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Tells Magnitude Of Soviet Penetration In Middle East

LONDON, Dec. 6 (Reuters)—Following is a partial text of the speech made in the House of Commons on Wednesday by Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd: I want to try to deal with certain matters which have been raised in this House about the past events and first of all with the questions which have been asked on the alleged collusion.



SELWYN LLOYD

It is quite wrong to state that Israel was incited to this action by Her Majesty's Government. There was no prior agreement between us about it.

He pointed out that if there were an Israeli attack on Jordan, the United Kingdom would be bound to intervene in accordance with the Anglo-Jordan pact.

He also urged restraint of Israel in other directions because it was quite obvious that if Israel did attack one of the other Arab countries, there was the possibility of Jordan becoming involved and a difficult situation being created in the United Kingdom.

That was quite apart from the risk of general war which would have resulted from any such attack. Those were the facts, that was the extent of our knowledge.

With regard to the government motion in my statement last Monday I claimed that certain results had flowed from the action of Her Majesty's government, that we had stopped the war and prevented its spreading.

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again, was received with a certain amount of hilarity by members opposite.

What are the facts about that? We had known of substantial sales to Egypt of Soviet arms. Before the operation they had been reckoned to be of the value of about 150,000,000 sterling.

As a result of the information now in our possession, it appears that Egypt had received 50 I.L. 285, 100 Migs, 300 medium and heavy tanks, more than 100 self-propelled guns, 200 armored personnel carriers, 500 pieces of artillery and a great variety of other military equipment, including rocket launchers, bazookas, apfide mines, small arms, radar, wireless, etc., two destroyers, four minesweepers, 20 motor torpedo boats and a number of smaller vessels.

There was also the probability or the possibility that some small submarines were being supplied and it would appear that Egypt was being equipped by the Soviet Union for full-scale military operations.

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paid which involved about one third of the Egyptian Army. It takes no account of other Soviet equipment. In particular we know that the 50 Josef Stalin heavy tanks were held back from the final battle in Sinai.

Another interesting factor, is that much of the 7,000 tons of ammunition was for a type of Soviet gun none of which was captured in Sinai.

We are told that great quantities of arms and equipment are still scattered throughout the desert. Some of the rifles and machine-guns found were of the latest Soviet bloc models and were still unpacked in the grease in which they arrived.

In addition to these large dumps of ammunition there was a very curious find—over 1,000,000 blankets. The Egyptian army consisted before the operation of about 80,000 men and one wonders what was the purpose of these very large deliveries of equipment of one sort or other.

In our own restricted operations in Port Said, some 30 self-propelled Soviet guns were found, together with a considerable variety of other Soviet equipment. Large numbers of expert technicians had been sent from behind the Iron Curtain to Egypt.

We believe that at least 1,000 technicians and instructors had come to Egypt for essential servicing and training. In addition to this, Egyptians had been sent to Czechoslovakia, Poland and the Soviet Union for technical training.

The broad outline of much of this was known to us or guessed by us before the operation took place. What has happened as a result of the operation is that the magnitude of the Soviet penetration has been revealed.

It had permeated every branch of the Egyptian armed forces, and as Egypt is a military dictatorship that meant that the Communist influence was in a position to have a dominating effect upon events.

However members opposite may try to get out of the matter, those are the facts of the situation which have been disclosed by our action.

Some sensitivity has been shown to our claim that it was our action which forced the formation of the United Nations emergency force.

I will repeat to the House the words which I said to the General Assembly of the United Nations on the Middle East when I spoke in the debate on Friday week.

Vote Confidence In U. K. Gov't.

LONDON (Reuters) — The government Thursday night won firm backing in the House of Commons for its military intervention against Egypt although the voting figures indicated about 15 government supporters abstained as a sign of disapproval.

A confidence vote taken after a two-day debate on the controversial Anglo-French invasion of Egypt one month ago resulted 312 for the government and 250 against—a majority of 52.

But an earlier vote taken on a Labor opposition motion which censured the government showed a majority of 67-37 to 260.

The difference of 15 votes shows the strength of the group within the government Conservative party opposing its Middle East policy. A number of right-wing members made speeches during the debate deploring the government's decision to call off the invasion and accept the United Nations demand to withdraw troops as the UN Emergency Force took over.

No Refugee Will Be Turned Away

THE HAGUE (A) — Canadian Immigration Minister Pickersgl said here Thursday Canada will accept Hungarian refugees indiscriminately "as our share of the general burden."

Pickersgl has just returned from Vienna and is in The Netherlands to discuss Dutch emigration problems with the minister of social affairs, Jacob Suurhof.

At a press conference, Pickersgl said they also will discuss the final destination of 2,000 Hungarian transit-refugees the Dutch government is accepting until they go overseas later.

47 Below Hits Penhold, Alta.

Temperatures skidded below freezing throughout nearly all Canada Thursday, with bone-chilling sub-zero readings in the Prairie provinces.

Trigid air moved down from the Arctic and extended deep into the northern plains of the United States.

Coldest place in Canada was Penhold, Alta., which recorded 47 degrees below zero overnight. For the Prairies, it was the coldest night of the season, temperatures dropping from 25 to 49 below zero in many spots.

The weather office at Edmonton, however, had encouraging news. It said warmer Arctic air will send the mercury up to the zero mark.

