

KING L.T.-P+G Mon. Sept. 24 - '51.

From Buckingham Palace tonight came the fourth bulletin, on the condition of George the Sixth. Signed by the King's doctors, it states: "The King has gained strength during the day."

Earlier, the five attending doctors reported that the British Monarch's condition "continues to be as satisfactory as can be expected." However, we hear that it's still uncertain - and will be for some days.

( Tonight King George is described as in a "semi-comatose state" under the influence of drugs administered to ease the great ~~at~~ pain following the chest operation. )

The King was permitted his first two callers today - Queen Elizabeth and later his mother, Queen Mary. Both were allowed only a moment.

There is still much speculation about the

exact nature of the King's ailment. So far all announcements have been in vague terms; ~~and~~ the King's own doctors ~~have~~ <sup>24</sup>remained<sup>24</sup> completely silent. However, expert medical authorities said that operations for lung removal are most frequently performed for "malignant or non-malignant tumors". Which in the ~~vast majority of~~ <sup>most</sup> cases means - cancer. This was hinted at in a London newspaper this evening; the Evening News stating that doctors must watch against the "spread of disease to remaining tissue". The paper states that "the spread might show itself in a few days or the infection might be dormant for several ~~xxx~~ months."

At best it seems that the King now must face life as a semi-invalid. In London it is believed ~~xxxxx~~ ~~xxxxx~~ certain that a council of state will soon be appointed to carry out the Monarch's official duties. This would be headed by Princess Elizabeth, and ~~would~~ comprise Queen Elizabeth, Princess Margaret, and King George's brother and sister, the Duke of

Gloucester and the Princess Royal.

Meanwhile, Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh are still hoping to fly to Canada and the United States next month. Word is that no final decision will be made until the King is ~~known~~ known to be out of danger.

## WINDSOR

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The British people are deeply affected by the King's illness. There's nation-wide anxiety and worried concern. Which was illustrated by a moody scene in London today.

At Victoria Station, barriers were up -- to keep back the crowds. A heavy police guard was on hand -- to restrain the multitude. But there were no crowds - there was ~~xx~~ no multitude. Victoria Station was almost deserted, ~~xx~~ as the police escorted a lone, single figure - the Duke of Windsor.

All very different from previous ~~ix~~ visits of his. During the years that followed the abdication of Edward the Eighth, the ex-king had never lost a sentimental appeal to a large section of the British public. He came to London from time to time, and on each occasion there were throngs at the railway station to greet him. People who did not forget the Monarch who gave up the world's ~~gx~~ greatest crown for "the woman I love". These, especially, were faithful old ladies whose memories went back to the romantic



Prince of Wales a quarter of a century ago.

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So persistent was his popularity that he ~~had~~ had a private agreement with the royal family - not to make public appearances which might attract homage due to the throne alone. But today not even the faithful old ladies were at the railroad station - only the irony of the barriers and the police, holding back <sup>--</sup> nobody.

All of which was a moody illustration of the public affection and esteem for George Sixth. He never had the dash or the charm of his brother. - ~~He~~ was the prosy, ~~staid~~ steady sort. But those qualities, less glittering, can win out. - So, today, the former Edward the Eighth was forgotten -- at least at Victoria Station.

The Duke of Windsor is in London to help in the publication of his memoirs "A King's Story" -- which will be published in Britain on Thursday, after its appearance in the United States. <sup>So</sup> He's just an author <sup>over there to</sup> ~~who will~~ attend a party for booksellers and a meeting of a booksellers association.

NEW LEAD TRUCE

Late word from Tokyo, General Ridgway's headquarters has just rejected the contents of a new note received from the Communists. In their message the Red Generals had proposed that full dress peace talks be resumed at ten A.M. on Tuesday, in ~~Kef~~ Korea. That was a couple of hours ago, by our time. However, ( the Allied liaison team has left for Kaesong by helicopter with instructions to "tell the Communists they must agree to a new site for any future truce talks.") Just what will happen now is not clear, for the Red note emphasized that the Communist liaison team was only empowered to set a time and date for truce talks at Kaesong -- not to discuss the "new meeting place" required by the U N command.

~~Pick up earlier story "In Tokyo today"~~

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~~site for any future truce talks."~~

( In Tokyo today U N headquarters explained why Kaesong is considered unsuitable. It was put this way: "It is plain that partisan groups, responsible to neither command, are active in that area." ) The announcement adds that "the Communist commander have alleged violations in that neutral zone to a total of around two hundred. So, Kaesong obviously is "unsuitable to a conference site" says Tokyo.

Where do the allies suggest? They don't. They are leaving that up to the Reds. Which sounds like a smart idea.

Off the East Coast of Korea today, the sixteen inch guns of the Battleship New Jersey opened up in support of the "Battle for the Hills". Following the bombardment, U N infantrymen drove forward against enemy positions, but there's no word of the outcome. The only report comes from air observers who claim that "one hill had at least three feet less real estate on ~~ix~~ its top", when the Naval bombardment was over.

On the East Central front, north of Yanggu, there has been more savage fighting around a place called "heartbreak hill". Early this morning, after a thirteen day fight, American troops fought their way to the crest for the first time -- with hand grenades and bayonets.

