Canada

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Mr. John Diefenbaker was elected leader of the Progressive Conservative Party at a December convention in Ottawa. He succeeded the late John Diefenbaker, leader of the party and leader of the Opposition since 1957, who resigned because of illness.

Speaking at a banquet of the National Conference of Canadian Universities, Prime Minister St. Laurent announced on November 17 that the creation of a Canada Council for the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, with a $100,000 grant, will be submitted to the next Parliament for approval. Half of this sum is to be spent as an endowment for the Canada Council and the other half is to be used to assist university construction during a 5-year period.

UK and Western Europe

On October 17 Queen Elizabeth officially opened Calder Hall, in Cumberland, northwest England, the world's first nuclear power station. Britain thus leads the world into the age of nuclear power on a practical and permanent scale.

In May the Foreign Ministers of Italy, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, the United Kingdom, the Federal Republic of Germany opened at Yalta an a plan, known as the European Agreement on atomic energy pool and a common European market for nuclear industries.

United States

President Eisenhower stated on a letter to Premier Bulganin of Russia on March 1 that the US would consider balding problems and the reasonable methods for war purposes if the Eisenhower "open skies" proposals were carried out with complete safeguards.

Mr. Eisenhower said he was confident that "sirred and ground nuclear threats would lead to a reduction of armaments, the lessening of tension and the brightening of prospects of a durable peace." The Russian ambassador did not believe the "open skies" policy.

On November 6 President Eisenhower was elected to a second term in the White House by an overwhelming majority over Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic contender. According to President Eisenhower, this change in Moscow would not have happened if the Communist leaders had regarded their own policies as successful.

East European

HUNGARY

Following a resolution of the Hungarian Workers' Communist Party demanding purification of the party and a close-up of its leadership, small demonstration on October 21 exploded into open rebellion in Budapest and spread out into the Hungarian countryside. The rebels demanded the formation of a new government by an ex-priest with Messy and the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary.

Fighting continued until October 23 when Russia agreed to withdraw Soviet troops and restore Nagy after more than 15,000 persons had been killed.

Mr. Nagy declared his government's intention to withdraw from the Warsaw Pact which unites the Soviet Union and its satellites militarily. He also sought from the United Nations a guarantee of Hungary's neutrality.

The Kremlin's leaders could not tolerate such moves. Claiming that the situation was out of hand and that the forces of fascism and reaction were taking control of the people's government, they ruthlessly crushed nearly-sane Hungarian freedom by sending Russian troops, supported by aircraft, back into Budapest on November 2. Four days later only the remnants of the Hungarian patriots' forces were fighting in isolated pockets far from Budapest. Hungarian Premier Nagy's government was replaced by the Revolutionary Workers and Peasants Government of Janos Kadar.

On November 5 the UN General Assembly summoned into emergency session passed a resolution demanding withdrawal of Russian forces from Hungary and the following day hundreds of West Berlin students shouting "Down with the Russian murderers" and "Freedom for Hungary" broke through police cordon and surrounded the Russian War Memorial in Berlin. The Communist guard was doubled in the Soviet side of the city.

POLAND

On June 30 Polish industrial workers in Poznan went on strike protesting a pay arrangement and shortage for bread and freedom. Canada attached the security police headquarters, the Communist Party building and a radio station building. Rioting was suppressed by infantry and tank units and considerable numbers were killed or wounded.

Review of Events 1956

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Three days later, on October 24, more than 4,000 youths fought a one-hour battle in Warsaw against Communist Party officials and security police. The pitched battle, which involved bombs and hand grenades, was essayed by the riot police and the citizens were believed to have been involved in a campaign to overthrow the Polish government.

The Polish nationalist movement appears to be gaining strength. Towards the end of the year Polish nationalists were demanding the return of their country's territories annexed by Russia and the beating of Russian troops from Poland.

SUEZ

Shortly after the USA, and the UK had refused financial assistance to Egypt for the construction of the Aswan Dam because of Egypt's area deals with Russia, Premier Hoss of Egypt, on July 4, nationalized the Suez Canal. The London Conference was called on August 31 in view of the situation. The Conference lasted for seven days and 20 nations were represented. Mr. Nasser was appointed head of a five-nation committee to go to Egypt and explain to President Hoss the plan of 15 countries for international control of the canal. Hoss refused to cooperate, negotiated with the British and France, and nationalized the canal and accused Britain and France of creating difficulties.

On October 30 Israeli armed forces crossed into Egypt's Sinai Peninsula for the purpose of destroying Egyptian commando bases. Britain and France called for a cease-fire and threatened war with Egypt. The Israeli government accepted the British-French ultimatum but President Nasser rejected it.

On November 5 waves of British and French paratroopers landed in the Port Said area at the north end of the Suez Canal. Within hours the Egyptians discussed surrender terms with the invaders and on November 8 the Suez battlefront was excluded by the Allied forces agreed to by the Soviet Union.

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It is estimated that these three months will be required to clear the canal of scattered ships and a wrecked bridge—the result of Egyptian sabotage—and a serious obstacle is facing the UK and Europe.

CYPRUS

Numerous clashes between civilians and the British forces stationed in Cyprus continued during the year.

The UK, Greece and Turkey held a conference in London this summer to determine the future status of the island.

A state of emergency has existed in Cyprus since November 26, 1955, and Archbishop Makarios, who strongly advocated "enosis" or union with Greece, was deported in March to the Seychelles by the British.

In midsummer 1956, the Cypriot guerrilla organization, called a belt to its campaign of anti-British violence in order to promote new negotiations on the political status of the island. These negotiations however were fruitless.

Southeast Asia

On March 31 Pakistan was proclaimed an Islamic Republic by the Constituent Assembly amid scenes of wild enthusiasm and unprecedented national rejoicing.

The new republic retains its ties with the Commonwealth. The Prime Minister is Mr. M. S. Sahawir, who proclaimed that "the first problem facing the country is to allow free play to democratic processes, uphold the constitution in letter and spirit, and ensure the rule of law."