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UNLON 221. LIFTING ABUKIR AND BURNS MEETING ON GAZA BARRIER COVERED BY MOST LONDON PAPERS TUESDAY. CABINET REPORTED DISCUSSING EGYPTIAN TERMS CANAL OPERATION. FINANCIAL TIMES REPORTS LONDON SHIPPING MARKET DEMAND FOR TRAMP STEAMERS OTHER THAN BRITISH, FRENCH DUTCH AND AMERICAN WHICH WILL MAKE

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IMMEDIATE CANAL USE. GUARDIAN SAYS EDITORIALY THAT PRESENT CANAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE PART OF WAITING GAME QUOTE CAN COLONEL MASSER DO WITHOUT TOLLS FROM CHIEF WESTERN USERS LONGER THAN THEY CAN DO WITHOUT ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES OF SHORTER SUEZ ROUTE UNQUOTE GUARDIAN WARNS QUOTE REAL QUESTION IS NOT WHAT WE ALONE

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MIGHT DO. AS BEFORE ONLY PRESSURE THAT HAS CHANCE OF INFLUENCING EGYPT IS INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE. IT COULD NOT BE UNANIMOUS BUT IF CHIEF USERS ACTING TOGETHER UNDER AMERICAN LEADERSHIP COULD GO ON INDUCING THEIR SHIPS TO BYPASS CANAL DAMAGE TO SHIPPING INTERESTS WOULD BE LESS AND CHANCES OF

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under
Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs
REASONABLE SETTLEMENT MIGHT BE GREATER UNQUOTE PARA IN COMMONS YESTERDAY ORMSBY GORE SAID TWAS GOVERNMENTS POLICY TO SEE THAT UNEF REMAINS GAZA STRIP AS LONG AS IT IS NEEDED AND THAT IS FOR SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME. IN ANSWER QUESTION ON EGYPTIAN MEMORANDUM AND SECURITY COUNCIL SIX PRINCIPLES HE SAID

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QUOTE BY SAYING THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN CONFLICT WITH RESOLUTION OF SECURITY COUNCIL IT DOES NOT FOLLOW THAT THIS DRAFT MEMORANDUM COVERED ALL POINTS IN RESOLUTION. THAT IS WHAT DISCUSSIONS ARE NOW TAKING PLACE ABOUT. I THINK IT MIGHT BE FAIR TO SAY THAT POINTS IN MEMORANDUM DO

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NOT RUN CONTRARY BUT THEY DO NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. AS REGARDS CONFERENCE WITH EGYPTIANS ON MATTER, I AM AFRAID THAT I HAVE NO STATEMENT TO MAKE UNQUOTE. ORMSBY GORE ALSO SAID QUOTE THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT WE COULD HAVE GOT AGREEMENT WITH EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT ON

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THOSE SIX PRINCIPLES UNQUOTE. HE POINTED OUT CONDITIONAL DEMANDS OF EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT INCLUDING MATTER OF ARBITRATION. IN REPLY TO SEGGENS LETTER OF 24 OCTOBER, ORMSBY GORE SAID HE WAS UNPREPARED TO DISCUSS CONTENT OF EGYPTIAN MEMORANDUM BUT QUOTE IN MANY RESPECTS IT IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE UNQUOTE. ON

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QUESTION ISRAEL MEMBERSHIP SCUA HE SAID CRITERIA FOR NEW MEMBERS HAD NOT YET BEEN LAID DOWN BY ASSOCIATION, POINTED OUT ISRAEL NOT A MAJOR USER OF CANAL. IN REPLY TO REMARK THAT IF ISRAEL ALLOWED USE CANAL SHE WOULD BE MAJOR USER HE REPLIED QUOTE IF GULF OF

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AQABA OPEN I DO NOT THINK ISRAEL WILL BE MAJOR USER UNQUOTE. E E E WILL BE MAJOR USER UNQUOTE.

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