

Fighting Dies Down On Border

JERUSALEM (AP)—One minor incident was reported along the tense Egyptian - Israeli frontier Thursday night after Israel announced conditional acceptance of an appeal to end the fighting.

An Israeli military spokesman at Tel Aviv said Egyptian infiltrators blew up a well shortly before midnight near Yad Mordechai, an Israeli settlement northeast of the Egyptian-held Gaza strip.

It was in the Yad Mordechai area that Israel Thursday claimed two Egyptian jet fighters were shot down by Israeli planes.

Israel Thursday night announced acceptance of a United Nations-proposed cease-fire, providing that "all attacks by Egyptians in whatever form will cease."

EGYPT HAS AGREED

A spokesman for Egypt's Palestine department said in Cairo that Egypt has not replied to the bid. But he announced that Egyptian troops have been ordered to observe a cease-fire.

Pointing out that Egypt agreed Tuesday to the cease-fire proposal by Canadian Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the United Nations truce supervisory commission, the spokesman said he did not know if it was necessary for the Cairo government to send a new reply.

The spokesman disclosed that Burns arrived in Gaza this morning for a first-hand investigation of the Israeli attack on Khan Yunis, a rail centre in the strip. The United States and Britain had strongly backed the UN truce supervisor's peace appeal.

The Israeli announcement came as estimates of casualties in the last nine days of fighting in the Gaza area reached as high as 61 killed and 94 wounded. The toll soared when Israeli troops blew up an Egyptian military headquarters at Khan Yunis, in the Egyptian held Gaza region, Wednesday night.

Israel described the raid as punishment for previous Egyptian attacks, and a warning against future hostilities.

IMMEDIATE END

Prior to the Israeli announcement regarding a cease-fire acceptance, an Egyptian spokesman in Cairo said Israel had urged through the UN truce chief that hostilities be ended immediately.

The announcement by the Israeli foreign office said Burns had "been informed that provided all attacks by Egyptians in whatever form will cease, there will be no military action on Israel's part."

CABINET MEETS

AMMAN, Jordan (Reuters)—Jordan cabinet ministers today conferred with military leaders about the situation on the Israeli border.

Gen. John Glubb, a Briton known as Glubb Pasha who is the Arab Legion chief of staff, will curtail his leave in England and return to Amman, where the government will call a meeting of the Jordan supreme defence council to study recent clashes between Egypt and Israel, it was learned.

Police Solve Stadium Shooting



With the boltless .22 cal. rifle held by Inspector William Allen of the Port Arthur police, Eddie Cox, centre fielder for Fort William ANAF was nearly shot in Wednesday's play-off senior ball game with the Port Arthur Red Sox. Two 12-year-old Port Arthur boys are to be charged in juvenile court with unlawfully firing the weapon inside the city limits. They used a six-inch spike and flat rock to discharge the bullets, in place of the regular bolt, which had been removed by the owner to prevent children from firing it.

POLICE SEIZE OLD RIFLE

2 Boys Confess Stadium Shooting

The "gunmen" who nearly shot Fort William centre fielder Eddie Cox in Wednesday night's senior baseball game with the Port Arthur Red Sox, have been captured, Port Arthur police announced this morning.

As a result of a ceaseless investigation, city police yesterday commandeered an old, boltless .22 cal. rifle from the basement of an Oliver Road residence and took two 12-year-old boys into custody for questioning.

The two youthful shooters are to be charged with unlawfully firing a firearm within the city limits, in juvenile court.

Felt Sharp Sting

In the sixth inning of last Wednesday night's game, centre fielder Eddie Cox was watching the batter, his glove shading his eyes from the lights, when he heard a shot from back of the Stadium and almost at the same instant felt a sharp sting across his left eyebrow. Seconds later there was another report, something whizzed by dangerously close to his face and hit a big sign board 25 feet directly behind him.

The game was called for 15 minutes while police were summoned to search for the gunmen. Examination of the sign board revealed a hole that could have been made by (Continued on Page 3, Col. 5)

Pipeline Under Way By Spring

OTTAWA (CP)—Construction of a \$350,000,000 natural gas pipeline across most of Canada has received a boost from a federal-provincial-company conference here.

Indications after Thursday's meeting were that Alberta gas might land in Ontario and Quebec by late 1957 and in Winnipeg by the fall of next year.

The federal government was planning on participating in a crown company to further the project, and Prime Minister St. Laurent said he hopes construction on the delayed undertaking can be started next spring.

EXCHANGE GAS

Mr. St. Laurent made the prediction to reporters after a meeting with Premier Manning of Alberta and officers of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd., whose plans for 2,200-mile pipe from Alberta to the east have become bogged down by financing difficulties.

Trans-Canada had planned originally to start construction this year. Unofficial information after Thursday's meeting was that its schedule now will run this way:

1. By late 1956, completion of a line to Winnipeg and thence down to Emerson, Man., on the United States border, where Trans-Canada will sell gas to Tennessee Gas Transmission Company of the U. S.

2. About simultaneously, completion of a line from Toronto to serve Montreal and Ottawa with gas coming from the eastern U. S. under a contract with Tennessee.

3. In the fall of 1957, completion of the "all-Canadian" line north of the Great Lakes from Winnipeg to Toronto, when eastern U. S. gas would be shut off and Trans-Canada would supply its Ontario-Quebec customers with Alberta gas.

EXPENSIVE STRETCH

The rough spot for Trans-Canada has been financing the relatively expensive and non-lucrative part of the big line over the top of the Great Lakes, and Mr. St. Laurent said Thursday it is possible a crown company will be set up to take on this construction job.

He told reporters Ontario is expected to participate in this crown company, and he suggested Alberta also might be in it.

Information later was to the effect that the crown company probably would build the northern section of the line in Ontario—possibly between Nipigon and North Bay—and lease it to Trans-Canada on a basis that would amortize the government investment over a still-undetermined period of years.

THREE SAFES LOOTED

ST. BASILE, Que. (CP) — Police said today they are searching for thieves who smashed three safes in the Lafleur general store here during the night and escaped with an estimated \$6,000.

St. Basile is about 15 miles east of Montreal.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Maximum temperature in the past 24 hours, 80 degrees at 4 p.m. yesterday.

Minimum temperature in the past 24 hours, 44 degrees at 5 a.m. today.

Temperature at 1.30 p.m. today, 79 degrees.

Winds, south at 12 miles per hour.

Relative humidity, 39 per cent. Sunset tonight, 7.38 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.16 a.m. Forecast for the Thunder Bay region, sunny and warm, winds light.

Low tonight and high tomorrow at the lakehead, 45 and 85.

AMBASSADOR ARRIVES

OTTAWA (CP)—Dr. Juan Manuel Vasquez Bello took over Thursday as Cuban ambassador to Canada. He replaces Delfin H. Pupo y Proenza, who returned to Cuba recently.

Car Travelled 60 Feet Through Air