

CHURCHILL

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Tonight in New York, two old friends are meeting, and famous friends they are. They worked together in the Second World War - then, later on, collaborated in military plans for the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance. Now, another resumption of long time acquaintance. One of the two having become - President-elect of the United States.

Winston Churchill and Dwight Eisenhower met today, at the apartment of still another old friend - Bernard Baruch, elder statesman and adviser to Presidents, who has known them both for years. Which keeps up the theme of old cronies. Prime Minister Churchill is seventy-eight. Bernard Baruch is eighty-two. Compared with those two, the General is hardly more than a lad - at the age of ~~sixty~~-two. What a wealth of historic reminiscence those three have to exchange - tonight. ^{the} Prime Minister landed in New York today from the liner Queen Mary, and held a huge news conference - in which he gave intimations of what he'll discuss with the President-elect. He said ~~to~~

regards Europe, as the vital sector, not Korea - but hailed American intervention against the Red invasion of South Korea as one of the great events in these years. Then there's the question of American aid to Britain, which is bound to crop up in the conversation - whenever a London Prime Minister meets an American President- or President-elect.

(From the dock, Churchill proceeded to the Baruch apartment on ~~Central Park West~~ ^{Fifth Ave.}, where ~~he~~ he'll stop during a brief ~~in~~ stay in New York. General Eisenhower invited there - for cocktails and dinner. So that's what's going on tonight.)

The Prime Minister then proceeds to Washington, for a visit with retiring President Truman - and on to the West Indian Island of Jamaica, for tropical sunshine. He'll return after the inauguration, for the real business conferences with President Eisenhower. They'll get down to brass tacks, though the metal under discussion is not likely to be brass.

JAPAN

The President of South Korea is in Tokyo tonight - an old enemy, now coming in the spirit of friendship. For forty years Syngman Rhee led a movement of bitter opposition to Japanese rule - and even after the downfall of Japan in World War Two, he seemed to cherish that old-time animosity. But, recently, American Commander General Mark Clark invited him to Tokyo - and he arrived today.

Received ~~in~~ with formal honors, welcomed ~~by~~ at the airport ~~by~~ Japanese Foreign Minister Okazaki. Replying to greetings, he said: "Korea and Japan should forget the past."

His visit to General Clark will mean important negotiations with officials of the Japanese government - for ~~an~~ a settlement of old quarrels. Syngman Rhee declaring: "Korea is willing to meet Japan halfway, if Japan is willing to reciprocate."

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On the warfront in Korea, the U.S. Air Force won its first aerial victory in the New Year -

shooting down an enemy jet. The first MIG for
Nineteen Fifty-Three was bagged by Lieutenant William
Bowman of Sarasota, Florida.

POLISH PRELATE

We hear that the Roman Catholic primate of Poland is on his way from Warsaw, bound for Rome - where he'll be made a Cardinal. Recently, Pope Pius the Twelfth nominated twenty-four new princes of the church. Prominent on the list - Monsignor Stefan Wisnisky, of Poland - a prelate behind the Iron Curtain.

But would the Red government at Warsaw permit him to journey to Rome to attend the consistory for the elevation of the new Cardinals? The dispatch we have is from a newspaper in Rome, which states that the prelate has left Warsaw after what it calls - "the solution of problems with the polish government." Which means - the new Cardinal got the permission of the Reds.

ROSENBERGS

A stay of execution has been granted in the Rosenberg case. Federal Judge Kaufman has delayed the date for the death penalty, which had been set for January fourteenth. This - to give time for an appeal to President Truman.

Judge Kaufman is the magistrate who presided over the trial of the two atomic spies and imposed the capital sentence. Several days ago, he denied an appeal for clemency, though indicating at the time - that he might grant a delay of execution, so that an appeal for ~~xxx~~ clemency could be taken to the White House. This he has now done, on condition that proof be placed before him - that the Rosenbergs are asking the President for mercy. Today, he gave the Defense Attorney until Saturday to file a copy of a clemency petition.

