

Substitute CHURCHILL

In the London House of Commons tonight, Winston Churchill won his biggest victory since the Conservative Government assumed power. The huge re-armament program was passed by Parliament, after the Labor Party sustained a defeat on a motion of "no confidence". Churchill won out by three hundred and fourteen to two hundred and ~~xxxix~~ nineteen, a majority of ninety-<sup>five</sup>-~~four~~. Which <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ all the more galling to the Labor Party leaders, as <sup>it represented a</sup> ~~the representatives~~ split in their own ranks. Left Wing Laborite Aneurin Bevan wanted a still stronger resolution of censure against Churchill. He lead a bolt - in which more than sixty Laborite MPs <sup>abstained</sup> ~~sustained~~ from voting. Which could only chagrin former Prime Minister Clement Atlee and his fellow leaders of the Labor Party.

In the debate that preceded the vote, Churchill stated that British rearmament was lagging - because American aid was inadequate. ~~In the House of Commons,~~

He declared that Britain is not getting enough military assistance from the United States - so the full program over there will require four years. Instead of three - as had been planned.

All this, in a Churchill address, giving a relatively optimistic opinion about the world crisis. He does not believe that war is imminent, or inevitable. Largely because of what Churchill called "the rapidly growing and already overwhelming power of the United States in atomic weapons." This, he believed, would deter aggression by the Reds. So the West has more hope of warding off the catastrophe which threatens what Churchill today called - "our struggling, ill-informed, bewildered, and almost helpless human race."

## PRINCE

In Britain, action is requested rather early in the case of little Prince Charles. Today, the municipal officials of Caernarvon in Wales, addressed a petition to the new Queen. They want her to name her three year old son - Prince of Wales.

Which, of course, would be in accordance with British tradition, ever since the Middle Ages - when the heir to the crown was made Prince of Wales, as a way to please the turbulent, warlike Welsh. However, the age of three is a bit young for the official investiture. The last Prince of Wales, who made romantic history as King Edward the Eighth and the Duke of Windsor, was not granted the title until he was sixteen.

However, the Welsh want a Prince of Wales right away - even if he is only three.



## DIPLOMATIC

In Paris, there's a meeting of American envoys to Communist countries - and, today, Assistant Secretary of State George Perkins, who is attending, spoke of the possibility of recalling American diplomatic missions to the Red satellites. He said the plan is "under consideration," (following decisions made at the Lisbon Conference. At that gathering of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the verdict was to impose on Red representatives in the West the same restrictions imposed on Western diplomats behind the Iron Curtain. Who were virtually isolated, and their movements restricted. So why have American envoys in the satellite states at all?)

The word is, however, that the U.S. diplomats, gathered in Paris, oppose the closing of their missions behind the Iron Curtain. We've already shut down in Red Bulgaria and Albania - and they believe that this has hurt more than it has helped. They say the embassies and legations behind the Iron Curtain are valuable, <sup>at least</sup> as ~~listening posts~~ <sup>in</sup> keeping some sort of communication <sup>with</sup> ~~in~~ the lands of the Reds. And <sup>they</sup> ~~have~~ advised the State Department to that effect.



## ACHESON

Secretary of State Acheson confirms the report that, in the clearing of Diplomat Edmund Clubb, he overruled his own Loyalty and Security Board. But this, he says, was entirely according to regulations.

The Board found there was no reason to question Clubb's loyalty, but decided - that he was not a good security risk/ Whereupon the diplomat made an appeal to Secretary Acheson - and the verdict on "security" was reversed.

Acheson stated today that he was taking full responsibility, but that the actual procedure was as follows:- He referred the Clubb appeal to what he calls - "one of our most experienced and trusted Foreign Service officers." Who reviewed the case and found that, as for security, Clubb was okay.

The Secretary denies the charge made by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin that Clubb had been cleared so that he could retire with a regular pension. Acheson says there was no connection between the security verdict and the retirement of the diplomat.

## KOREA

A new question came up in the Korea truce talks today - when U.N. representatives asked about ~~one-hundred-and-~~seventy-four prisoners-of-war, not named on the Red lists. Most of them are Americans, and there's information about them. Some have sent letters to families. Others have been named in Red propaganda. All placing them in Communist/prison camps - but their names are not on the list. Our truce team wants to know - why?

The discussion of the subject was relatively peaceful - the Communists intimating that they might furnish the information in what they call "due time." But they countered with a demand for more information ~~about~~ about Red prisoners-of-war held by the Allies.

In the war - another victory in the air for the American Sabrejets. Five Migs shot down today. Another - probably destroyed. This occurred in a thirty minute battle in the sky near the Yalu River. Our planes - outnumbered, as

usual. The weather was good - and American air power slashed at the supply routes of the Reds with every weapon the planes are using over there.



## POLITICS

Senator Taft makes a protest - based on the alphabet.

In the New Hampshire presidential primary, his name is at the bottom of the list. Because - "T for Taft" is way down near the bottom of the alphabet. So who's at the top? That's just a question of the A.B.C's. Not Stassen, for example. Among the candidates entered, the nearest to the beginning of the alphabet is - "E for Eisenhower." So the General has first place.

