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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: In London, this afternoon, the new Queen performed her first act of State. For the first time she signed her name in royal style - Elizabeth Regina. It was a mournful duty issuing a decree for her father's funeral - to be held on Friday, February Fifteenth.

George-the-Sixth will lie in State, in Westminster Hall, for three days - and the funeral will be attended, it is expected, by all the crowned heads of Europe. There aren't so many on their thrones, nowadays, but there are others in exile - and a galaxy of royalty will be there. President Truman announces he will be represented at the funeral by Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Elizabeth the Second and her husband

arrived in London this afternoon after a flight of more than four thousand miles from East Africa - and, at the airport there was no huge crowd to greet the new Sovereign. Which was a handsome tribute by the public - Prime Minister Churchill having asked the people of London not to come crowding. Some two hundred were there, members of the Royal Family and officials of the government - headed by the Prime Minister.

The twenty-five year old young woman, who had burst into tears on hearing of her father's death, was calm and full of dignity - as she set about the duties of royalty immediately.

Tomorrow morning, she will go before the Privy Council, to take her oath as the Sovereign, and then the proclamation will be read by Heralds - announcing the accession of Elizabeth the Second. Only then will the young Queen be free to go to her Mother, who remains at Sandringham, the country place where George the Sixth spent his final days. First come the duties, to which British Royalty has always been schooled.

( All Britain, today, was the scene of acts of allegiance to the new Queen.

The House of Commons for example taking the traditional oath of loyalty to the Sovereign - all the members, individually, one after another. Including, of course, even the most radical of the Labor Socialists.

But the most dramatic episode of all came when, this afternoon, the gates of Marlborough House opened, and an old-fashioned limousine, a Daimler, rolled out and down the street. In it, the upright figure of a matriarch of eighty-four, in stately dress, with an old-fashioned hat stiffly on her head <sup>- the</sup> Dowager Queen Mary.

She was on her way to pay her allegiance to the new Queen. No sooner had Elizabeth-the-Second, with her husband, arrived in London, than the Mother of the dead King set forth - a subject paying homage to her granddaughter. She was always a stickler for etiquette and formality.

A dispatch from London gives an account of how

the Dowager Queen bore the news yesterday - the passing of the third son she has lost. She had five sons in all - and one, Prince John, did not survive boyhood. In the Second World War, the Duke of Kent was killed in an airplane crash. Now, her son, the King, was gone. There had been, moreover, that other tragedy of motherhood - the abdication of Edward the Eighth, her eldest son, who gave up the throne for a romance, of which Queen Mary direly disapproved. *Of the five only Gloucester and Windsor still alive.*

Yesterday, the mournful news came to Marlborough House by telephone, but the Royal Dowager never answers the telephone. "It is not for Queens," she has always insisted. So messages, over the wire, are written down and handed to her on a silver plate, - *Q* and thus it was - yesterday.

She picked up a card and read: "The King is dead," *S*aid not a word - but got up, and went silently to her own room.

The look on her face alarmed members of her household, and they telephoned to her <sup>*only*</sup> daughter, the

Princess Royal - across the street at St. James Palace.  
That was how the Princess Royal first heard the news.

She dressed in frantic haste, and hurried  
across the way to her Mother's apartment. As she  
entered the Dowager Queen looked up, and said:

"When you come before the Queen, please do  
your hair properly."

The Princess Royal curtsied, went out, tidied  
up - and then returned to her bereaved Mother.

So that was the inflexible Dowager of  
eighty-five who today went promptly to curtsy before  
the new Queen, <sup>— pay</sup> allegiance to her own granddaughter.

## CHURCHILL

( Tonight the British people listened to what might well be called - the Voice of Britain. Winston Churchill, above all, was the one to bid farewell to George the Sixth, and hail the accession of Elizabeth the Second.) It was a time for the great Churchill style <sup>that</sup> the world knows well, - and the Prime Minister lived up to the stately occasion.

On the radio, he told of the long ordeal of illness the Monarch had endured, and said: "During these past months, the King walked with death, as if death were a companion - an acquaintance whom he recognized, and did not fear."

He ended with a magnificent peroration, the veteran statesman ~~xxx~~ who was reared in the days of Queen Victoria saying: "I, whose youth was passed in august and tranquil glories of the Victorian era, may well feel a ~~xxx~~ thrill in invoking once more the prayer and anthem -- "God Save The Queen".

EGYPT

( There was vigorous action today in the Suez Canal Zone - by the Egyptian police. They staged a wholesale round-up of Moslem terrorists, arresting two hundred and forty-four. This, on orders from Cairo - to crush terrorism. )

At the capital, the new Premier, Aly Maher Pasha, stated that all those found guilty of brutal crimes ~~which~~ committed in the savage Cairo riots - "will be severely punished."

All of which is part of a tough policy, intended to calm the atmosphere for a renewal of ~~new~~ negotiations with Britain on the future of Suez and the Sudan.

