

Attlee to step out as Prime Minister.

That's the word from London tonight. A change in the British cabinet is foreshadowed by a report in today's London Daily Mail. The Mail's political correspondent says that Attlee has told his closest colleagues in the government that for reasons of health he intends to resign the Premiership in the near future.

The correspondent says that discussions for the new cabinet are already taking place with Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin is slated to become Prime Minister. According to the report Attlee has promised to carry on until the all important Washington dollar ~~talks~~ talks have passed the critical stage.

The head of the Labor government's health is known to have suffered from a long term in Parliamentary service which started with his session in the war cabinet under Winston Churchill.

The recent unrest inside the labor party and the Prime Minister's inability to placate the rebels in the past three weeks are said to have united

to bring about Attlee's decision to take his doctor's
advice. So says the ~~political~~ political correspondent
of the Daily Mail. Which news of course is not official.

(Once again the echo rings from the United Nations - Soviet veto. Two more vetoes today. This makes fifteen in the brief history of ~~that~~ international organization.

The majority decisions killed by the two vetoes today were Australian resolutions concerning Communist aggression of Soviet satellites against Greece. Australia in two proposals suggested that a United Nations patrol be set up to keep a watch on the borders of Greece and the Red puppets, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania.) The majority of the delegates on the council voted in favor of the resolutions, but the Soviet veto killed them.

(The count of Soviet vetoes has risen rapidly of late. Yesterday the Soviets vetoed the admission of Ireland into the United Nations.)

Today ~~there~~ there was further wrangling in the matter of Indonesia - Soviet Gromyko ~~is~~ delivering a bitter attack on the United States for having offered to mediate in the war between the Dutch

and the Indonesian Republic. The tone of this
debate hardly suggest^s the likelihood of a harmonious
decision~~s~~ - sounds more like another deadlock.

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tells of heavy fighting in Java, a new surge of violence
in the ~~*****~~ conflict between the Dutch and the
Indonesian Republic -- ~~and~~ ^{with} the Indonesians ~~are~~ making
~~*****~~ renewed appeals to the U N for ^{intervention.} ~~*****~~

HARRIMAN

A good deal of attention is being given to statements by Secretary of Commerce Averell Harriman on the subject of Soviet Russia. There are several angles to make one stop and ponder.

For one thing, Harriman's declarations, made before an audience in Seattle, were just about the strongest anti-Soviet pronouncements ever issued by a government official of cabinet rank. The Secretary of Commerce, in effect, reminded the Stalin dictatorship that we have the atomic bomb, and that American atomic power right now is the world's most powerful force for checking military aggression - should ~~anybody~~ anybody attempt aggression. Soviet Russia, for example.

Well we recall that Averell Harriman was American war-time Ambassador to Moscow, and in those days he was one of the most fervent advocates of American-Soviet harmony. So obviously there has been a considerable change of the Harriman mind - and this may be taken as a striking indication of something that we've all beheld at close range. During the past couple of years, many of us

have marveled - how swiftly the Soviets dissipated and threw away the immense amount of American goodwill they enjoyed when the war ended.

Russia's tremendous fight against Nazi Germany won universal applause. The Soviets were our Allies in bitter war - and you always tend to think well of your Allies. Moreover, all the tremendous machinery of war-time propaganda was in action to make America think well of Soviet Russia. Every engine of publicity was employed to overcome the old-time American prejudice against Communism, and build up good-will.

A huge amount of good-will was built up and mighty few of us ever dreamed that it could be destroyed so fast. After the war the American Press and radio still kept on talking up harmony and cooperation with the ~~Soviet~~ Soviets; - but, the actions of Moscow made it no go.

Which leads one to wonder - why did the ~~Soviet~~ Soviets throw away all that American good-will? You'd think they could have used it. Even supposing the Red

tyrants figured that our Western constitutional freedom would eventually turn us against them - still, they might have figured it good policy to play on ^{all that} American friendship left as a hangover from the war-time pro-soviet propaganda. But no - the Stalin dictatorship ^{apparently} adopted a deliberate policy of dissipating American good-will - throwing away what could have been a valuable asset. Which makes one wonder - why? But then, that's the same old question that we have to ask about so many things - why?

