolds said he was speaking on the basis of individual cases he observed at Calvin Coolidge High

School. The school is in a predominantly white neighborhood, but had about 20 Negro students last year and about 60 or 65 at the school opening this fall.

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Reynolds said that of the 20 Negroes who attended the school last year, 12 failed in two or more subjects. He said the median intelligence quotient, a measure of learning ability based on psychological tests, for the whole school was 110 but for the Negroes 92 1/2.

The principal said some of the Negro students were the children of professional people, but that in

general he found Negro children, even when coming from homes of a high social and economic status, do not do as well in school as white children of comparable backgrounds.

Reynolds said it is "highly questionable" that all Negro students were properly passed in the lower grades. Some who came to his school with honor marks on their records, he continued, immediately dropped to lower marks and in some cases even failed.

However, in contrast with testimony given earlier in the hearings by faculty members of some other schools, Reynolds said there had been no increase in disciplinary problems, sex or stealing episodes since integration two years ago. He said also that the social activities of the school had not been affected.

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Efrid's Charlotte Store on N. Tryon St.

School Principal Says Negroes Lag In Studies

By EDMOND LEBRON

Strike Continues Three More Cyprus Rebels Are Hanged

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Three more Greek Cypriot rebels were hanged today as fellow prisoners shouted and sang to protest British rule over this Mediterranean island colony.

A general strike by the island's Greek Cypriot residents went into its second day. PEKA, a new nationalist underground organization circulated leaflets saying the strike would continue three days "in tribute to three more heroes."

Fresh anti-British violence flared.

Hanged behind the walls of Nicosia's central prison shortly before 2 a. m. were Michael Koutoufias, Andreas Panayides and Stelios Pritonimatis. Their deaths brought to eight the number of nationalist extremists hanged since Greek Cypriots 18 months ago began a campaign of violence to end British rule and join Cyprus to Greece.

Koutoufias and Panayides, both 22, were convicted of the slaying of a Royal Air Force corporal, Marvromatis, 23, was convicted of shooting at two RAF cyclists.

In the tense hours just before the hangings, the nearly 400 other prisoners of the central prison raised a deafening clamor in their cells. They shouted "Long Live EOKA" and sang the Greek national anthem and hymns.

EOKA is the underground organization that has been leading the

Evening Prayer

"Be Thou their Pilot, Master of the Storm, give us aid and life defend; Give them on land, on sea, in air.—The firm assurance Thou art their Amen."

Big Retail Concerns Merged

By J. A. DALY Charlotte News Staff Writer

The Belk retail merchandising interests of Charlotte have bought part of the capital stock of the Efrid group of department stores, also with home offices in Charlotte.

The transaction was announced this morning in the following statement:

"Mr. J. B. Efrid, chairman of the board of the Efrid Stores, and Mr. John M. Belk, president of the Belk Stores, jointly announced tonight that part of the capital stock of all the Efrid Stores is being sold to the Belk interests.

"Mr. Belk stated that the operating policies and high standards of this fine group of stores will be continued under the name of Efrid."

"The late W. H. Belk, the late Dr. John M. Belk and Mr. J. B. Efrid were friends throughout their lives, and it is with pleasure that this joint announcement is made by these two leading Southern mercantile family organizations.

"Mr. Belk emphasized that the high standards which have always been characteristic of these two outstanding groups of stores will be zealously maintained in interests of serving the millions of friends and customers throughout the South."

"The Efrid stores with headquarters in Charlotte and Virginia has developed into one of the leading groups of department stores in the southeast. The development of the Efrid stores stretches over half a century, even coming from homes of a high social and economic status, do not do as well in school as white children of comparable backgrounds.

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Perplexed Draft Board Tries New Plan To Snare Draftee

Alabama More resignations were expected.

The case has also provoked several telegrams and letters to the Selective Service board, director of Selective Service in Washington, who recently postponed induction of Gray indefinitely.

Former State Sen. L. K. (Shag) Andrews, a Union Springs board member, said the group would not "send anybody from Bullock County until Fred Gray goes to court."

"We are going to stay on here and protect our boys," he added.

Andrews said the decision will affect both white and Negro registrants, because "we don't have a discrimination down here."

Bullock County draft appeal agent J. Allen Tucker, at the same meeting, reported that he was submitting his resignation to Hershey because of the "transfer of Col. James Johnson, deputy state director, and the volatile handling of Fred Gray's case in Montgomery."

"I cannot condone illegal acts such as which the Gray case was handled," he added.

According to Andrews, "Hershey took his history by the rule of 'do it and the rule of 'do it' applies in Bullock County as much as in Washington if Hershey overrides us that address itself to his conscience and if he fires us for using the rule then he ought to resign."