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London officially denies a report that Prime Minister Churchill is completely paralyzed. The story was printed on the front page of a French newspaper today.

"According to information from official sources", said the Parisian paper "Winston Churchill is now ~~now~~ completely paralyzed. He has kept all his intellectual lucidity, but can no longer move around."

This account concluded by saying that the news of Churchill's condition had been sent by the French ambassador at London. And announced by Foreign Minister Bidault - to the French cabinet today.

In London an official spokesman reports, "absolutely untrue." He said that, tonight, Churchill was walking around in his country house writing and telephoning.

acting Prime Minister, R. A. Butler. He denied there was any such implication and added angrily: "In a personal matter of this kind, the feelings of those concerned should be respected by everybody and the present deplorable ~~and~~ speculation and gossip brought to an end."

Nevertheless, ~~in~~ today's announcement in Parliament stated ^{new} gossip - that the change in the regency law will be followed by the marriage of the Princess and the Captain. ^{all of which} ~~this~~ is promptly denied by a spokesman at Buckingham Palace.

PRINCESS

Today's headline about Princess Margaret stems from proceedings in the House of Commons. The regency law will be changed. The statute ^{at} pertaining to the "state of affairs;" if the throne ~~xxx~~ should become vacant before Prince Charles becomes of age, eighteen. ^{Then a} A regency would be appointed and, under law, the regent would be Princess Margaret. That now will be altered. The new prospective regent is not named. But the word ~~has been~~ ^{is it will be the} Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen's husband.

This announcement in the House of Commons immediately brought up the question of Princess Margaret's alleged romance. The fact that she would be the regent, if one were needed, was a big reason why she would not be permitted to marry the divorced Captain Peter Townsend. So, with a change of the regency law, the match would be more likely.

The question of the romance was brought up by a labor member, and was answered reluctantly by

LONDON

Today in London, Elizabeth the Second revived the days of Elizabeth the First -- in a stately pageant, typical of centuries long past. A river pageant headed by spectacular barges of state, and including -- two hundred craft of all sorts and sizes, down to motorboats and launches.

It certainly was typical of the days when "Good Queen Bess" reigned in England. Then -- London's great avenue for travel was the River Thames. City streets and country roads -- not so good. So the old histories tell constantly -- of the royal barge proceeding along the Thames. Elizabeth the First and her court -- moving to or from London -- by water.

Today, the present Elizabeth stood on a festival pier and reviewed the procession. The royal barge came first, with medieval trumpets blaring a fanfare. Then the barge of the Lord Mayor, Sir Rupert de la Bere, who wore his official robes of black and gold. Then Aldermen, Councilmen, Sheriffs in costumes of days gone by.

There was only one trouble -- the London rain.

The river pageant was drenched. But that didn't keep London from celebrating -- the last formal event of the Queen's Coronation.

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KOREA-TRUCE

Secretary of State Dulles declares that Syngman Rhee promised, in ~~his~~ writing, to honor a truce. The Secretary discloses that the pledge was made in a statement to President Eisenhower - written by Syngman Rhee personally. He promised that, in the words of Secretary Dulles - "he ~~was~~ would not obstruct in any manner the implementation of the armistice terms."

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The Secretary of State says he is "confident" that Syngman Rhee will honor his word, and do nothing to blow up the truce ~~agx~~ arrangements - which seem about to be signed. President Eisenhower expresses his confidence that the armistice will go through - in spite of new South Korean talk of defiance.

At Seoul, Syngman Rhee, today, denied that he had agreed to abide by a truce for an indefinite period. He says his promise was limited to six months. After which time he would be free to follow what he called "our own course of action."

Nevertheless, the armistice arrangements go on. General Mark Clark stating today that he hopes to sign within a week.

FOREIGN AID

The House of Representatives, tonight, passed its bill for foreign aid - a reduced figure. Total - four and a half billions. ^a ~~One~~ billion ~~and~~ one hundred [^] million slashed from the figure presented by the White House. President Eisenhower made an eleventh hour statement - that the cut was too great for national security. The congressmen ignored that, and passed the reduced figure. ~~So~~ now the measure goes to the Senate.

President Eisenhower rejects the Soviet protest -- against the shipment of American food intended for the East Germans. In Berlin, Russian officials handed in a sharp note, saying -- that, in offering fifteen million dollars worth of supplies, President Eisenhower was merely trying to stir up trouble in the Soviet Zone. Recruiting "Fascist agents", says the Communist complaint.

At his news conference today, the President replied -- the United States will continue the humanitarian shipments to feed the hungry. The food will be available for distribution by the government of West Germany. The East Germans invited -- to come and get it.

Meanwhile, the Senate Agriculture Committee voted a bill authorizing the President to ship up to one hundred million dollars worth of surplus United States food -- as emergency relief to help friendly people.

FOLLOW FOOD - GERMANY

In East Germany, the Secret Police is being augmented -- as reports tell of more strikes and hunger demonstrations. New forces of police -- recruited for a campaign of mass arrests and suppression.

STEVENSON

President Eisenhower's cool reaction to proposals for a top level meeting with Soviet leadership was endorsed in Paris, today, by Adlai Stevenson -- his defeated rival in the election last year. Stevenson told newsmen that he's as doubtful as President Eisenhower is -- about an immediate Big Four Conference. But, he thought, the way should be kept open for such a meeting at some future time.