MARSHALL

At Petropolis, Brazil, ~~xxxxx~~ today, the United States and Argentina ended their long ~~dipl~~ diplomatic feud. It all resulted from a conference between Secretary of State Marshall and the Argentine Foreign Minister. The Conference was Marshall's suggestion; a suggestion willingly accepted by the Argentine Foreign Minister. ^{TP} The two diplomats had a frank direct discussion of relations between the U S A and Argentina. Although there is no official pronouncement of ~~what~~ ^{what took place during their} conversation, ~~but~~ ^{see} Marshall is believed to have pointed out the extreme urgency of all the twenty-one American Republics showing a united front. This in view of the world situation and the widening split between Russia and the Western world. ^{TP} After the interview, the Argentine Foreign Minister warmly praised the ~~way~~ ^{our sec. of state} ~~Secretary Marshall~~ is carrying out his world policies.

^{All of which} ~~is~~ looks like a diplomatic triumph for ~~General~~ ^{General} ~~Secretary of State~~ Marshall:-- an old ~~is~~ friendship

renewed! And that's good news in these troubled times.

Tomorrow General Marshall is scheduled to make a speech to the assembled delegates at ^{that} a conference of the twenty-one American Republics, a speech ^{likely} ~~with~~ _^ ~~is expected~~ to be of world importance.

NEW LEAD CADIZ

Grim scenes in Cadiz, Spain, today.

Thousands of exhausted rescue workers digging in the ruins caused by the explosion of that government torpedo factory. Tonight the rescue parties working frantically with the help of flood lights. All day they toiled in the blistering sun. Tonight in the sultry heat, the work of rescue goes on.

Late this afternoon the last of the fires was extinguished. But it will be days before the entire area of tumbled masonry once a populous part of the city ancient city, can be uncovered.

CADIZ

The latest count ~~of victims in the Spanish~~
~~City of Cadiz~~ goes as high as five hundred killed, and
five to six thousand injured in a series of frightful
blasts that devastated the ancient harbor. ~~Today huge~~
~~fires were burning in a scene of utter havoc.~~ ^{TP} Cadiz is
a naval base, and the disaster was caused by a series of
explosions of torpedoes and mines.

Just what touched off the blasts is not
known, but apparently the torpedoes ~~started~~ started
exploding first. Late word is that a-hundred-and-forty
of ~~them~~ these blew up, and about a thousand naval mines.
The detonations continued for seventeen hours -- that
long a period of thundering violence and terror. ^R Cadiz
has known many a long century of mishap and trouble -
founded by the Phoenecians, captured by the Carthaginians,
then the Romans. After the discovery of America, Cadiz
became the chief seaport of Spain's ship routes to the
Americas - the harbor to which ^{the} ~~the~~ Galleons navigated, laden
with Inca gold. ^R In the Sixteenth Century, Cadiz was looted
and burned by the British, and thereafter sank to less

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importance. But in all of its checkered history, the ancient harbor never knew any violence to compare with today - when a hundred and forty torpedoes and a thousand naval mines blew up.

UNIONS

Today brings response from labor unions on the subject of non-Communist affidavits. Under the Taft-Hartley Law, any union that seeks the help of the National Labor Relations Board must first file affidavits testifying that none of its officials is a Communist. The intention, of ~~the~~ course, is to get Soviet sympathizing Reds out of the leadership of our American Labor Organizations. (If the leaders of a union refuse to state on oath that they are not Communists, the union will not get the benefit of labor Board support. If any union leader should swear falsely that he is not a Communist - that could get him into severe trouble for perjury. So what are the unions going to do about it? Today ^{we} have answers ~~for~~ from three sources, the C.I.O., the A.F. of L. and the International Association of machinists, the nation's biggest independent union.)

The C.I.O. serves notice that probably its officers will not file the non-Communist affidavits. This rejection was given with the explanation that it's the policy of the C.I.O. to ignore the National Labor

official announcement, stating today that its officers will immediately sign the non-Communist affidavits. They ^{are} going on record as not being Reds; - so the union may avail itself of the services of the Labor ~~Board~~ Board.

Relations Board, as constituted under the Taft-Hartley Law, so therefore the C.I.O. will also ignore the provision calling for ~~xxxx~~ non-Communist affidavits.

(Since the C.I.O. has no intention of ~~xxxx~~ invoking the good offices of the Labor Board, why bother about the affidavits? They are not required by law. They are needed only in case a labor organization appeals to the N.L.R.B.) That from the CIO. So, what about the A.F. of L? A Federation spokesman stated today that "in all probability", the officers of the Federation will file affidavits stating that they are not Communists. The spokesman added that a formal announcement on the subject will be made when a A.F. of L. President Green and other officials return to Washington from the annual convention of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor. But, the A. F. of L. Officials will sign the affidavits, "in all probability," said the ~~xxx~~ spokesman.