Taft declares that this arrangement, strictly alphatbetical, is unfair, giving an undue advantage to General Ike, at the top. He says the names of the candidates should have been rotated. That is, <sup>the ballots</sup> ~~that~~ should have been divided, some with one candidate at the top, some with another. Which would have put Taft at the top in equal proportion. The Senator says he's not asking for the ballots to be changed, since they have already been printed. He's merely protesting, to go on record.

All this, as New Hampshire buzzes with political activity. Eisenhower supporters are making a house-to-house

campaign, ~~circumstances~~ - and Taft is going into the state on a  
stumping tour. Everything pointing toward next Tuesday,  
Primary Day.

Extra

At Albany, Governor Dewey <sup>plans to put</sup> ~~the Long Island~~ the Long Island Railroad back into private enterprise. In a special message to the Legislature, he <sup>recommends a program</sup> ~~recommends a program~~ that would permit private capital to buy the property.

The Long Island has been under state authority ever since the disastrous wreck on Thanksgiving Eve, Nineteen Fifty. Various improvements have been made, and now Governor Dewey thinks the time has come for the railroad to be returned to private ownership - but not the previous owners, the Pennsylvania Railroad. Under the Dewey plan, there would be a reorganization, the state granting "tax benefits" to encourage private investors to take over.



## ITALY

At the town of Como, on the banks of the romantic lake of that same name, a trial is being held -and the story has everything the Italian Renaissance could have provided. A beautiful countess and a modern Casanova - and I would suggest it as a plot for an Italian opera of love, irony, and death.

The scene, a gala party in a mansion on Lake Como last autumn - ~~an aristocratic~~ <sup>a fashionable</sup> ball, attended by the aristocracy in all its brilliance. One - a Countess Pia (Pee-ah) Bellantani. Another, Carlo Sacchi (Sah-kee). There was dancing and mirth, but the shadow of mocking fatality lurked in the measures of the music, the laughter of the merrymakers. Before the night was over, the Countess Bellantani shot and killed Carlo Sacchi.

Today in court, an official of the police testified that, later on, the Countess explained: "I killed him because I was exasperated by his conduct." Which sounds like an Italian under-statement - worthy of the British. Exasperated? Well, there really isn't any word to express it.

Further evidence, <sup>today, was</sup> a statement to the court by the

Countess herself, a written deposition that states: "One day, Sacchi sent to me and to five other women, a circular letter to break off relations, which he had maintained with all of us." He said," the Countess goes on, "that he had sent the letter because he wanted to patch up relations with his estranged wife." A ~~xxx~~ circular letter to six women - Casanova himself could not have done anything more ironic. Breaking off with all six with the same words - sending them carbon copies!

Then ~~Sacchi~~ the gala dance, ~~Countess~~ the Countess there, the modern Casanova there. Also - the other ladies who received the circular letters. You can imagine the exchange of glances, and strange situation.

Testimony was given today, by one of the women who had arranged the party - a friend of Sacchi's who knew about his multiple romances. To the court she stated: "I had one dance with Sacchi early in the evening. He told me, 'About two o'clock I will be dead. One of the women here will kill me.'" He was wrong - it happened before two o'clock - the tragedy of the circular letters. Surely ~~that is~~ a plot for an <sup>other</sup> Italian opera.

## **CHARLIE MURPHY**

Today at a New York airport - Hebrew was spoken with an Irish brogue. At least, so says New York Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Murphy - who spoke it. Justice Murphy, an old friend of this program, and one of the most popular men in public affairs in New York, might be suspected of a few words in Gaelic or a prayer or two in Latin, but, as for Hebrew - you'd think that would be Greek to him.

This philological confusion comes about, because His Honor, Justice Murphy, as a member of a delegation to greet His Honor Shlomo Shragai, Mayor of the Holy City - on a visit to America, that is, Mayor of that part of Jerusalem outside the jurisdiction of The King of Hashemite Jordan who still rules over the old walled city.

Shades of David and Solomon, not forgetting the present reality of the state of Israel. So it was quite appropriate to address the Chief Magistrate of Israeli Jerusalem in that ancient tongue of patriarchs and prophets.



So Justice Murphy hurriedly went to a coach to teach him to say in Hebrew: "The people of New York welcome Your Honor with greetings of peace." "Tobashvay New York rabatti m'kadmin paneckah b'shalom." That not only with an Irish brogue, but a Brooklyn accent on top of it! What did the Jerusalem Mayor reply? - - He said in English, "I beg your pardon, what language are you speaking?"

## AUTOMOBILE

At Golconda, Illinois, there's a new automobile, a blue Dodge sedan with no mileage on it. But it's a sorry sight all marked up with the bottom of the Ohio River. The brand new car is the first of one hundred and fifty to be salvaged - autos that sank in the river in December. A big barge, loaded with automotive cargo, straight from the factory, was caught in a violent storm, and foundered - the one hundred and fifty automobiles winding up at the bottom of the Ohio.

They're now being salvaged, and the news describes the condition of the first brought up. The top, caved in, and all the windows broken. But that was a small part of it. The blue sedan was filled, almost to the level of the windows, with silt from the river-bottom, the mud of the Ohio just poured in making it a sad specimen of a brand new automobile.

The other cars are expected to be in much the same shape - and will be auctioned off to junk dealers.