

CHURCHILL RESIGNS LT-Order. Apr 5 - '55. Tuesday.

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*remembered* ~~this~~ was the day that Winston Churchill ~~at last~~ resigned. Surely one of the <sup>important</sup> ~~great~~ moments in ~~modern~~ British history. As Prime Ministers always do, the eighty year old statesman, made it official by going to Buckingham Palace, direct to his Queen.

An audience that lasted nearly an hour. After which direct from Buckingham Palace the following formal announcement was sent throughout The Queen's realm and to all the world. *The announcement* ~~It~~ reads "The Right

Honourable Sir Winston Churchill had an audience with the Queen this evening - and tendered his resignation as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury -- which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to accept."

All according to British tradition.

After which Mr. John Bull, for that is what he is, rode back to Number Ten <sup>amid the cheers</sup> ~~amid the cheers~~ of tens of thousands of Londoners who lined the Mall and Whitehall. Stepping <sup>rather</sup> jauntily from his car - Churchill waved his cigar, and made his familiar V for Victory sign, as the crowd packed in Downing

Street shouted: "Speech, speech!" The old statesman shook his head - and his eyes were wet, as he turned, and slowly climbed the two steps into the official residence of all Britain's Prime Ministers. This time he was there merely to say good-bye to his Cabinet.

From there it was expected that he would go to the House of Commons. But, that he did not do. The word was that he would make a farewell address before the Mother of Parliaments in which he has long been so prominent a figure. But he was afraid his emotions would be too much for him, so did not go.

Ah, but he will be seen there again. Perhaps not often. But he will be there. For Churchill still has his seat, as a representative of Woodford. In fact he is expected to ~~be~~ be active in the next general election - in the race for that seat. Many are asking, will he become a Peer? He of course could have a peerage if he wanted one. But a prominent member of the London parliament told me today that Sir Winston intends to remain a member of the House of

Commons.

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But <sup>A</sup> after tomorrow, he'll be just a  
 back-bencher, with the Party headed by the <sup>new</sup> Prime  
 Minister, his long time colleague, and protege, Anthony  
 Eden.

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and with all

## CHURCHILL=WORDS

As all the world knows, during his long career, Winston Churchill was an example of an historic fact - that words can be weapons. He was a warrior -- dealing blows with a sword of eloquence. The world will long remember how during the black days of the Second World War, Churchill and his rhetoric - were worth an army.

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"I would say to the House, as I have said to those who have joined this government: I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat. You ask, what is our policy? I will say it is to wage war - by sea, land, and air, with all our might and with all

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strength that God can give us; to wage war against a monstrous tyranny never surpassed in the dark lamentable catalogue of human crimes. That is our policy."

*And then,* in the dark days of Dunkirk, when it looked as if Britain would be invaded by the Nazi hordes, Churchill put iron into the national will, - ~~was~~ <sup>did</sup> it was like a trumpet call, ~~and~~ showing the way - to the eventual victory.

~~Churchill~~ *showing way with those immortal words:-*

"We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air.

"We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields. and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills.

"We shall never surrender."

Demosthenes may have summoned Athens - against

Philip of Macedon, Cicero may have ruled the Roman state with his eloquence. But no orator has ever affected the course of history more than Winston Churchill.

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CBS by the way - over many of these stations will have a spectacular report on the Churchill resignation at ten o'clock tonight, Eastern time.

# CHINA

Tonight, the question is being asked: is Chinese Communist Premier Chou En Lai losing out just as Malenkov did, in Russia?

The question arises, following the announcement of a purge of two top Chinese Reds, which is said to be one result of a crisis in agriculture and industry - again similar to what happened in Moscow.

The rumor is that Chou En-Lai is no longer number two man <sup>in Peking.</sup> The Army and the Party, throwing him out. *That's the rumors.*

*If true* Who is the Chinese Khrushchev? The head of the Communist Party, Liu Shao-Chi, so they say.

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## QUEMOY

The tempo of fighting in Formosa Strait - increased today. The Nationalist Air Force, hurling its planes against Communist ships along the coast. One attack struck about sixty miles north of Quemoy, and returning pilots say they damaged two Communist gunboats. A second southwest of Quemoy; two more gunboats damaged.

The Nationalist Defence Ministry also reports that a naval patrol drove off six Communist junks near Nanchi Island - some eighty miles from Matsu.

This increased activity started an invasion scare on Formosa.

One newspaper, reporting that air and naval units have been rushed to the Matsu area to meet an invasion. But Chinese officials in Taipei say the situation is not that serious.

The Nationalists say the Communists on the mainland are ahead of their schedule in construction of airfields. And that, as soon 



as Mai Tse-tung moves enough jet planes ~~into~~ these ~~air~~fields -  
there will be a ~~big aerial~~ battle for control of the air over  
the Formosa Strait.

DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles declared today that we will not fight in the Formosa area - unless the Chinese Reds show that they intend to attack Formosa or the Pescadores. The Secretary refused to tell his news conference whether this country would or would not - defend Quemoy and the Matsus. But he emphasized that we are committed only to the defense of Formosa and the Pescadores - and he added that if those islands were not endangered, ~~are not challenged~~ we would not become involved in the fighting anywhere else.

