

Egypt: Weeks ahead of schedule, the United Nations salvage fleet begins the final clearance of the Suez Canal.

During his talks with Colonel Nasser, the Secretary-General, Mr Hammarskjold, watched the actual raising, near Ismailia, of the tug "Edgar Bonnet" - the last major obstacle in the Canal.

So, after five months, the first ^{WHICH INCLUDED A SOVIET SHIP} convoy sailed through the Canal - now open to ships up to twenty thousand tons. Tolls are paid to the Egyptian Canal authority, though the waterway is still barred to Israeli shipping

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In Cairo, Egypt's internal economy becomes ^{yet} another concern for Colonel Nasser. ^{He's visiting} as he visits the German Industries Fair - ^{which seeks} to improve trade-relations between the two countries.

But though Egypt figures largely in modern headlines, ancient customs are deeply-rooted in her people.

Here, at the Pyramids, the meeting of two nomadic tribes is celebrated by traditional dances. **SOUND**

Even the horses seem affected by the centuries-old rhythm - a link with the days when the Sphinx was symbolic of Royal dignity...