Not Out of the Woods

THE ANNOUNCED withdrawal of British-French forces from Egypt is a victory for the United Nations. It will be a hollow victory unless the UN pushes on. There must be permanent settlement of the Middle Eastern problems which cause this crisis—the Suez Canal and Palestine questions.

This is no time to let the dust settle.

The United States led the UN to its present position. This country must continue to assert that leadership. Otherwise there will be more and more turmoil—or worse, Soviet domination of the region.

THE BRITISH-FRENCH decision to move into Egypt was a costly diplomatic and military blunder. It would be a worse blunder to let Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser pursue his avowed goals under Kremlin tutelage. And the way Egyptian Foreign Minister Fawzi is talking there is no time to lose.

Fawzi says the UN police force must leave “the minute the British and French forces pull out” of the Suez area; the Palestine problem is no business of the UN forces who can stay on the Egypt-Israeli border only for “a while”; Egypt maintains and will continue to maintain complete control over “anybody entering Egypt, not excluding the forces sent by the UN”; when the canal is reopened “we insist on the administration and operation of the canal being Egyptian.”

As for letting Israel use the canal, “that’s a long matter; there can be no immediate peace talks with Israel.”

IN THE FACE of this, the outlook is not too promising—unless the United States restores good relations with its old friends and prods the UN to realization that the job has only started.

It is not enough to say that the UN must do it. The UN can only do what its powerful members are willing to lead it to do. The UN—or the United States—is far from being out of the woods in the Middle East.

Adlai Abdicates

ADLAI STEVENSON says he will not run again for President. It is a logical decision, although slightly surprising in its timing.

But Adlai twice in a row been shellacked, not necessarily his own fault. Tom Dewey twice licked, might be elected at another
**Peace Shall Return**

A PEACE-LOVING pastor who was only trying to practice what he preaches — that all men are equal in God’s sight — has been assailed for his trouble.

The Rev. Paul Turner of Clinton escorted six Negro students to high school yesterday morning. A few minutes later he was set upon by a gang of segregationists and beaten up.

Upshot of that violence was an order by the Anderson County School Board closing the high school until further notice. The board says it won't reopen the school until Federal authorities give assurances of safety for school children.

The board’s position is absolute right.

Federal courts have created the Clinton situation — a situation which has become the nation’s test case in the integration issue.

Life and liberty under the Constitution are the stakes in this touch-and-go dilemma. And children are being denied the opportunity to continue their education.

Belatedly, Attorney General Brownell has ordered the FBI into the Clinton area to round up those who have been violating Federal Judge Taylor’s injunction. The record of this agency indicates that the guilt will be apprehended in short order, and that peace will be restored.

**Hats Off to Austria**

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