So now, the case goes before Harry Truman - who has until January twentieth to act. At the New York office of the U.S. District Attorney, today, it was noted - that the President could postpone action

until he retires from office. Which would leave the
Rosenberg affair for President Eisenhower to decide.



But There is no indication that President Truman may pass the case along to his successor. My own personal *hunch* ~~opinion~~ is - that he will take the responsibility upon himself.

Meanwhile, Communist propoganda is howling toward a crescendo all over the world. In the capitals of Western Europe - anti-American demonstrations, charging that the Rosenbergs were falsely convicted, victims of anti-semitism. All ^(echoed) ~~XXXXXXXX~~ in Washington today - with pickets parading around the White House.

There's a good deal of confusion about the legal status ~~is~~ of this case. There's talk of treason - and what our Constitution has to say on the subject of treason. ~~XXXXX~~ Well, the facts are - that the Rosenbergs were convicted under a law passed in Nineteen ~~Seventeen~~, Seventeen, First World War - an espionage act. Which provided the death penalty, or prison sentence, for espionage in wartime. Espionage - in favor of any foreign power, not necessarily an enemy power. The Rosembergs were guilty ~~ix~~ of transmitting

atom bomb secrets to Soviet Russia in Nineteen Forty-
four, during the second World War. The fact that the
Soviets were not an enemy, but an ally, makes no
difference - under the law.

This is the first conviction, with the
death penalty, under the espionage act of Nineteen
Seventeen - and it would be the first peacetime
execution of spies in American history. ^{It} The atrocious
character of the offense lies in the fact that the
Rosenbergs, husband and wife, participated in giving
the secret of the atomic bomb to Soviet Russia.

STRIKE

New York City, today, got by its first real crisis of the bus strike. Ordinarily, three and a half million people, daily, ride the busses, now tied up. The strike began New Year's night, last Thursday. But, because of the holidays and the weekend, the real pinch didn't come until today - when the metropolis resumed its normal, busy operation.

Well, it wasn't so terribly bad. Tens of thousands took subways to work, instead of riding in buses. But plenty got an early start, avoiding the rush. Many schools began ~~xx~~ an hour later than usual, children taking subways after the rush hour. The subways were crowded, more than usual, but there was no panicky scramble. Many people went by automobile, private car or taxi, and thousands walked. So, judging from today the big town was

able to get by - in spite of the bus strike. *Maybe they ought to give up the buses. Wonder how that would work?* However, the union threatens to strike

the subways - which really would put things in a snarl. Union leader Quill is defiant - still at noisy

feud with Mayor Impellitteri. Today, a meeting was called at City Hall for strike mediation; but the ^{leaders} union ignored it - didn't show up.

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WEATHER

The coldest weather in winter, thus far, came down to the Middle West from Canada - a vast mass of frigid atmosphere rolling south from the Canadian ~~xxx~~ Arctic. So, it was twenty-one below at International Falls, Minnesota -- and the weatherman said the thermometer would fall even lower tonight. Zero temperatures are predicted for Chicago -- and the cold wave extends as far South as the ~~xxxxx~~ upper part of Texas. There were heavy snows, today, in the Black Hills of South Dakota. But, for the most part, the weather description was - "clear and cold." Clear, all right, with bright sunshine - but plenty cold.

CHURCH

At Atlanta, Georgia, the bell tolled -
for the church. It rang out - as if in mourning
for the church. The building was on fire, the place
of worship of a large negro Baptist congregation.
Then, in the steeple, as the flames roared high -
the bell began to toll, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ *Clang - clang - and*
clanging - it kept on ~~ringing~~ *clanging* as if for a funeral. Until - the
steeple collapsed.

Firemen say - it was because the flames
weakened the timbers of the steeple. Which swayed
back and forth - causing the bell to toll.

Members of the Baptist congregation, many
of whom live nearby, first learned about the fire -
when they were awakened by the tolling of the bell.

