

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Winston Churchill, eighty-three years old, has pneumonia and pleurisy. So stated in a medical bulletin issued at his vacation home on the French Riviera.

Earlier, today, the word was that the great British statesman was ill. The character of his ailment - kept secret for hours. His physicians explaining - they wanted all members of his family to be informed first. Lady Churchill and daughter Sarah are with Sir Winston on the Riviera. Two other daughters and his son, Randolph - had to be informed.

Churchill's long-time physician, Lord Moran, flew to the Riviera, where, today, diagnosed it as pneumonia at the base of a lung. That - and pleurisy.

"Is Sir Winston on the danger list?" asked a Newsman.

"I could not answer that," replied the physician,

and then he added, "but it doesn't mean yes." He went on to say that "Sir Winston is in good spirits; passed the day reading papers, talking to his family and dealing with correspondence."

Friends of Churchill point out that he has recovered from other serious illnesses. Having suffered a stroke in Nineteen Fifty Three, when he was nearly eighty. They staying on as Prime Minister - until Nineteen Fifty-Five.

BRITAIN

British Prime Minister MacMillan ~~is~~ stated in the House of Commons, today, that he "wants" a summit conference, a top-level meeting of the heads of state. "But," he added, "I do want it to be a success." He said - a big-time parley that failed would leave a worse international situation than ever.

Hence he repeated the western contention - that there must be adequate preparation for a summit conference. Either - by a meeting of the foreign ministers, or through regular diplomatic channels. To form an agenda - investigating points of on which the heads of state might possibly agree.

The Prime Minister made these statements - as a debate on foreign affairs began in Parliament, today.

FOREIGN AID

President Eisenhower asks - nearly ^{four}~~three~~ billion dollars for foreign aid. The figure - sent along to Congress in a special message. More than half of the huge sum - taking the form of military assistance for the free countries. The rest - economic.

President Eisenhower tells Congress - that the money for foreign aid must be put up - or this country will be left isolated. Virtually alone - in a world of Communism.

In Congress, the leaders of both parties endorse the figure, but admit - there's more congressional opposition than ever to putting up so much money for foreign aid.

MOSCOW

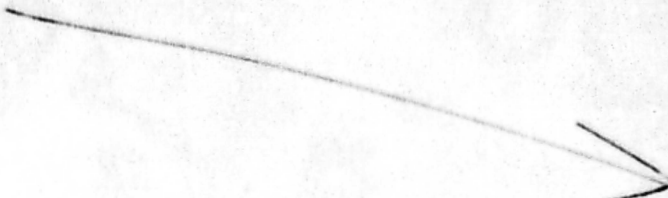
Moscow today backed up Red Poland - in the plan to set up a zone without nuclear weapons in ~~the~~ Central Europe. With a ban - on missiles and atomic armament. The Soviets announcing - that they ~~will~~ will withdraw their ultra-modern weapons from Poland and East Germany, if the West accepts the scheme. Moscow - taking action to keep the Polish plan in the forefront of the news.

KOREA WITHDRAWAL

The Chinese Reds challenge the United States - to watch a withdrawal of troops from Korea. The government of Mao Tse-Tung - to take Chinese forces out of Communist North Korea. The Reds - now calling on the United States to do likewise.

Of course, the Chinese Communists are on the border of Korea - while we would have to take our soldiers overseas. Which would make it ^{an} ~~an~~ unequal deal.

In any case, the G I's are ^{there} in free Korea - at the request of the United Nations. So the government in Washington will probably consult with the U N - before making any reply to Red China.



ADD KOREA - WITHDRAWAL

A later dispatch from Washington tells us - the State Department will not consider any withdrawal of American forces from South Korea. A spokesman pointing out - that the next move of the Reds should be to make an agreement for free elections, which would unify all Korea.

KOREA PLANE

The U N command in Korea, today, issued a denunciation of the refusal of the North Korean Communists - to return an airliner. Which was hi-jacked - and forced ~~it~~ to land at a Red airport. American Major General Kyster Declaring - that thirty-four passengers ~~in~~ were being held as hostages. General Kyster - Chief negotiator for the U N - demanding that the plane be handed back.

The North Korean contention is that the incident is not a proper subject - for the military armistice commission. But - should be settled by negotiations with the South Korean government. ~~As~~ Free Korea, however, does not recognize the Red regime in the North - and won't negotiate with it.

TUNISIA

France plans - a neutral zone all along the Algerian Tunisian frontier. A strip of "no man's land." The purpose - to prevent new border incidents. Sealing off - the entire length to keep rebel bands from crossing into Algeria.

The plan was announced in Paris ~~xxx~~ yesterday at a meeting of Premier Gaillard's cabinet. With a statement - that all inhabitants would be evacuated from the buffer zone. And a continuous mine field - laid along the strip of "no man's land."

At the same time the French announce - they will not, under any circumstances, abandon their naval ~~xxx~~ base at Bizerte, on the coast of Tunisia. The Tunisian government demands an evacuation - but the French have said no.

SUDAN

Another new argument - in the troubled field of international relations. Between Egypt and Sudan - this time. The Sudanese ^{now} charge that Egypt is massing ~~an~~ troops in two areas along the Egypt-Sudan border. Areas in dispute; both countries claiming them. — including Wadi Halfa and the 2nd cataract of the Nile.

Today the government at Khartoum stated - that Sudanese troops have moved into position to check possible Egyptian aggression.

CRASH

Over in Italy, they've discovered the wreck - of the U S Air Force transport plane. ^Missing, with sixteen aboard - since last Saturday.