As for the International Association of Machinists, ~~xxx~~ that biggest independent union gives its

WASHINGTON

In Washington - it must be the heat.

The notorious weather of the national capital in summer must be affecting people. They had a fist fight, at a Congressional Committee hearing today, and in the capitol building the police arrested a Tennessee farmer who claims to be the President of the United States.

The Committee hearing concerned all that labor trouble they've been having in Hollywood, the union disputes in movieland. An argument developed while Committee Counsel McCann was questioning A. F. of L.- Vice President Doherty, [^] an objection to one of the questions ~~was~~ made by A.F. of L. Counsel Padway. The dialogue went like this:

"You can't interrrupt me," shouted McCann.

"You can't scare me," roared Padway.

They yelled at each other some more, and Padway bellowed "I don't go for this Gestapo stuff."

"You can't use the word Gestapo," yelled McCann.

Whereupon McCann grabbed Padway and hit him - and they went into a lively scuffle.

Physically the two opponents are described as being about equal, McCann younger and Padway huskier - and they might have put up quite a battle. However, they were soon separated, and the hearing went on - after hearing all the shouting.

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The Tennessee farmer who claims to be President put in an appearance at the office of a Tennessee Congressman. There he stated that he had been elected President, but ^{that} the F.B.I. had asked him to allow Harry Truman to stay in the White House for two more years. So he graciously assented to that. This would-be President has only one arm, but it was found that he had a holster with a 38 ~~rix~~ calibre revolver. One arm - ~~x~~ but well armed. ^π At last reports ~~the~~ doctor ^{3 were} ~~was~~ trying to figure how he got the idea ~~x~~ that he had been elected President.

SALVAGE

Divers are at work ~~out in~~^{at} Seattle -- in Puget Sound ~~today~~^{today}, searching for a valuable cargo in the wreckage of a ship on the floor of the ocean. And what is this valuable cargo? Is it gold, bullion, or Jewels? Those are the cargoes for which divers usually ~~go down to~~ brave the terrors of the deep.

But this cargo they ~~are~~^{are} searching for in Puget Sound tonight is ~~something~~^{quite} different; but it's ~~very~~ important -- one-hundred-and fifty-four cases of canned salmon worth three million five hundred thousand dollars. Salmon, as ~~we~~^{we} know, is a scarce item on ~~the~~ store shelves, and ~~in your pantry, and~~ that's what makes this salvage worth while. ^{TD} Three million five hundred thousand dollars worth of salmon at the bottom of the sea! Well, when this salmon does get to the stores, housewives will be buying fish that has been caught ~~twice~~ twice -- once alive, and once ~~when it was~~^{in the} canned.

RAIN

Rain when you want it and how you like it. This boon to farmers is announced in Kansas City, Missouri today, by a firm of crop-dusting aciators. Buzz Hershfield Jr. President of the Company announces proudly that his outfit is ready to do business with those corn belt farmers who are gloomily watching their crop shrivel up in the current drought.

Just how Buzz is going to make his rain, he won't say. He claims, however, that his method is more successful than by dropping dry ice from planes.

"We've tried four times, and have been ~~un~~ successful four times" he says. "Now we're ready to make rain -- for a price.

How much will the rain cost? He says he can't guarantee the amount of rain his method will bring, so the price will vary -- you pay for what you get.

It seems that the quantity of this Hershfield made rain is somewhat unpredictable,

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and uncontrollable. In the four test cases, one of the rains was a heavy downpour -- do he tells us. The others were just moderate. Most any farmer ~~wink~~ will be delighted to pay for rain if he can get it when he desperately needs it.

MARGARET TRUMAN

The President's daughter is in Hollywood tonight. On Saturday, in the Hollywood bowl she will make her debut as a concert singer. It's all such a serious business that until Saturday, she is following an austerity program. No cocktail parties, no rounds of entertainment, just practice for the great day.

"Being the President's daughter puts me in a neat spot" she said. "On the other hand, it has its advantages; but I'm going to devote all my time to practice; ~~ix~~ rehearsing, rehearsing, rehearsing.

Newsman asked Margaret Truman what her piano-playing father thought about her singing. To which she replied: - "At least, he doesn't object!"

Any objection from you Nelson?

