

THE SUEZ CRISIS: 18 POWERS TRY AGAIN

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Much has happened since the previous ^{Suez} conference at Lancaster House. The delegates of the 18 nations who were in agreement last time met again, with Mr. Selwyn Lloyd once more in the chair. The report of the Menzies-Nasser talks was discussed also the Proposed Canal Users' Association. Mr. Dulles spoke on how the Association could be made to work.

In Cairo, meanwhile the Arab League Political Committee has been discussing the Canal question. Jordan, Sudan, Syria and most other Arab countries were represented. Egypt is ^{trying} to win the leadership of the Arab world.

Landing at Orly Airport, Paris, were the first French Suez Canal pilots who have declined to work under Egyptian control. Their British colleagues, who have also left, deny that Western pressure was put upon them to quit.

The Cairo offices of the Suez Canal Company are now occupied by the Canal Organisation set up by Egypt with ^{Mahmoud Younes} ~~Younes~~ as President. He has enough Egyptian pilots to maintain the reduced traffic. Nasser's prestige demands that business continue, though it ~~isn't~~ isn't business as usual. ~~Instead~~, If more ships go round the Cape Egypt will soon be losing money over the Canal.