The C-Forty-Seven had left Naples, on its way to Athens - and there was a four-day search through the mountains of southern Italy. But, ~~in~~ the plane had crashed - just outside Naples. The wreckage - found lying on the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius.

That most famous of all volcanos - easily visible from Naples. But ~~in~~ low-hanging clouds and a heavy fog hid the wreck until today. No sign of life reported at the scene - on the slopes of Vesuvius, which has so long a history of disaster.

SHIPWRECK

On the stormy sea off Norfolk, Virginia, a ship sank today. The Italian ore vessel, Bonitas - going to the bottom a few hours after the tragedy to its crew.

The tragedy - all the bitterer because of prompt rescue operations. The vessel - springing a leak in a wintry tempest. The crew - taking to a life boat. A U.S. Coast Guard plane - flying over and circling the stricken ship. The American liner President Adams - hurrying to the scene and arriving in plenty of time. The life boat - pulling to the side of the liner. When a huge wave overturned it - throwing the occupants into the icy water, where they were swept away. Twenty-seven missing - all, apparently, lost. Three rescued - in a dangerous lifesaving operation.

ANTARCTIC

Today's report from the British Antarctic expedition - the same as ever. More trouble - reported by Dr. Vivian Fuchs. As the party - toiled its way toward Scott Base, on the Antarctic shore. More than four hundred miles - to go.

The trouble this time - the weather. Heavy fog - with visibility hardly more than zero. The drivers of the snow tractors - unable to see well enough to find their way.

But they were able to creep along - thanks to Sir Edmund Hillary, the conqueror of Mt. Everest, blazing a ~~his~~ trail - in an Antarctic way. Hillary and several others - on skis, going out ahead - and planting flags every hundred yards ~~sing~~ along the trail.

Mighty slow going for the Antarctic ~~expedition~~ - but they've got to reach the coast ~~has~~ before the Antarctic winter closes down.

INVESTIGATION TELEVISION

The congressional investigation into the Miami television affair - takes a new turn. With a disclosure - that one of the applicants for the T V channel tried to gain the help of Vice President Nixon. Colonel Frank Katzentine - whose application was unsuccessful.

Previously, we heard the charge, ~~and~~ made by Katzentine that National Airlines had been awarded the channel - with the aid of political influence. Mrs. Eisenhower's brother in law Colonel George Gordon Moore- mentioned.

So today, the sub-committee produced a letter from Katzentine's files. Indicating - that he tried to get the ~~help~~ help of the Vice President. No indication - of whether or not the appeal ever came to Nixon's attention.

All of which paints a picture of ~~quite~~ a battle for the Miami television station. Subcommittee Chairman Oren Harris declaring: "They were bringing all kinds of pressure or influence, from any source."

CIGARETTES

Congressional investigations accuse the cigarette manufacturers - of fooling the public with filter-tip cigarettes. Deceiving people - with misleading advertising.

Last summer a sub-committee ordered an investigation of the filter-tip business. The report - made public today.

Stating - that filters have no health value,
Although - advertisements 'imply' that they do. People paying an extra price for ~~an~~ no purpose.

The sub-committee declares that the federal trade commission has been remiss in failure to take action against the misleading advertising. And calls - for an immediate crack-down by that agency.

GRACIE ALLEN

The most delightful of all ~~the~~ dumb dames - is retiring, Gracie Allen. The entertainment ~~team~~ team of Burns and Allen - breaking up. So you'll not see the bewildered housewife any more -- getting all confused, making her absurd remarks.

Today, Gracie Allen said: "I've wanted to retire for a long time. After all, I made my first stage appearance at the age of four."

Born in Nineteen Four, Gracie was the daughter of a song-and-dance man, and went on the stage as soon as she was able to walk. In time joining three older sisters in a vaudeville team. Then - in vaudeville partnership with Comedian George Burns. Whom - she married, thirty two years ago.

Her husband says - she deserves a rest, after all those years on the stage. The comedy housewife to retire and be - a ~~more~~ sensible housewife. Which, actually Gracie

Allen is - in real life.

In her own kitchen, she never says anything like,
"Oh, yes, I know the United States has a good Constitution,
and so have I."

WEATHER GENERAL

Today, ^{in the East,} for the first time in ~~13~~ thirteen days, the

temperature failed ~~to~~ to dip down below zero in many parts — ^{also}
of the middle west, ~~and the east.~~ The cold ~~is~~ wave - slowly
on its way out. A slight warm-up to be followed by a further
moderation of the temperature. But - gradually.

All of which - still leaves great areas under deep
snow. Transportation tied up - highways blocked.

WEATHER CALIFORNIA

Southern California - swept by a violent rainstorm

As much as eight inches - falling in the mountains. The
environs of Los Angeles - flooded.

The rain - blown by a violent gale. Knocking down
trees - and power lines.

Well, Don, as everybody knows the East - and
South too - have been having a deluge of snow. Now
Southern California, where the deluge is not frozen.
Just deluge.

WEATHER RIVER

The ~~present~~ cold wave is making trouble - along the Mississippi River. Above Cairo, Illinois - a frozen jam extending north for twenty-seven miles. The river ice - building up at the rate of four miles a day. River traffic in that area - frozen in.

If the ice jam above Cairo continues to grow, the pressure of water - might push the enormous mass downstream. Or, maybe not. In which case the water backed up behind the dam of ice - might cause ^{a whole series} ~~an epidemic~~ of inundations.