

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden - has resigned. Stepping out - following the failure of his policy to solve the Suez Canal crisis by force.

Last night, Sir Anthony drove to Sandringham - the Queen's country home in Norfolk. Where he informed Her Majesty - of his intention. Then, today, he called a Cabinet meeting, and told his colleagues. Tonight's London dispatch says - Eden's decision was unexpected. The only indication - the Queen today returning to London suddenly from Sandringham. Indicating - that something was happening.

After the Cabinet meeting, the Prime Minister drove to Buckingham Palace - where Queen Elizabeth was waiting. And there he presented his resignation to her, in the formal traditional way.

When he emerged from the palace, an official announcement was made. And, at the Prime Minister's residence, Number Ten Downing Street, a medical bulletin was issued. The doctors declaring:

"The Prime Minister's health gives cause for anxiety. In our opinion, his health will no longer enable him to sustain the heavy burdens - inseparable from the office of Prime Minister."

In the middle of the Suez crisis, as we know, Sir Anthony went off to the island of Jamaica on a vacation. Suffering - from over-strain. The medical bulletin says, his condition improved, but, since then, his health has declined again. Actually his health has been a problem for years. I last talked to him a number of years ago. Then he looked grey, ashen and frail. The London comment is, of course - that the Prime Minister was overborne - by the fruitless Anglo-French invasion of Egypt, bad

relations between Britain and the United States, and the disunity of public opinion in Britain.

The word is - that tomorrow morning, a new Prime Minister will be announced. The Queen - declaring her choice, according to traditional form. Sir Anthony Eden to be succeeded by another leader of the Conservative Party. Probably R.A. Butler, Lord Privy Seal - or Harold MacMillan, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Sir Anthony may go to the House of Lords, accepting a peerage - but there's nothing certain about that.

He rose to fame as British Foreign Secretary in the days before World War Two. Then - in the war cabinet of Prime Minister Winston Churchill. A protege' of Churchill's - whose niece he married. Sir Winston - grooming Eden as a successor. Churchill retiring - Eden stepping in; for a highly favorable start - as the head of the British government. But now Sir Anthony Eden -

victim of the Suez Canal affair.

Here's one London prediction that seems - a sure thing. The new Prime Minister, whoever he may be, will promptly plan a trip to Washington - for conferences with President Eisenhower.

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EISENHOWER DOCTRINE

In Congress, the Democrats have a substitute for President Eisenhower's Middle East proposal. ^{Which} ~~The~~ substitute ~~was~~ assailed by Secretary Dylles, today. Who said - the Democratic formula would involve this country in any Mid-Eastern outbreak, even if Communism was not involved. ^{American military} ~~Our~~ interference ~~would be~~ pledged - in any local hostilities between Arab states.

So let's see what the substitute, ~~in the hands of the Democrats,~~ would propose. It says: "The United States regards as vital to her interest - the preservation of the independence and integrity of the states of the Middle East. And, if necessary - will use her armed force to that end."

So that's the basis for the charge - that we would guarantee Middle Eastern frontiers. Intervening with armed force - if any local border war should occur. The Secretary of State added - that the Democratic proposal would establish an American "protectorate". Which would be "bitterly resented" by the Arab nations.

The substitute has received - some cautious Democratic support. Speaker Sam Rayburn saying - he thought it "made sense." But he has not endorsed it. A Rumor has mentioned former Secretary of State Dean Acheson, as the author of the substitute. Also - former President Truman. But this is denied by Speaker Rayburn, who merely says - he was given the proposal by what he calls, a "very prominent man, formerly high in government." So now speculation focuses on the former Secretary of the Air Force, Thomas Finletter, who was Foreign Policy Adviser to Adlai Stevenson - in the presidential campaign.

EGYPTIAN JEWS

The United States has expressed official concern - about the treatment of Egyptian Jews. Deported - or otherwise mistreated.

The State Department says that U.S. Ambassador Raymond Hare has taken up the matter with Egyptian President Nasser. He has talked to Nasser several times, urging humane treatment for Jews in Egypt.

MONASTERY

The Monastery of St. Catherine, at the foot of Mount Sinai - undamaged. Its priceless treasures of ancient manuscripts - intact. So says a mission sent by the United Nations - to investigate an Egyptian report that the Israelis had looted the venerable buildings.

The monastery of St. Catherine - founded by the Emperor Justinian, in the Sixth Century A.D. Occupied by Greek Orthodox monks - ever since. Eleven - at present. Custodians - of some of the most ancient writings on earth, much of which was put on microfilm for our Library of Congress several years ago by an American expedition organized by that super-energetic explorer, young Wendell Phillips of California, and Muscat and Oman.

The world of scholarship will be happy to know - no damage done to the monastery near the mountain. Said to be the place - where the Lord gave Moses the Ten Commandments.

GERMAN PRESTIGE

Here's an interpretation of recent events - an interesting slant. Given by Russian diplomats in London - commenting on the recent Anglo-French debacle at the Suez Canal.

They say the British-French loss of face raises the status of West Germany - by comparison. Making West Germany - the most important European member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

So say the Russian diplomats. Adding - that this rise of West Germany makes it all the more certain that Soviet Russia will never allow the reunification of divided Germany. Instead, they're increasing their military forces in Communist East Germany.

