

CHURCHILL

LT. - Deleo. Now., April 4, 1955.

In London, tonight, a gala party was held. The news dispatch calls it - a "sentimental party". The place - Number Ten Downing Street. The host - Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The guests - like a roll call of the friends and colleagues, nearest to the heart of the eighty year old statesman.

Churchill entertained his sovereign, the Queen - and the Duke of Edinburgh. His undoubted successor - Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. Other top leaders of the Conservative Party - and also chieftains of the Labor Party, former Prime Minister Clement Attlee and former Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison, both of whom were Churchill's colleagues in the coalition cabinet during the Second World War. The guest list, in fact, could be a roll call of the Chief ~~Wartime~~ Associates of Winston Churchill. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of El Alamein attending - along with Field Marshal Alexander of Tunis.

London calls it a "sentimental" party - because, according to all appearances, it was Churchill's last official entertainment - as Prime Minister. He is expected to announce his retirement from office - tomorrow. Or maybe - the next day. The bowing out of one of the greatest of British statesmen.

Today, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden began open preparations - for his own debut as Prime Minister. That's the way London looks at it. Eden- calling a meeting of the Chencellor of the Exchequer, and the Minister of Defense. They're expected to be a sort of triumvirate - and today they called in Lord Woolton, Chairman of the Tory Party. Which is taken to mean that they discussed - a general election. Probably - in the next ~~in~~ three months. A new Eden Cabinet - to "go to the country."

EVANGELIST

Reports from Scotland picture - an enormous continuing success for Evangelist Billy Graham. Who is in the third week of a "tell Scotland" crusade. The preacher from the U.S. A. draws an average of more than fifteen thousand spectators per night. And averages - four hundred converts each time. For his last appearance, ~~sh~~ he is expected to draw a crowd of one hundred and twenty thousand, at Hampden Park Arena, in Glasgow.

But, at the same time, Billy Graham has been running into controversies. Scottish liberals have attacked him - as a "strict fundamentalist". On the other side, Church conservatives frown and say - He's a modernist.

~~(The news has told of an argument the American evangelist got into - when he spoke of fishes as belonging to the sea. Animals - as belonging to the jungle. The humane society for protecting animals protested against that.)~~

Then, the other Sunday, Billy Graham took an afternoon trip to the country - to get some fresh air. Which got

him into trouble with strict Scottish Sabbatarians. Complaints

- that he was "desecrating the Sabbath" by such "frivolity" *as going to the country for fresh air!*

Old time church tradition in Presbyterian Scotland

can be strict. People were shocked when the Evangelist

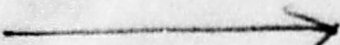
was photographed on the golf course - ~~was~~ ^{and} wearing a

golf cap. ^{much} Much too frivolous - for a preacher, in dour

Scotland.

LYSIKOV

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, today, made a formal demand - for the return of Valery Lysikov. The seventeen year old son of a Russian Army officer. The boy - who fled to the West.

Young Lysikov was granted political asylum by American authorities in ~~Western~~ Western Germany. His parents visited him - but he refused to go back. U.S. officials have repeatedly refused - to send him back. Now an official demand - made by Moscow. Molotov - handing a communication to the U.S. Ambassador. 

ADD LYSIKOV

In Washington, the State Department says it will "give consideration" to Molotov's demands. But officials repeat - that Lysikov will not be sent back against his will.

The Chinese Red Radio accuses prominent Communist leaders of plotting against the Mao Tse Tung regime. One, the former party boss of Manchuria - has committed suicide.

Kao Kang - accused of trying to seize leadership.

Also - of setting up an "independent principality."

Kao Kang did not make the usual Communist confession. A fact - which the Red Radio ~~says~~ states in a peculiar way. "Kao" it says, "not only did not admit his guilt - but he even committed suicide as an expression of his ultimate betrayal of the party." ^{TP} His loyal duty was, apparently, to live and confess.

It remains to be seen if Red China will now have a purge -- in the style of Stalin exterminating his enemies back in the Nineteen Thirties.

JAPAN

Japan is threatened with a political crisis - over a diplomatic blunder, a faux pas. Prime Minister Hatoyama criticized - for talking prematurely, ~~talking~~ ^{talking} too much. Causing him - to "lose face". Always a serious matter in the Orient, a "loss of face."

The Premier made an announcement that he was sending his Foreign Minister to Washington - to discuss important problems with the U.S. government. Then, after making the announcement, Premier Hatoyama communicated with Washington.

He should have done that - first off. Because Secretary of State Dulles replied - he'd be too busy for conferences with the Japanese Foreign Minister.

So, today, the Premier had to take it all back, and admit the trip was off, for the time being. He said he "regretted" - having made the previous announcement.

Well, that would be embarrassing for a Prime

Minister in any country. In Japan, it draws heavy political fire - for that "loss of face".

YEMEN

Southwest Arabian
Reports from the far off_^ land of Yemen - tell of

a dynastic struggle. With civil war - threatening. King Ahmed- in conflict with his brother, Abdullah. Who is trying to seize the crown for himself.

Over the weekend, the word ~~is~~ was that Abdullah, backed by the Yemenese army, had presented King Ahmed with a demand for his abdication. And Ahmed, had yielded. But this is denied - by Crown Prince El Badar, son of Ahmed. Who says - his father is now being besieged in the stronghold of Taz, in southern Yemen. Besieged - by his brother Abdullah, at the head ^(of a) ~~the~~ band of rebellious troops.

