

CHURCHILL

Wherever free men dwell, there was profound sadness today at the death of Sir. Winston Churchill. But nowhere was the gallant warrior more deeply mourned than in his own England. And it was there today that the protocol of centuries was swept aside to pay full homage to the greatest Englishman of our time.

Queen Elizabeth herself began the final tribute by ordering a State Funeral. The only previous State Funeral accorded a commoner by royal decree was that for the Duke of Wellington, proclaimed by Queen Victoria.

But Queen Elizabeth disclosed further that she would break all precedent by personally attending the Churchill funeral, together with other members of the Royal Family. The presence of the Queen will be the one honor that eluded even Wellington, the conqueror of Napoleon.

Meanwhile, Churchill's beloved House of Commons met briefly today to confirm the Queen's decree. There was just

one empty place in the entire Chamber - the front-row seat that Churchill held longer than any other member of Parliament.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson led the Parliamentary tribute to his departed political foe. He said: "Sir Winston Churchill and the legend he had become - is not only the possession of England or of Britain, but of the world - and not of time alone, but the ages".

On Saturday, the day of his funeral, the chimes of Britain's world-famous Big Ben will be silenced from ten a.m. until midnight. Out of respect for the great man. In the one hundred-six year history of Big Ben, the only men so honored in the past have been King Edward the Seventh, King George the Fifth and King George the Sixth.

As the funeral cortege moves slowly toward St. Paul's Cathedral, a ninety-gun salute will be fired at one-minute intervals - one for each year of Churchill's life. After funeral services, the body will be taken by river barge and rail to the little town of Bladon, near Blenheim Palace where Churchill was born. There Sir Winston will be laid to rest beside his father and his American-born mother.

It was the Duke of Norfolk who detailed the funeral plans - most of them carefully prepared by Churchill himself. But in so doing, the British nobleman gave voice to the emotions of all Englishmen in this moment of sorrow. "I pray", he said, "that the old warrior is with the Angels, looking at us now, as we prepare for what I hope may be nearly worthy of what he deserves".

## RESIDENTS FOLLOW CHURCHILL

His head cold greatly improved, President Johnson is said to be almost certain to fly to London later this week for Sir Winston's funeral - unless his doctors veto the idea.

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower has already arranged to attend the services. He is expected to leave Wednesday to pay his last respects to the man he considered a "dear and close friend."

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Lowell Thomas, <sup>continuing</sup> ~~continuing~~ his reports from Africa, has another adventure to relate -- this time, an encounter with the King of Beasts. Lowell.

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OUTCUE: "So long."

## LAKE MANYARA

**GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:**

*The highlight so far as our trip into the big game country of Kenya and Tanganyika, came today on the edge of the great Rift Valley. We are in a camp on the rim of the Rift, on the edge of the great escarpment, several thousand feet above the floor of the valley. You may or may not remember that the Rift Valley is another of the wonders of the world, a huge valley that extends almost the entire length of the continent of Africa. It runs inland, a few hundred miles from the Indian Ocean, and it extends all the way from South Africa, to the Red Sea, and on into Asia as far as the Dead Sea. One of the major topographical phenomena of our planet.*

*We had a number of thrills today. One when elephants held us up, making it impossible for us to go on along the jungle track until they had taken their own time about going wherever they were going. That was great fun. But, the number one thrill was when, for the first time, we found lions up in a tree.*

*If I had ever heard of this, I had forgotten it. I just couldn't picture a lion up in a tree. We usually think of them stalking wildebeeste, gazelle, eland, and other members of the antelope family -- stalking them across the great African plain. Leopards in trees, yes. But huge lions! However, there they were. Not one,*

*but many of them. Nine lions, enjoying their mid-day siesta, all nine up in one tree.*

*Well, that's something that you don't see on the motion picture screen. After all, it can be rather dark in a tree, in the African jungle. And there are no lights that you can shine on them and if you did, well, perhaps they wouldn't be in the tree. But, if you're under the tree, you have no trouble seeing them. Nine lion up there! It seemed impossible - absurd. For at least this one brief period, today, it didn't look as though there was any dearth of big game in Africa. Not when you can see nine lion, in one tree! Actually, while I was away my wife saw twelve in one tree. It was worth coming half way around the world, just to see that.*

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## VIET NAM

**There was renewed rioting today in the Vietnamese city of Hue, only a few miles from the Communist frontier. Some fifteen thousand Buddhist-led Vietnamese joined in the anti-American and anti-government demonstrations.**

**At one point, about five hundred of the demonstrators broke off from the main party to sack and burn the homes of two government officials. And at nightfall, American civilians in the city were rushed to the safety of the U.S. military compound.**

The incident was witnessed by Dr. Martin Luther King, who urged the other demonstrators not to join the fray - and they didn't.



## SELMA

Violence flared briefly today in the continuing civil rights drive in Selma, Alabama. An unusually powerful Negro woman, waiting in a line of voter registration applicants, lashed out fiercely and unexpectedly at Sheriff James Clark. She hit the Sheriff twice full in the face and also hit him several times before four men wrestled her to the ground and hauled her off in handcuffs.

The woman was later identified as Mrs. Annie Lee Cooper, fifty-four-year-old owner of a Selma motel. Mrs. Cooper, who stands five-seven and weighs two hundred twenty-six pounds, was charged with two counts of assault and battery. Sheriff Clark came out of the tussle with a badly bruised face.

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## BLAST

**The Soviet Union has admitted setting off that recent nuclear blast that hurtled radioactive debris into the earth's atmosphere. But Russia today rejected any suggestion that in so doing she violated the nuclear test ban. TREATY,**

**The Soviet position on the January fifteenth blast was set forth in a note to Secretary of State Dean Rusk. The Kremlin said the nuclear explosion was simply an underground test, permissible under the treaty ban, that had "vented" - or broken through the earth's surface. The Soviets added that, therefore, any fallout beyond Soviet borders was not only accidental, but also minimal.**

## BUDGET

President Johnson today proposed a ninety-nine-point-seven-billion-dollar Federal budget for the coming year. As might be expected, the budget drew mixed Congressional reaction.

Speaker of the House John McCormack promptly labeled the spending proposal a clear indication that "the nation's well-being is secured" and "our economy will continue to grow."

However, the Republican view, as expressed by House Minority Leader Gerald Ford, was something else again. The President's proposed budget, said Ford, was not only dishonest, but wasteful.

He contended that much like too many Americans, the President appeared to have<sup>in</sup> his words "overestimated income and underestimated spending."