*the latest* From the *from the* Korean truce talks, *the U. N. team* another ~~report~~ *is just informed the Reds that we are* of some ~~little progress~~ when the U N delegation, today, *ready to discuss arrangements* made a ~~concession~~ in the ~~matter~~ of prisoner exchange. *for a top level peace conference,* A ~~technical concession~~ -- which does not, in any way, ~~break the deadlock over the Red insistence that they~~ ~~get back their prisoners of war, whether the prisoners~~ ~~like it or not.~~

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## FRANCE

The new government of France had a narrow escape tonight - in a vote of confidence, which almost turned out to be non-confidence. Edgar Faure, recently in office, faced his first test - on an "austerity program" that his cabinet is putting through. The vote was two-hundred-and-eighty-eight to two-hundred-and-eighty - confidence by the narrowest kind of majority.

## PANAMA

The former president of Panama was let out of jail today. Arnof Arias - who was deposed by revolution last May, and thrown into prison.

He has been in jail ever since; now released under a degree of amnesty. On his way home, ~~XXXXXX~~ he was given an ovation by <sup>his</sup> political followers- the whole thing turned into a ~~political~~ political demonstration.

AMBASSADOR

The new ambassador to Moscow is <sup>- definitely -</sup> George F. Kennan, veteran of the State Department, and an expert on Soviet affairs. His nomination has been indicated all along - and made formal today, his name sent to the Senate by President Truman.

The Senate is sure to confirm - and Moscow has already said okay. Which <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ rather surprising -- since Kennan was a prime author of the policy of "containment", checking Red aggression at every point. He has been excoriated by Soviet propaganda -- and Moscow, according to diplomatic protocol, could have rejected him. But not at all.

## PRICE STABILIZER

The new Price Stabilizer is former Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia - appointed by President Truman to succeed Michael DeSalle, who is running for Senator in Ohio. The ~~me~~ nomination of Arnall was received by the Senate late this afternoon, and little opposition is expected.

HOOVER

Former President Herbert Hoover makes public the endorsement he has received to his proposal for a withdrawal of American defense to the western hemisphere. He releases a whole string of statements from prominent military and diplomatic figures, who express themselves in favor of the Herbert Hoover recommendation that this country should stop sending troops to Europe and Asia - and depend on sea power and overwhelming air power for defense against the menace of Red expansion.

## CHICAGO

Today the Chicago Crime Committee denounced what it called - "a disgraceful episode in Chicago's long history of gangsterism and politics." The episode, the shotgun murder of a Republican leader last night.

Charles Gross, acting G O P committeeman for the Thirty-First Ward, was an enemy of Chicago's tough west side mob. He said he was determined to keep his Ward clear of underworld influence. He was running in the Primary for the post of permanent committeeman -- and was shot down by murderers who drove up in an automobile. Shortly afterward, a telephone call of menace and warning was received at the home of Edwin Kolski, another Republican candidate for committeeman in the Primary. The threat was that he might meet the same date, if he did not drop out.

So the Chicago Crime Commission demands:  
"How many more killings must the people of Chicago tolerate, before the leaders of both parties clean their ranks of the gangster elements?"

## HARVARD

The silliest news of the day comes from Harvard, where two students won a world's championship - and were promptly put on the carpet by the college authorities and given a stern reprimand. The two seekers of higher education spent the last two days - slapping each other in the face.

It was the goofiest collegiate contest since the goldfish wave of the thirties - when students tried to see how many ~~gmff~~ goldfish they could swallow. But the slapping contest had an up-to-date angle of - beat the Soviets. So they beat each others faces.

Recently, there was a weird item from the land of the Reds - telling how two Russians had slapped each other seventeen thousand, two hundred and eighty times in forty-eight hours. So, that was the record which Richard Mortimer of New York City and Oakleigh Thorne of Bedford, New York - were out to excel.

On Tuesday, they sat down opposite each other - and each smacked the others face every ten seconds.



They were attended by a cheering section, and were fed with bananas, orange juice, and black coffee - between slaps. That went on until today, when they ran the total up to seventeen thousand two hundred and eighty one, beating the Soviet record.

Shortly afterward, a note came - telling the two champions to report to the Harvard authorities. The bawling out they received is not quoted, but I suppose the gist was - how silly can collegians get?

## ALASKA

This program is supposed to present the news of the world - so let's go to one of the remotest of all places. In Northern Alaska, Kotzebue Sound is just above Bering Strait, and along that frozen shore is a town - with a newspaper, "The Mukluk Telegraph," *in* which *which* most of the contributions are from the wilderness even further on - from villages of Indians and Eskimo.

In Washington, Ben Stern of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, subscribes to The Mukluk Telegraph - the latest issue of which presents the news from the land of the Aurora Borealis. One article is from an Eskimo Village Correspondent, whose English has all *the* flavor of seal oil *and walrus blubber*.

"People of Setawik have the flu" states the article, "and have lost old lady. Snow covers all the land, and Eskimo fur hunters are not catch much. Two our boys," the article goes on, "get two very fat walrus, which make a fine meal everybody say. Also, I think it wintertime now. Snow - day is very short - no sun." *Chino!*"

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So that, the news of the day - up there in  
the Polar winter, where nearly all the day is night!