POLAND

A radical change - announced in Red Poland. A revolutionary change, ~~virtually~~ for a Communist country. A new agricultural program - with sweeping concessions to the Polish farmers.

Private ownership of land - now to be encouraged.

With rights - of selling, renting and inheriting farms.

Compulsory deliveries of agricultural produce to the government -

reduced by one-third. The price paid by the government to

farmers for grain - to be doubled. *(In other ~~the~~ words)* private enterprise, ~~or about~~ *that* ~~language~~ - down on the Polish farm.

One curiosity, a change of Ministers of Agriculture.

The post now taken by Edward Ochab - former head of the Polish

Communist Party. Whose place was taken - by Gomulka, the

anti-~~Stalinist~~, ~~who seems to be "liberalizing" the Communist~~

~~government~~. Ochab - regarded as a Stalinist. But, now, he

takes charge of a program of free ~~market~~ agriculture. Which seems

like ~~like~~ a denial of Communism.

Today's dispatch from Warsaw passes along an opinion -

that the new concessions to the farmers are connected closely with forthcoming elections. Poland - promised free elections on January Twentieth. The farm vote - all important.

Politicians - angling for the favor of the farmers. Sounds like - the good old U.S.A.:

All of which has a "liberal" sound - if only it lasts.

But I recall a similar thing in Soviet Russia - back in the

'Twenties. I was there, at the time. When Lenin's "new

economic policy" - restored free enterprise, in some degree.

Only to be followed, in a few years - by the savage agricultural

policy of Stalin. Collectivizing the farmers by force -

millions of peasants perishing.

HUNGARY

The United States asked the United Nations, today - to establish a committee to investigate the Hungarian revolution. And the brutal way the Russians crushed the revolt. The suggestion is for a five-nation group to make observations in Hungary - taking testimony and collecting evidence. The resolution - sponsored by twenty-four countries in the U.N.

Meanwhile, the puppet regime in Budapest is cracking down on Hungarian intellectuals. With an indictment - of eleven persons today. Including - a couple of Hungary's top ranking writers.

The intellectuals are charged with publishing illegal newspapers - during the time of the revolt ^{and} of the Russian suppression. Specifically, they're accused of inciting the demonstration on December ~~F~~^{by}ourth - Hungarian women against Russian tanks.

YEMEN

The politicians of the Yemen - have up-to-date ideas. Now talking about - volunteers. In a clash with the British at Aden, they've adopted - an ominous twister, which played a part in the Suez Canal crisis. When the word was - that the Soviets would send Russian volunteers to fight against the Anglo-French invasion.

Today, the Minister of Yemen to West Germany stated that his government, probably, will appeal for "volunteers". To fight - against the British. He said: "Volunteers from all countries". ~~to fight against the British~~ Not mentioning - Russia. But the implied reference to the Soviets - was obvious.

The Yemen people are charging that ^{the British} ~~the British~~ have sent tank and bomber forces - into the territory of Yemen. Which the British deny - declaring that they merely took action against an invasion of the principality of Beihan. Which - is under British protection.

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Tribal warriors of Sherif Hussein, ruler of Beihan, were in battle against ^{the} invaders. The British venom jets - using their cannon to dislodge soldiers of the Yemen from positions in the mountains.

CONGRESS

Senator Eastland of Mississippi retains his post - as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Eastland - under bitter attack in the racial rights issue. The only one voting against him today, was Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois. Although we hear that several other liberal Democrats - share the Douglas opinion.

The question came up, when the two Parties presented their lists of members on Senate Committees. The lists - approved.

Meanwhile, Democratic Leader, Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, has joined Republican Leader Knowland of California - in sponsoring a compromise on filibusters. The Johnson-Knowland proposal would make it easier for the ~~xxx~~ Senate to break filibusters. Without amending the rules as drastically as Democratic liberals had been proposing.

SEGREGATION

The battle against racial segregation took a new form in the South today. When, at Atlanta, Georgia - twelve Negro Ministers boarded a segregated bus, and took seats reserved for whites. They carried Bibles - and sang hymns. No trouble - but the white passengers got off. Leaving the Negro Pastors - to ride alone. Which they did for six blocks - and ended the demonstration.

They say they'll continue to take bus rides in the same way - as Bible carrying, hymn singing preachers.

BUFFALO

Alaska gives a decision - the winner, Old Joe.

For the fifth time Old Joe scored a knock-out.

He's a buffalo - mean and **ornery**. Who, up there in the Alaskan wilderness, has developed a grudge against

civilization. Old Joe's mortal enemy - the automobile. ~~3~~

the Alaska section of the Alaskan
whenever he sees one on ~~the northern~~ highway - wham!

Time and again, that buffalo has charged automobiles - reducing them to wreckage. His latest victory - over an Alaskan police car. Which was rolling along- when Old Joe came lumbering to the attack. Occupants of the car leaped to safety - as the buffalo butted that automobile right off the road and into a ditch.

So, Henry, Old Joe - still the undefeated champion of Alaskan highways.