

Soviet Russia Will Join In A Conference On Suez

By ARTHUR GAVSHON
LONDON (AP)—Soviet Russia agreed Thursday to join the Western-sponsored Suez conference in dissatisfaction with its purpose, London—but expressed all around its composition and the date.

The only reason the Soviet government has decided to attend, Moscow announced, is that it is a "champion of peaceful settlement of international issues" and the London conference may open up a peaceful approach to the question of free navigation in the canal.

"The Soviet government cannot disregard the fact," said a note handed to all foreign embassies in Moscow, "that an increasingly tense situation is developing in the area of the Near and Middle East" and that Britain and France are resorting to "gross and unjustified pressure on Egypt."

NOT COMPETENT
Russia declared she does not consider the London conference—

to which Britain, as host, invited 22 other nations—competent to settle the future of the Suez Canal.

She proposed that the United Nations be expanded to include 22 other nations, among them Red China and other members of the Communist bloc, several neutral states such as Finland, Austria and Burma, and every Arab state from Morocco to Iraq.

She also suggested that the conference date be postponed from next Thursday to the end of August.

Moscow's qualified acceptance left out three of the 24 on Britain's list to be heard from. They are Egypt, Spain and Greece.

Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser is expected to give his answer Sunday and it probably will be "No." His nationalization of the Suez Canal July 26 set off the crisis that provoked a display of French and British military muscle.

FORCE DE-EMPHASIZED
Talk of force in the dispute was somewhat muted in Paris and London in the wake of Prime Minister Eden's declaration in a radio and television broadcast Wednesday night that Britain does not want to fight. He said, however, that Britain could never agree to Nasser's lone-handed seizure—which he called an "act of plunder."

Qualified diplomats reported Thursday Eden had received a confidential message from Prime Minister Nehru of India, appealing to him to call off the British-French show of force. Eden was said to have replied that Britain has no intention of attacking Egypt, but is determined to keep the canal open to world shipping.

For unexplained reasons, the British war office however announced postponement for at least 24 hours of a massive airlift of the headquarters brigade of the 3rd infantry division to the Mediterranean.

Belgian Mine Has Become A Big Grave

MARCINELLE, Belgium, (AP)—Hopes of saving the 260 men entombed in the black hole of Marcinelle slumped sharply Thursday night.

After 34 hours of feverish work, rescue teams at the lower workings of the burning Bois du Caillier mine were driven back by the intense heat in the smoking galleries where they had hoped to find survivors.

It was, however, a temporary halt. The emergency squads still hoped that if they could shoot enough water along the galleries at the 907-metre level, the atmosphere might cool and allow them to re-enter.

This was the crucial point of the operation. Rescue work had already been called off at the higher levels where the heavy density of carbon dioxide gas precluded any chance of life.

In the long grind since the coal mine burst into flames at 8 a.m. Tuesday, rescuers have snatched only six living men from the inferno. Nine bodies also have been taken out.

LITTLE HOPE
A night of little hope lay ahead. Said one rescuer: "The mine has become a big grave."

About 135 of the trapped men are Italians and a plane from Rome Thursday brought Italian Labor Minister Ezio Vigorelli and under-secretary of state for emigration Dino Del Bo. They raced out to walk through the big crowd of mourning relatives who maintained their overnight vigil at the closely-guarded black iron gates of the mine.

Inside, mining engineers repeated the story of the disaster to the Italian officials in an area crowded by fire hoses, electric cables, parked and empty ambulances and big red rescue trucks. Quietly, Vigorelli asked: "What chances remain?"

Chief engineer Eugene Jacquemyns replied: "I cannot answer either yes or no."

Priests moved slowly among the waiting crowds with words of comfort for women who stare into an infinite nothingness and others who lay exhausted on the ground. Wet handkerchiefs clasped in their fists.

Greek Cypriots Stage Sit Down Strike Over Hangings

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—Greek Cypriots staged a general strike Thursday in island-wide protest against the hanging of three of their countrymen by the British.

The three youths died on the gallows in Nicosia prison shortly after 1 a.m. for rebel acts against British rule in the terrorist campaign for union with Greece.

Hours later embittered Greek Cypriots who make up four-fifths of the island's 500,000 population, began a strike and quickly halted nearly all activity. Only the island's 100,000 Turks appeared to be going about their normal business.

Greek-owned shops, offices and factories did not open. Construction workers and other laborers stayed off jobs. There were indications the strike might last until Monday.

Among the projects hit were British military bases where construction is in full swing to build up the island as Britain's last big stronghold in the eastern Mediterranean.

STREETS DESERTED
Most important of these are the \$33,000,000 RAF base at Akrotiri, near the south coast, and a \$28,000,000 joint headquarters for Britain's Middle East land, sea and air forces. The air force base employs 2,200 Greek construction workers and the headquarters project 1,600.

The strike caused suspension of the island's seven Greek newspapers and two English-language papers. Two Turkish papers continued publication.

The triple execution left an aftermath of sullenness among the Greek population. Streets were deserted and no major incidents were reported although the British

took heavy precautions against demonstrations.

Reinforced troop units were on guard everywhere. Mobile units patrolled towns and villages as the mercury climbed to 114 degrees for the second straight day. The strike followed the pattern of the general shutdown last May after the executions of two Greek youths. They were the first to go to the gallows in the 16-month campaign to break British rule and unite Cyprus with Greece.

