

While the world awaits the outcome of the new London Conference on Suez, Britain has not relaxed vigilance. A merchant fleet, loaded with military equipment, lies in Cowes Roads - ready to sail for the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Egypt has welcomed fifteen Russian pilots who, after training, will help fill the gap caused by the resignation of European pilots.

Amid cheers - Egypt's Canal administrator, Col. Younes, announced that the flow of ~~ships~~^{shipping} through the waterway would ~~be~~ continue.

Latest news is that southborne convoys have been reduced to one a day, with the remaining pilots working at top pressure. ~~and~~ The first batch to ships to pass through - ~~was~~^{was} watched by the new Russian pilots.

Another angle on the crisis is seen at the Suez Canal Offices, in Paris, where pilots (most of them with years of faithful service) are reporting daily. ~~which~~

~~competition.~~
Also in Paris, Mr Selwyn Lloyd and ^{M. Pineau} ~~M. Pineau~~ of France have perfected plans for the Canal Users' Association. ~~the~~
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