Secretary Dulles repeated that he wants it ~~perfectly~~ to be perfectly clear - that if war starts in the Formosa area, it will be entirely due to the Chinese Communists.

THOMAS

We will use ground troops to defend Formosa, if necessary. So says the Secretary of the Navy, Secretary Charles Thomas. This in answer to a question by the Senate Military Appropriations Sub-Committee. They were discussing a suggestion to cut the Marine Corps, and the Navy Secretary said there must be no reduction of the "striking power" of the Marines.

9 Then he added that if ground troops are needed to save Formosa, we will use them. Operations there not limited to sea and air.

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CARNEY

Admiral Carney, our Chief of Naval Operations, denies he ever said - the Chinese Communists would probably attack the Matsus around April Fifteenth.

The assertion charged to the Admiral, that caused ~~quite a~~ <sup>all the</sup> furore in Washington. The President saying that officials who talk too much, are not serving world peace. And then Secretary of Defense Wilson tightened <sup>ing up on</sup> ~~up~~ members of the armed forces making public statements.

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## VIET NAM

The three-day truce in South Viet Nam has ended;  
~~The brief respite,~~ collapsing in spite of the efforts by the  
Emperor to keep it in force. ~~Pia-bo~~ Bao Dai cabled from the  
French Riviera, urging both sides to refrain from using force.

But ~~now~~ two of the rebel religious sects announce  
that the truce is over. <sup>that</sup> and the blockade of Saigon <sup>is on</sup> ~~has been~~  
~~renewed~~ <sup>again - shutting off</sup> the sects blocking the highways and the river - on  
which <sup>the</sup> two million inhabitants ~~of the city~~ depend for food,  
~~supplies.~~ The truce did enable the ~~government~~ government to rush  
<sup>food</sup> ~~in some quantities~~ -- but not enough to last very long.

~~So it looks as if a renewal of the shooting war is~~  
~~not far off.~~

Meanwhile, the rebels have asked the American  
Ambassador to help find a peaceful solution. <sup>Coupled</sup> ~~to the crisis.~~  
<sup>with a</sup> ~~the sects,~~ warning that America may lose the sympathy of the  
people of Viet Nam - if we continue to give our support to  
Premier Diem.

CHICAGO

The new Mayor of Chicago, Richard Daley.

The Democratic machine, running up a victory in a city that has had Republican Mayors only twice in the past sixty-seven years.

The G.O.P. candidate, Robert Merriam put up a stiff fight - but he had hoped at least three hundred thousand more voters would turnout. But they didn't, and as usual the Democrats are in control of the City Hall in Chicago.

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And now back to Winston Churchill again for a moment.

On this day our thoughts keep going back to him.

CHURCHILL - HUMOR

~~Sir Winston~~ <sup>- also as all men know -</sup> Churchill has always believed in the traditions of the House of Commons - and one of these traditions is - dry humor, in speechmaking. Great figures of the House of Commons in the past - like Walpole and Disraeli, were noted for putting a touch of the humorous into the most solemn occasions.

There was Walpole's remark about the war with Spain, which he ~~was~~ <sup>as</sup> opposed. The people of London celebrated with shouts and the ringing of bells - ~~on which~~ Walpole remarked: "They are ringing their bells now, but soon they'll be ~~ringing~~ wringing their hands."

And Disraeli made a famous judgment about the controversy over Darwinism, noting that the question was - ~~Are we more closely related to the angels or to the apes? -~~ Disraeli said: "My lords, I am on the side of the angels."

~~Wally Sir~~ <sup>right at the top</sup> Winston Churchill belongs in that great tradition. For example, in Nineteen Twenty-Two, he underwent an operation for appendicitis - and got back into politics just

in time to lose the election. After which, he noted: "I am without an office, without a seat, without a party, and without an appendix."

Here's one that Harry Hopkins used to tell. When Churchill was at the White House, President Roosevelt went into his bedroom once - just as he was emerging from his bath. F.D.R. started to retire in some embarrassment - only to hear Churchill inviting him in with the words: "The Prime Minister of Great Britain has nothing to hide - from the President of the United States."

We all know how hard Sir Winston took his defeat in the Nineteen Forty-Five election. But after his disappointment had worn off - he found his sense of humor, ~~about it.~~ For ~~example,~~ He was asked why he refused the Order of the Garter at that time. To which he replied, "Why should I accept the Garter from the King - when His Majesty's people have just given me the boot?"

~~Yes,~~  
~~really~~

we'll all miss ~~Mr~~ Winston Churchill, ~~when he~~ now that he goes



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12 into retirement - and not least because of the way he would enliven the most serious moments with his flashes of wit - in the high tradition of the House of Commons.

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Then, the "mother plane", a B-36 bomber, flew to a

specific point, and released the guided missile, which,

apparently, was under rocket power, and - guided electronically

by the "mother plane." The missile - speeding to the target-

point in the pattern of smoke trails.

The flash was blinding at Las Vegas, seventy-five

miles away. Curiously, there was no mushroom shaped cloud.