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Arriving at London Airport in a Viscount airliner are the first British families to be evacuated from Egypt following Colonel Nasser's seizure of the Suez Canal.. Altogether some nine hundred women and children are to be brought home from this new trouble-centre of the Middle East.

Typical of the passengers in this airlift are two children whose father is a technician in the Canal Zone --- Valerie and Paul Harrison, en route for Newcastle.

Another London Airport arrival was the Secretary of the United States Navy, Mr Charles Thomas --- who was greeted by Britain's First Lord of the Admiralty. Here for Anglo- American naval talks, he first had a few words to say for our newsreel.

Also of news interest at this time of crisis was the first annual conference, held at Camberley, since the appointment of General Templer as Chief of the Imperial General Staff

~~was attended by several other senior military officials~~

And at Newport --- here's a further consignment of military stores and equipment bound for the storm ~~xxxxxx~~ zone. Emphasising that these measures are precautionary, they are none the less evidence of the ^{BRITISH} Government's decision to act with resolve.

Newspictures from Cairo show Colonel Nasser, in his role as Egypt's President, receiving the Ambassadors of Tunisia and Czechoslovakia as they arrived to present their credentials. On the other side of the coin is the handing out of arms to Egyptian National Guardsmen --- the so-called Liberation Army.

And these pictures --- taken since the Nationalisation --- show that the work of the Suez Canal Company, in maintaining and improving the Canal, is being carried on, and the ships of other nations ~~are being~~ allowed passage through it. But --- in the words of ^{SIR ANTHONY EDEN:} ~~the Prime Minister:~~ "The Canal must be run efficiently and kept open". And that means for always. A great international waterway should not be subject to the whims of one man.