

BIG THREE CALL 24-NATION CONFERENCE ON SUEZ

Mr. Dulles flew to London on the President's instructions, and at the Foreign Office conferred with the Minister, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd. The West was agreeing common action on the Suez crisis. Time was the essence of the contract and no time was lost. Next call was over the road to No. 10 to meet the Prime Minister. It was soon determined that 24-nations should be invited to a conference in London on August 16th, Russia and Egypt to be included. Thus all countries interested in the smooth operating of the Canal would be represented. That being decided, Sir Anthony and Mr. Dulles said they were well satisfied so far. Meanwhile, by good fortune, the second Battalion of the Paratroops Regiment had disembarked at Famagusta, in Cyprus. And it was announced in London that the Third Infantry Division of the Strategic Reserve had been alerted, ready to go overseas.

The Navy, too, was under orders. Men-'o-war in the mothball fleet were prepared for service. And at the same time the Queen had approved the proclamation (at Goodwood incidentally) authorising call up of Section B of the Army +reserve. To three aircraft carriers, the 13,000 ton Theseus, Bulwark and Ocean, secret sailing orders were issued. It was being made clear, in the most effective way, that Britain ^{is} protecting her Suez Canal interests, all the more effectively because of complete agreement with France and the United States. There could be no endangering of the Suez Canal+

DULLES JOINS SUEZ TALKS

Mr. Foster Dulles flew to London on President Eisenhower's instructions, and at the Foreign Office conferred with the Minister, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd. The West wants common action on the Suez Canal crisis, so no time was lost/putting cards before on the table. Next call was over the road to Number Ten to meet the Prime Minister, and after a separate meeting with French Foreign Minister Pineau, all three parties got together. *Proposals* Plans are being formulated to bring the Suez Canal under international control. They ^{may} ~~will~~ be referred to all nations interested, Russia~~s~~ included.

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