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SUEZ CONFERENCE.

Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd arrives at Lancaster House for the 22-nation Suez Conference, followed by Australian premier Robert Menzies. Only Greece, and Egypt herself, have refused Britain's invitation to attend. West Germany is represented by premier Heinrich von Brentano.

For New Zealand, Mr. Thomas Macdonald, Minister of External Affairs.

Russia's new Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov arrives with Ambassador Malik - and for Japan, Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, the man who signed for surrender in 1945. The delegates gather with widely differing views, but there are signs that all are open to discussion and that some form of agreement may be possible. America's Secretary of State Foster Dulles brings a plan, agreed with Britain and France, for international control of the Canal. The main opposition is expected from the Russians, but they, too, seem open to debate. To open the conference, comes Britain's premier Sir Anthony Eden.

Sir Anthony Eden is not taking part in the conference itself; leadership of the British delegation falls to foreign secretary Selwyn Lloyd, after the prime minister's welcoming speech:

"Gentlemen, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom I welcome you here to this conference in London, we are grateful for your acceptance of the invitation to attend this meeting. The occasion for calling it must rank among the greatest that any of us have had to face since the Second World War. Each one of the nations represented here is deeply concerned, either by reason of its shipping or its trade. All have a common interest to the scanty of agreements. On a number of occasions I have attended international discussions in these rooms and many of you who are listening to me are friends and colleagues of many years standing. The result of your work together has never mattered more. With sincerity I bid you welcome with conviction I express confidence that good will result from your council. I wish God Speed to all your efforts. Good morning - and good luck!"