ALASKA

Here's one for that Arctic rescue expert, Bernt Balchen, to add to his collection of thrillers; -
killers! - In the frozen wilderness of Alaska, they've

solved the mystery of a missing trapper. Rudolph Gaier was stationed at a cabin about a hundred miles from ~~AKESK~~ Anchorage - his headquarters for bringing in pelts of the fur bearing animals of the North. Nothing was heard from him - and a search party made its way along the desolate trail, to the cabin.

The solution of the mystery was a grim, dramatic sight. The body of the trapper - savagely slashed. Fifteen feet away - the carcass of a huge bear, riddled with bullets.

The story was easy to decipher. returning from his traps, the hunter found the giant bear - tearing things apart in the cabin. He fired with deadly aim, putting enough bullets into the monster to kill half a dozen bear - you'd think. But the wounded animal charged him, and killed him, staggered off a few steps and fell dead.

Another tragedy of Alaska, where life still can have the old ferocity of the wilderness.

DUKE

The Duke of Windsor has gone in for collecting - and who can blame him? A dispatch ~~from~~ today states that the former Edward the Eighth has purchased - five West African pennies. Face value - three cents each American money - fifteen cents in all. But the Duke paid five pounds for them, fourteen dollars. Sentimental value - a million.

The East African penny was the only coin issued during ~~his~~ his reign as King. The only kind of money that is engraved with his picture, his profile - as the sovereign of the British empire.

A linotype operator in Lancashire, N. N. Adamson, was in the Royal Navy those years ago, serving aboard a warship stationed at a West African port. There, they had minted those ~~the~~ Edward the Eighth pennies. When he returned to England, he had five of them - which he kept.

The Duke found out about this, and wrote to linotype operator Adamson, asking if he would sell the coins. In response, Adamson sent his five West

African pennies to the residence of the Windsors in Paris. Saying - he'd leave the price up to the Duke. So now the price has been forwarded - fourteen dollars for fifteen cents' worth. But a million in sentiment - for the man who once was King.

LONDON

Londo n had a fashion show today - most exclusive. A bargain display, featuring economy, marked down prices - how to be dressed right for the least money. Staged - by the dressmaker to Her Majesty the Queen. Nobody allowed in, but peeresses of the realm, [^]the Duchess, the Countess.

The nobility of England has its share of British financial trouble - and more than its share. The Coronation is coming on, and old tradition prescribes^S expensive costumes of sumptuous magnificence for the noblewoman who attend. [^]But [^]just Many can't afford it -- too costly. So the royal ~~is~~ dressmaker, Norman Hartnell, has go^{ten}~~ve~~ up a line of substitutes. Inexpensive - but quite proper for the occasion. Economy costumes - approved by Queen Elizabeth~~-the~~ Second, herself.

The traditional dress, featuring silken velvet and ermine fur, would cost from eight-hundred-and forty to eleven-hundred-and-twenty dollars.⁵⁰ The royal dressmaker has designed robes of crimson velveteen, with white rabbit fur. Price, eighty-four dollars to one

hundred and twelve - only a tenth as much!

Coronation custom calls for a Peeress to wear a coronet. But there's a substitute for that - a cap, which can be worn with a tiara in front. The cap costs - from eleven to fourteen bucks. The whole thing costing less than a New York or Boston office

girl spends for a ski outfit for her fun at Big

Bromley, in Vermont, where right now, ^{by the way,} they have as

good ski conditions as I've ever seen. ^{But Manchester Vt;} ~~But that's~~

~~isn't Manchester, Eng. And even if~~ ^{isn't Manchester, Eng. And even if} Fred Pabst is King of

Big Bromley, ^{he's not eligible for this affair} ~~What we were talking about was that~~ ^{across the Atlantic in connection with} ~~fashion show in England for~~ the Coronation, which

sounds like the most exclusive style now on record.

Not for common folks - or rich folks either, Nelson.

Just for royalty.