Today in Cairo, Crown Prince Al Badar sent an urgent message to the Arab League - asking for intervention, to avert civil war in the Yemen.

Only a few weeks ago, I myself, was flying along
— in fact over a part of Yemen.
the border of the ~~forbidden~~ forbidden land of Yemen. During those travels in remote Arabia - about which I told in ~~the~~ recordings on this program. One - describing that airplane

trip. Which took us not far from the stronghold of Taz - where King Ahmed is now said to be besieged.

Back in Aden, we heard of disturbances in the Yemen. The British Governor of Aden had gone to the Yemenese frontier - to ~~find out what was happening.~~ *check on border incidents.* There was word of disturbances among the Sultanates along the border. Which may have been connected with today's news of a struggle for the throne.

Well, it's all part of a grim, savage story.

In Nineteen Forty-Eight, the previous ruler of the Yemen, *the* King, *known as the Imam* Yah Yah, was assassinated - along with two sons.

And a usurper seized the throne. But there were two other sons of the murdered king - and they survived. Ahmed and Abdullah - who drove out the usurper. Ahmed - becoming King.

But now those two brothers are at war with each other. Abdullah - trying to seize the crown from Ahmed.

A familiar sort of story - in dynastic affairs of the orient, *where brothers usually are only 1/2 brothers, sons of different mothers, or concubines.*

ADD YEMEN

A later dispatch states that the Crown Prince
has gone back to Yemen - to lead a force of tribesmen.
Trying - to raise the seige of his father's fortress.

CONVICT

There was a desperate escape attempt - at the Florida State Prison today. A desperado - trying to shoot his way out, killing - a veteran prison official, and wounding two guards.

George Heroux, serving twenty-five years for armed robbery, had a gun - procured in some unknown way. He held up a guard, and forced the ~~guard~~ guard to take him to the office of Assistant Superintendent J. G. Goodwin. Apparently, the convict had intended to seize Goodwin as a hostage.

But, other prison guards became aware of what was going on. They were closing in, when the desperado decided - he'd try to shoot his way out. In the fusillade that followed, the casualties occurred. The convict - overpowered. Now - charged with the murder of the assistant superintendent.

BLIZZARD

In the western mountains - a record breaking blizzard. Like a nightmare - of wind and snow. A cyclonic storm blowing at sixty miles an hour. With a snowfall - of twenty-six inches.

Highways - blocked far and wide. Rabbit Ears Pass, in the Colorado Rockies - closed by enormous drifts. Same thing at Loveland and Berthoud passes - west of Denver. Search parties looking - for marooned motorists.

But the real nightmare is at Sheridan, Wyoming. The town isolated. The Red Cross - managing to get through with emergency supplies. Headquarters - in a hospital on the outskirts of the town. But now, Red Cross headquarters - marooned. Isolated from the town - by deep snowdrifts and the raging winds.

In New England, same sort of story. A springtime blizzard - bringing twenty-four inches of snow ^{at Stowe, Franconia, No. Conway.} At Mount Snow, ~~northwestern Connecticut~~ one hundred skiers, caught

in a snowstorm. Marooned - in improvised lodges. 9 inches of snow at Quaker Hill in Dutchess County - 70 miles north of N.Y. Then hot sun - and it all vanished.

KALTENBORN

A dispatch from Madison, Wisconsin, states that Radio Commentator H V Kaltenborn has donated his entire collection of personal papers, documents and recordings - to the Wisconsin Historical Society. Also - providing a fund for study and classification of the huge mass of material.

The Wisconsin Historical Society says: "Here, in one collection, are documents which cover the history of broadcasting, from its beginning to the present." Well, it sure is that.

Today begins H V Kaltenborn's thirty-third year on the air. He started - back in the antediluvian days of *The Paleozoic age of wireless.* ~~radio~~ The primitive era - of the old "crystal set." Ever since then, with a few brief intermissions, "H.V." has been on the air - with the news.

He's a man of strong ~~op~~ opinions, strongly stated - in that clear, clipped, pragmatic tone. Here's an example - on the humorous side. An episode - at the Democratic National Convention in Nineteen Thirty-one, when Franklin

D. Roosevelt was nominated the first time.

Kaltenborn did a lot of filling in on the air. Giving sidelights - between the main events. He's always been great at that - as an ad libber, talking off the cuff.

So, during a quiet interval, he interviewed a hot dog seller at the Convention Hall. For local color - the light touch. The interview went all right, until H.V. asked the hot dog seller - how much he got for a frankfurter, the price. The hot dog seller replied: "twenty cents."

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"Twenty cents!" exclaimed Kaltenborn. "Great Scott that's too much. Twenty cents for a frankfurter? That's outrageous."

All of which - was ~~er~~ correct enough. Back in those days, before inflation, a nickel was the right price for a hot dog.

But you should have heard the roar from the frankfurter company! They made an angry protest - ~~ed~~

demanding an apology, a retraction, from Kaltenborn. Broadcasting officials, wanting to quiet the storm, suggested that H.V. should make a mollifying statement. But he wouldn't. He flatly refused.

Kaltenborn got into hot water, because of hot dogs - but he stuck to his principles. Insisting it was an outrage to charge twenty cents for a nickel frankfurter.

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So, Hugh, on his thirty-third radio birthday - here's to the dean of us all! And may the dean long be H.V. so I say - fervently. For the next in line you see - happens to be - yours truly.