At Eighth Army headquarters, a spokesman announced today that Communist losses during the last five weeks number some fifty-eight thousand.



A story from Hankow, on the Yangtze, by way of Hongkong. There the Reds have launched a drive to collect funds for the so-called "volunteers" in Korea. With the funds not coming in fast enough. It seems that the ancient custom of "squeeze" has not been eliminated by the Communists, and that the fund collectors are pocketing most of it. So, the local party headquarters has issued a stern warning.

The story tells of one Red collector using his cumshaw for buying a radio, and another to set himself up in business. Maybe smuggling, which is real big business in China.

## IRAN

In Teheran, Vice-Premier Hussein Fatemi announced tonight that Iran will make no further advances to Britain for settlement of the bitter oil dispute. "Iran" said Fatemi, "has decided to end the present ambiguous situation."

Earlier today, (Premier Mossadegh's government announced that all British technicians at the Abadan oil refinery must sign contracts with the national Iranian oil company during the next ten days or ~~face~~ face expulsion.)

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There will be plenty of backing for a revision of the Italian peace treaty. That's the conclusion to be drawn from today's Washington appearance by Italian Premier De Gasperi.

( Nobody could have <sup>received</sup> ~~got~~ a more cordial reception. At the Station, the Premier from Rome was welcomed by President and Mrs. Truman, daughter Margaret, seven Cabinet officers and a hundred top diplomatic officials.

Then he went to Capitol Hill, where he addressed <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ joint session of Congress. De Gasperi is here to procure treaty revision,) and he set forth his position in clear, fluent English.

There were bursts of applause from the assembled Senators and Congressmen - and when he was through, the Premier was given a standing ~~ovation~~ ovation, Senators and Congressmen <sup>coming</sup> ~~stepped~~ forward to shake his hand. Later came a series of Congressional statements -- in favor of a revision of the Italian peace treaty.

## WALLACE

New York Senator Lehman did a long lot of reading today - reciting to the Senate a series of articles by newspaper Columnist Joseph Alsop. These set forth a charge against the Senate internal Security Committee, headed by McCarran of Nevada. Alsop declared that the McCarran Committee tried to show that former Vice President Henry Wallace, during a wartime trip to China had a Communist adviser John Carter Vincent. Alsop said the committee "led" ~~xxxxxx~~ former Communist Louis Budenz to identify the diplomat as a Red -- after Budenz, previously had not been so sure about it.

Meanwhile, Henry Wallace himself enters the controversy -- with the publication of a report he made on his wartime trip to China. That was long kept a secret; but, now Wallace writes to President Truman, citing his report -- and the whole thing is made public.

The text of the report, as printed today,



criticizes the Chiang Kai Shek regime in ~~scathing~~  
scathing terms. But it shows little sign of Red  
sympathy.

## CONVICTS

A big manhunt is on tonight in the foothills of the Blue Ridge <sup>Mts. - in</sup> western Georgia. Farmers far and wide have been warned to be on the ~~xxxx~~ alert for six convicts, who escaped today. Two ~~xx~~ of them will be easy to identify, Roy and Joseph Mauldin - called the tatooed brothers.

They are notorious robbers and escapers. Roy Mauldin is decorated in fancy style - sentimental. On the fingers of one hand he has the words "True love" tatooed. Similar decorations on - arms and shoulders. This is his sixth prison escape. Joseph Mauldin is tatooed just as elaborately - and is a seven-time/escaper. It was a blood and thunder affair today - at the Georgia prison quarry. Convicts at work in an excavation, dug in the side of a hill. All around the ram - guards with shotguns. At the gate--guard and shot gun. A county-road-truck was picking up a load of rock. That gave the six desperadoes their chance - and a desperate chance it was.

Suddenly, they leaped aboard the truck, knocked the driver off - and started on a wild ride. Guards on the rim of the quarry opened fire, a thundering fuselade of shotgun blasts. But the truck went on - to the gate. There, a guard let loose with a shotgun at close range. One of the escapers was wounded - which was indicated by signs later. But the truck went on through. Further on, it was abandoned by the fugitives. <sup>And</sup> Bloodstains were found in the truck.

At last reports, the ~~next~~ convicts were making their way at the foot of the Blue Ridge. <sup>have been</sup> Farmers warned to be on the alert for suspicious characters - especially for the tattooed brothers. One - with "true love" written on his fingers.

AUSTRIA

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Here's a dispatch from Vienna that sounds as if the war might be on. It begins: "A night-long Soviet-artillery-and tank-barrage levelled an Austrian village twenty-five miles east of Vienna." So Says the dispatch. But this turns out to have happened in the course of Soviet military maneuvers.

The village of Breitenbrunn was blasted into rubbish, the panic stricken people forced to take refuge in their cellars to escape the deluge of shellfire. At first the Soviet command insisted that the bombardment was the doing of anti-Communist "partisans". But later it was admitted that the cannon-fire was from Soviet troops. "Recruits", according to the Russian version -- green-horns blasting away haphazardly, during maneuvers.

And now - Nelson?