SCARABS

We now come to a topic venerable with antiquity, the scarab of ancient Egypt. In the dim ancient days of the Pharaohs, the Egyptians had a superstitious veneration for that ~~the~~ species of beetle - the scarab. The bug was considered sacred, and it was common for Egyptians to carry on their persons a scarab emblem, a flat bit of stone with a scarab engraved on it. These are still found in the age-old sands, at the Pyramids, near the Sphinx, in the valley of the Tombs of Kings. And today a visitor to Egypt often takes away a ^{scarab}~~XXXXXXXX~~ as a treasured memento of the land of the Nile.

It seems a shame to disillusion so beautiful a thought; but, a newsman is duly bound to pass along what comes on the wire - ~~about~~ today we have a story from Hollywood. What has ⁵~~1~~ Hollywood to do with the Pyramids, the Sphinx, the valley of the tombs of Kings? The answer is painful to relate.

A Hollywood dispatch sent along by Aline Mosby of the United Press, tells of an enterprise started

by ^a movie actor - veteran film-player Richard Lane. He used to be in the bottlecap business, as a sideline to acting - manufacturing caps for milk bottles. During the war, he ran into difficulties, because of the shortages - the government cutting off the supply of paper for making milk bottle caps. So he had to think up something else to manufacture at his plant - to keep the machines going.

He scouted around, and presently took note of the fact that ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ Hollywood and vicinity there was a lively business in manufacturing merchandise for the ~~Indian~~ Indians in the neighborhood of the Grand Canyon. Those Redskins did a lively trade with tourists, selling aboriginal arrowheads, tribal moccasins, and traditional ornaments and jewelry - authentic "Navaho". The ~~bulk~~ ^{of which} ~~business~~ are manufactured around Hollywood, ~~is~~ ground out by machines, mass production, - then sold in wholesale lots to the wily Redskins, who fool the tourists.

Actor Richard Lane noted this with interest, and was even more surprised to learn about mummy cloths

and papyrus inscriptions - shipped to Egypt to be sold as venerable antiques to American tourists. Also, a market for - scarabs!

And, his bottle-cap stamping machinery was beautifully adapted to a mass production of scarabs. *Well,* he couldn't get paper for milk bottle - tops, but the amulets required merely some kind of stone; and a species of composition concrete was fixed up for that.

All that Richard Lane had to do was to change the stamping devices. *That had been* ~~these were~~ fixed to print bottle-caps: - "Drink milk! *Keep healthy!*" But it wasn't hard to ^switch to a new stamp that engraved the traditional Egyptian outlines of the scarab.

So the mass production began, and today five merchandising firms over in Egypt place regular orders, each order for fourteen thousand at a time. ^RThe scarab business is booming - a sad thing for those of us who have visited Egypt and brought back an ancient amulet of the sacred beetle of the Pharaohs. *For you can* ~~now~~ buy the same thing in Hollywood, *only* a great deal cheaper.

GIRLS

In this next story, except for one thing, I might make reference back to "Peck's Bad Boy." However, * I'd have to say, "Peck's Bad Girl" - or rather two of them.

At Louisville, Kentucky, two blonde, blue-eyed little sisters, Nora and Charlotte Epeheimer, strolled over to the house of a neighbor, Mr. and Mrs. John Dobson - who were away from home for a week. Today the two little girls, seven and eight years old, explained that they ~~were~~ were - "just playing." But here's how they played:-

They put a ladder against the wall of the Dobson home, and that broke the dining room window. They climbed in, and went to the kitchen, where they swept the shelf clean of two sets of dishes, smashed things on the ~~in~~ floor. On top of the wreckage of the dishes, they piled the contents of the refrigerator, taking care to smash the bottles of milk, and then smeared the mustard all over the floor.

Whereupon, Nora and Charlotte moved on to the bedrooms, emptied all the bureau drawers, and ~~ripped~~ ripped

the sheets and blankets from the beds.

In the living rooms they burned a box of matches on the floor, and made a big charred hole in the rug. Seven year old Charlotte discovered an eight-inch hunting knife, went into the back yard and killed a chicken. On the porch, the two sisters found a can of green paint. Whereupon they rounded up the Dobson dog and cat and painted them green. There was some ~~pi~~ paint left, and this they used to decorate a pair of Mr. Dobson's

--- which I suppose ought to be described as
trousers - [^]dobbing Dobson's pants.

Finally, they let the Dobson mule out of the lot and into the garden, which ~~x~~ the mule trampled into wreckage.

So today they said they were "just playing."

Peck's Bad Girls."

And now -- what thoughts
are you playing with? -- or
toying with?