TO SET UP COMMITTEE

Awarded I. O. D. E. Memorial Scholarship For P. E. Island

Announcement has been made that Donald Francis Sigsworth, 26-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Sigsworth, Charlottetown, has been awarded the \$2,000 I.O.D.E. War Memorial Scholarship entitling him to a year's study at any university of his own choice in the British Empire.

Donald is a graduate of Queen Square School and Prince of Wales College. He received his bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees at Saint Dunstan's University, and his master of arts degree at the University of Montreal.

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Expect NATO Paris Session To Repair Western Solidarity

OTTAWA (CP) — External Affairs Minister Pearson and Defence Minister Campney leave this weekend for Paris and one of the most important North Atlantic Council meetings in NATO's history.

There are other problems to be considered at the meetings next week, but Canadian officials feel the main one is to patch up holes ripped in the Western alliance by the Middle East crisis—and to seek ways of preventing such breaks in future.

They believe that some of the splits are already mending. As one indication of that, they point to the United States decision to start sending oil to Europe.

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The breakdown in consultations among NATO members has underlined the importance of a report scheduled to be presented to next week's meetings by the so-called "three wise men."

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Even before the Middle East crisis arose, Mr. Pearson had said the eventual aim must be for each NATO member to consult its partners beforehand on any action it might take which would affect the others.

Mr. Pearson told the Commons the Canadian government felt the first thing to do about the Middle East crisis, after it arose, was to get out of it without a war and without overriding the United Nations charter.

Then, he said, it will be time "to draw the necessary conclusions from the crisis."

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Syrian Pres. Asks For Arab Neutrality

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP — Syria) President Shukri Kuwaty told Iraq and Pakistan Thursday the only possible policy for Arab countries is one based on neutrality.

Addressing himself to those two countries in a speech at Damascus University, Kuwaty said: "We are happy that Islam united us but it is sad that imperialism divides us."

Kuwaty's speech, broadcast to the country, followed a review of 2,500 youth front cadets armed with Czechoslovak sub-machine guns.

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Soviet Union Refuses To Pay Share Of U. N. Police Force

UNITED NATIONS N.Y. (CP) Egypt Thursday demanded that Britain France and Israel alone pay the cost of the United Nations emergency force as well as compensations countries whose economies were allegedly damaged by the fighting in the Canal.

In making the demand in the UN General Assembly's budgetary committee, Egyptian delegate Ahmed El-Messiri accused the three countries of aggression and likened Israel's attack into the Sinai as an "act of banditry."

These accusations touched off a heated procedural fight in the committee, which is considering who should pay the \$100,000,000 budget authorized for the force.

Wednesday, the Soviet Union flatly refused to pay anything toward the cost of the force and served notice it would ignore any assembly decision apportioning the cost among all 79 members of the world organization.

It is the hope of the Canadian government, he said, that those governments who have contributed personnel to the force will continue to assume "any costs which would have been required if their personnel had remained in national service."

Fog Blankets Eastern Canada

MONTREAL (CP)—A massive fog "umbrella" stretching over eastern Canada Thursday paralyzed sea and air traffic in the Montreal region.

Montreal airport's meteorological office said the fog has settled over a wide region from Lake Ontario to the Atlantic ocean.

It probably will not clear before today noon at the earliest.

Only area that missed freezing temperatures was Southern Ontario. Cities there fell victim to a dense fog which blanketed most of Ontario.

In Quebec, the weatherman issued a special bulletin warning of freezing rain and snow. He said 15 to 20 hours of intermittent freezing rain and snow could be expected.

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4 Polio Cases In P. E. I., 1956

The incidence of poliomyelitis in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario was somewhat greater during the January-November period in this year in comparison with the same period last year.

During this time the number of cases reported for the whole of Canada showed a marked decrease—991 in 1955 as opposed to 866 in 1956.

Western Canada and the Maritimes each recorded a sharp drop.

This was reported by the Canadian Foundation for poliomyelitis, A.C. Solomon, national executive secretary of the foundation said that the increase in the Central provinces was at least partially due to an insufficient supply of Salk vaccine to inoculate the estimated 3,000,000 children in the two provinces.

In this province during this period there were 4 cases of polio reported. Last year during the same time 11 cases had been reported. This was confirmed last night by Dr. O.H. Curtis, Chief Health Officer for the province.

Unrest Continues Through Hungary

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Belligerent Hungarians clashed with Communists in the streets again Thursday and continued to oppose Red rule with strikes and "silent hours" demonstrations.

At least two marchers carrying a Hungarian flag were killed and several were wounded, eyewitnesses said, when they encountered a group under the Red flag supporting Premier Janos Kadar's regime.

Budapest's great boulevard quickly became the scene of a general fist fight when the nationalists attempted to seize the marchers' red flag. Someone fired a pistol. Russian armored cars supporting the Communists fired a volley above the heads of the combatants, and the street was emptied in a minute.

But further down the boulevard a challenging crowd at Mars Square refused to disperse, though the centre of the square was packed with Hungarian police and Soviet troops and six Russian tanks were parked just around a corner.

The Budapest Workers Council said it feared a general strike would split the workers' unity, but it sent a delegation to Premier Kadar to protest the arrest of the workers' elected leaders.

Replace Bridge

HALIFAX (CP) — Highways Minister G. I. Smith said Thursday the 120-foot steel bridge on Cape Breton's Cabot Trail near Margaree Forks, which collapsed Sunday under the weight of a truck, has been replaced by a wider, timber bridge. No one was hurt in the accident.

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