NO FAMILY FUNERALS
Five more Greek Cypriots are under sentence of death.

Hanged this morning were Andreas Zakkos, 25, Charilaos Michael, 22, and Iakovos Patasos, 22.

Zakkos and Michael were executed for participating in an ambush last December in which a British soldier was killed. Patasos was convicted of shooting to death last April of a Turkish member of the Cyprus police force.

The prison priest, Father Pantoniou, read the funeral services of the Greek Orthodox Church. He said they retained their calm in the final hours while other prisoners demonstrated noisily and sang the Greek anthem.

The bodies were not given to their families for burial because the authorities feared this would result in "begging funerals" and demonstrations. They were buried behind the walls of the prison.

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Anglican Primate Regrets Suppression Of Freedom

VIENNA (AP)—The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Wednesday accused the Roman Catholic Church of suppressing the freedom of other churches in many parts of the world.

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by the Catholic Church, Dr. Fisher nonetheless said that notable progress had been made for a closer co-operation in a number of large communities in Europe, especially in France.

I admire the Catholic Church in many respects and I have made many efforts during the last two years to establish closer links between the two churches," Dr. Fisher said.

He added, however, that much of our regret, we notice in many parts of the world a suppression of the freedom of the other churches by the Catholic Church.

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Find's Trials Very Trying

MONTREAL (CP)—Henry Martin Charlebois told a judge Wednesday that three trips between Montreal and Winnipeg for court appearances were too tough for a man of 72.

"I'm making me positively ill!" the slight, bespectacled prisoner told Sessions Judge T. A. Fontaine.

"I think I'm going to have to ask them to put me in the hospital."

Charlebois, no listed permanent address, was charged with receiving five \$100 Dominion of Canada bonds which were part of the \$1,550 loot in a safecracking job last December at Harvey Realities, at nearby St. Bruno.

He was picked up in Winnipeg on a rather similar charge brought to Montreal as a suspect in handling bonds from the St. Bruno theft, then returned to Winnipeg for trial there. He was found guilty and had started serving nine months when police brought him back to Montreal.

"They're just pushing me around," said Charlebois.

Popeye Films Are Purchased

TORONTO (CP)—PRM Inc. announced Thursday it has purchased the Popeye film library from Paramount Pictures Corp. for \$2,500,000.

The company, controlled by a group headed by George Gardner of Toronto, plans a \$3,945,000 bond issue to cover the purchase and supply working capital.

The purchase reportedly comprises 231 Popeye cartoons which have never been used on television.



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Fiji Publisher Dies Suddenly

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)—Sir Alport Barker, publisher of the only daily newspaper in the South Seas, the Fiji Times and Herald, died of a heart attack in hospital here June 14.

Sir Alport, a New Zealander, started his newspaper in Fiji 55 years ago. He attended the last three conferences of the Commonwealth Press Union.

Foot Caught In Track Girl Killed By Express

SIMCOE, Ont. (CP)—As the New York Central Railway's New York Express hurtled inexorably toward them Thursday, farmer Andy Szaboda labored desperately to free a little girl's foot, jammed in the track of a level crossing.

He was unsuccessful and Elizabeth Stefan, 3, of Port Colborne was killed.

The child's foot and leg were caught between a rail and the boards of a private crossing on Szaboda's farm at nearby Lazsallette.

Mr. Szaboda worked frantically until the train was almost on them and had to jump aside as it thundered past.

The little girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stefan. Her mother was working as a leaf-handler on the farm.

LABORITE TAKES BRIDE

LONDON (AP)—Emanuel Shinwell, veteran Labor party man, today married Miss Dinah Mayer, confessed admirer of Conservative Sir Winston Churchill. Shinwell, 71, a minister in the post-war labor government, and Miss Mayer, 54, a London bank official were wed in a 10-minute civil ceremony.

Dining Car Wage Agreement

OTTAWA (CP)—Settlement of a wage dispute between the CPR and 800 dining car employees was announced Thursday in the report of a conciliation board.

The employees are members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

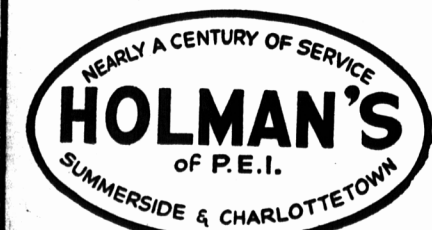
The union obtained a two-year contract with four wage increases totaling 11 per cent, the first effective last April 1 and the final one taking effect Sept. 1, 1957. The increases are, respectively, three, three, two and three per cent.

Starting Jan. 1, the employees also will receive \$4.25 a month in lieu of company payments into a health and welfare plan which they had sought.

Motion Picture Revenues Are Up

OTTAWA (CP)—Gross revenues of 46 Canadian companies from production of motion pictures in 1955 were \$2,456,000, the bureau of statistics said Thursday. This compared with \$2,106,000 the previous year.

The 1955 output of pictures running more than five minutes consisted of one theatrical picture against two in 1954, 47, theatrical shorts compared with 50, 338 television films compared with 335, and 352 non-theatrical films compared with 363.



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