

Egypt: The Suez Canal hits the headlines again...and it's good news! Just South of Port Said - the United Nations salvage fleet is raising the tug "Edgar Bonnet", one of the last major obstructions.

~~One of the last major obstructions,~~ The Canal is now open to shipping of up to 20,000 tons. And in a few days the vital waterway should be completely cleared - over a month ahead of schedule - ~~bringing~~<sup>A</sup> tribute to the work of the salvage teams.

Co-inciding with this news, the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Hammarskjöld arrived in Cairo: ~~for the talks on the Middle East~~

In meetings with Colonel Nasser, the Secretary-General is said to have discussed the future operation of the Canal and the situation in Gaza. Meanwhile, with the evacuation of Israeli troops, Egypt has tightened her grip on the Gaza area. Trains are arriving, loaded ~~with~~ not only with supplies for the area - but also with troops, ostensibly to join the staff of the Egyptian Civil Administrator, General Latif.

Already, the United Nations force seems to have taken a secondary role. A Danish unit has moved nearer the Israeli border - at the request of the Egyptian Government.

~~With the British Government advising shipowners not to use the Canal~~ <sup>AT PRESENT,</sup> the completion of an Israeli pipe-line from the Gulf of Akaba to Beersheba assumes an even greater importance.

The 160-mile pipe-line can carry oil half-way to the Mediterranean port of Haifa - continuing the journey by rail tank-cars. With huge storage facilities in the gulf - this could prove an alternative route for Persian and Iraki oil-shipment to the West.

Finally, to the troubled border-areas of Gaza come Hungarian refugees - seeking to build a new life - far from the terror that drove them from their homeland.

Here, they are settling down in temporary hutments. One day, thriving homesteads will tell a story of triumph over an inhospitable soil.

~~And not even the threats of Egyptian terrorism~~ <sup>NOTHING</sup> will crush the ideals of these freedom-loving settlers in the troubled Middle East....