He said his tour around the world convinced him that the Moscow "peace offensive" had the same purpose as the old-time tough policy pursued by Stalin. Same aim -- but pursued in a different way.

To illustrate, Adlai Stevenson, recalled an old fable -- how the wind and the sun argued about the best way to take the coat off a man. The wind tried to blow the coat off, but the man only wrapped it around himself tighter. Then the sun started shining on the man -- who promptly took off his coat.

"Malenkov," said Adlai Stevenson, "will attempt to do with sunshine what Stalin tried to do with wind."

MOSCOY

Here's a late dispatch from Moscow. Soviet
Russia rejects the western power invitation to a
conference on Germany, and Austria. So stated by
the newspaper **Pravda** tonight -- morning in Moscow.
Pravda does not turn down all idea of a four power
conference -- in general. But only the invitation
to discuss the unification of Germany with free
elections.

DROUGHT

Farmers and ranchers in the southwest won't have to take a "pauper's oath". They have been ~~angrily~~ complaining because federal officials have been requiring them to swear that they really need the money - before granting loans, provided for drought relief. The farmers and ranchers complain angrily that it amounts to a "pauper's oath". Governor Allen Shivers of Texas backed their ~~pr~~ protest with a telegram to President Eisenhower yesterday. So now a ruling comes out of Washington - that they won't have to take any oath of any kind, in getting government loans.

BISHOP

The Committee on Unamerican Activities, today, cleared Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of all suspicion that he might be a Communist or a sympathizer with Communism. The Committee vote was unanimous. But the members were divided on the question of -- whether or not Bishop Oxnam may have aided Communist front organizations. Perhaps, unwittingly.

~~In his testimony before the Committee yesterday, Bishop Oxnam conceded that he had joined groups which, later on, were branded as Red. But he didn't know of their Communist affiliations at the time. Also, that other Communist front organizations used his name without his permission.~~

Today, Democratic Congressman Clyde Doyle of California argued that the Committee had produced what he called "not one scintilla of evidence that Oxnam was ever, willingly or knowingly, a member of a Communist front." ~~Republican Committee members, on the other hand, do not join in this guarantee. They say -- they're withholding judgement.~~

The Committee is divided, ~~alike~~, on the subject of going further into an inquiry of Communism among Clergymen. In yesterday's testimony, two churchmen were named -- accused of being members of the Red Party. One a Methodist Minister, Jack Richard McMichael, said to be now a pastor of a parish in the West. And -- Professor Harry F. Ward, former Professor at the Union Theological Seminary in New York. ~~Both of these churchmen were officials of the Methodist Federation of Social Service, of which Bishop Cramer was Vice President.~~

Today, Congressman Walter of Pennsylvania demanded that the two churchmen be called to answer the charge -- naming them as Communists.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

There was a ceremony of mass baptism today - when four-thousand-six-hundred^{and} forty persons were converted to the sect of Jehovah's Witnesses. Which came as a climax of a hugh rally of Jehovah's witnesses in New York. The ceremony was held at a Manhattan swimming pool. The converts, clad in bathing suits, were baptised - by total emersion. An enormous crowd was in attendance - one hundred thousand of Jehovah's witnesses.

Hollywood is having an example of the financial difficulties of being rich -- not poor. The croesus of movieland is, as we know, that Prince of Crooners -- Bing Crosby. But Bing is so hard up for cash -- he has got to sell his racing stable. Which is only a beginner -- in the business of raising some money.

It's the same old story - taxes. In this case, inheritance tax. Bing's wife, Dixie, died last fall and, under California property law, half of the Crosby possessions were hers. She left it all to Bing and the four boys, and the inheritance tax comes to -- nearly a million.

The sale of the racing stable begins tomorrow -- sixty-five thoroughbreds. Stocks and bonds have to go. Also the Holmby Hills Mansion in West Los Angeles -- offered for three hundred thousand dollars. Likewise -- the Crosby Estate at Pebble Beach, south of San Francisco.

But Bing won't sell his Nevada ranch, ^{near Elko.} ~~the road~~

Bing busted? Hardly. But he may have to dispose of some of the cattle on that ranch - to ease the financial straits of the Hollywood croesus.

ANIMALS

At Beverly Shores, Indiana, Mrs. Ruth Billerbeck threatens to fill her front yard with pigs and goats. Beverly Shores is a fashionable resort, and Mrs. Billerbeck's front yard is on the main, swanky thoroughfare. No place -- for a combined pig sty and goat pen.

The trouble arises over ^a horse. Mrs. Billerbeck has an apartment building -- and right next door, is the home of the Chief of Police of Beverly Shores, Melvin Schwab. He's the proud possessor of a five-gaited mare -- kept near the apartment house. Which, says Mrs. Billerbeck, has caused some of her tenants to move out.

"It was bad enough in the cool weather," she complains angrily, "but, my land, in this humidity, that nag smells something awful."

She protested! -- but, it was no go. So Mrs. Billerbeck decided to take strong measures. Strong is the word. She put a Hampshire hog, named "Sweet Pea", in a pen facing the fashionable thoroughfare. "Sweet

Pea' not at all like flowers in a garden. If that isn't enough, she'll add goats and more pigs.

But the Chief of Police remains defiant. He wont move out the horse. Today, he said, "I don't care if she puts elephants in the darn pen."

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The elephant would really fix things up -- at Beverly Shores.