

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ - British Families arrive at London Airport in a Viscount Airliner, the first official evacuees from the Suez Canal Zone. Some nine hundred women and children are to be flown home (purely as a precautionary measure) in a "family airlift" that has been called "Operation Nursery".

Bound for <sup>n</sup>Newcastle are Valerie and Paul Harrison; their Father is a technician in the Canal Zone.

Another arrival was Mr Thomas, Secretary of the U.S. Navy, ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>With his wife</sup>  
<sup>he</sup> was greeted by Viscount <sup>Cilcennin</sup> ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, First Lord of the Admiralty, his British counterpart. ~~Mr~~ Mr Thomas (who has been making an inspection tour of the Mediterranean) commented on Navy morale <sup>SOUND</sup>.

~~The Suez emergency measures co-incided with a Commonwealth Military Conference. At <sup>AT CAMBERLEY</sup> ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, Senior Officers of Commonwealth Countries ~~had~~ have been attending General Sir Gerald Templer's first annual conference as Chief of the Imperial <sup>General</sup> Staff. ②~~

Meanwhile, the build-up of strength in the Middle East has continued. At Newport, armoured cars are ~~being~~ loaded on vessels bound for the crisis area. For, in the words of Sir Anthony Eden "We have too much at risk not to take precautions".

Central figure in the dispute is Colonel Nasser, seen here in Cairo, receiving the Ambassadors of Tunisia and Czechoslovakia, ~~at the~~ ~~Presidents~~ when they came to present their credentials.

<sup>Meanwhile</sup> ~~But the attitude of~~ Colonel Nasser ~~is not all couched in such terms of goodwill for he~~ has mobilised Egypt's National Guardsmen and, what he calls, a "Liberation Army".

TAKEN SINCE NATIONALISATION

These pictures show that the work of the Suez Canal Company in maintaining and improving the Canal is being carried on; ~~the~~ the ships of ~~various~~ other nations are being allowed passage through it. But --- in the words of the Prime Minister: "The Canal must be run efficiently and kept open" --- and that means for always. A great international waterway should not be subject to the whims of one man.