

Great Britain, today, went through its great ritual of constitutional government. The ruling party ousted from office, the opposition taking power. - That's the kind of change and overthrow which, in other lands, and other times, could be accompanied by savage violence and revolt. We know how we do it over here, in this Republic of ours - by presidential election. The British do it in the stately forms of Monarchy.

(No sooner had the election result become known today - than Prime Minister Attlee) left Number Ten Downing Street, historic home of the British Prime Minister. He smiled faintly, as he stepped past a crowd of spectators, and into an automobile.

He (drove to Buckingham Palace,) where there were other crowds at the gate - while sentries in tall bearskin hats marched back and forth with all the precision of the "Brigade of Guards."

In the palace, (King George and Sixth was waiting, thin and worn, recovering from grave illness -

- that lung operation.) He received (the defeated Prime Minister) - who stated, in the traditional form, that his government no longer commanded the confidence of the country, and (advised his Majesty to summon the leader of the opposition.) That's the constitutional method; the King advised by the Ministry. Clement (Attlee - giving the advice that the government be turned over to his victorious rival, Winston Churchill.)

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George the Sixth, according to Constitutional custom, accepted the advice,) which in the romantic days of yore, would have meant a royal courier on horseback, galloping through the streets of London. Today, it was faster - the King's Private Secretary going to the telephone and putting in a call to Winston Churchill.

(Within five minutes, Churchill arrived at the Palace, amid the cheers of the waiting crowd - and was received by the King, who asked him to form a cabinet. Churchill accepted) then departed, on his way to carry out the royal mandate. He <sup>(has)</sup> ~~has~~ not made

public the list of his cabinet, but it is believed that Anthony Eden, his right-hand man, will be the Foreign Secretary, or perhaps - Deputy Prime Minister.

So that's how the change of government, the transfer of power, was done in London today, and once more Great Britain has - Prime Minister Winston Churchill. (Triumph indeed - for the veteran who lost out ignominiously six years ago, in the middle of the Potsdam conference.) At seventy-six he calls it - his last prize.

## BRITISH LIBERALS

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The British election returns show the virtual extinction of the Liberal Party. Which is like tearing out the final remnants of a great page of British history. During the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries the Liberal Party, the old Whigs - dominated the British government most of the time. The symbol of their glory - found in the name of Gladstone. That "Grand Old Man" of British politics, who might have been called "Mr. England" if they had that kind of catch phrase then.

Tonight, the party of Gladstone has virtually passed out of existence. They retain five ~~xxx~~ seats in the new House of Commons - but that, in a way, means less than ~~xxxx~~ nothing. Their victories were in districts where their candidates had no ~~xxx~~ opposition. Most of the Liberals, sixty-five of them, did so badly, they lost their deposits, a hundred and fifty pounds each - because they failed to poll one-eighth of the votes in their districts.

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Still more spectacular - the names of prominent Liberal candidates defeated. Lady Violet Bonham Carter, daughter of Herbert Asquith, the great Liberal Prime Minister at the beginning of World War One - she was defeated by a laborite. Lady Megan Lloyd George, daughter of the Liberal Prime Minister who led Britain to victory in that first global conflict - far-famed Lloyd George. She, too - defeated by Labor.

Her brother was elected. But Major Gwilym Lloyd George ran for Parliament as a Conservative. Last election he was defeated as a Liberal. This time, changing sides, he won. That, in itself, ~~could~~ sounds like <sup>the</sup> death knell of the great Liberal party of Gladstone.

BRITISH ELECTION

( Tonight the figures are almost final -  
although a few districts won't be heard from until  
next week. They show - three hundred - and <sup>- 19</sup> ~~eighteen~~ seats  
in Parliament for the Conservatives. Two hundred  
and ninety-four -- for labor. Liberals - five.  
Miscellaneous -- two. )

Which means that the Conservatives have a  
majority of twenty-~~four~~ over the Laborites, and  
<sup>18</sup> ~~seventeen~~ over Labor and the others combined. That's  
a working majority in the House of Commons, though  
it's not overwhelming.

The election, in reality, was mighty close -  
with Labor actually polling more votes than the  
Conservatives. They got nearly thirteen million,  
Nine Hundred Thousand. The Conservatives - nearly  
thirteen million six hundred and fifty thousand.  
Labor - forty-nine percent. Conservatives -- forty-  
eight percent. Which may be changed a bit when the  
final few districts report.

Knowledgeable Englishmen with whom I've talked, think that the Churchill victory may buck up the spirit of the British people - in the expectation of better things. (So far as domestic economy goes, it won't mean too much -- Churchill and the Conservatives having pledged themselves to keep most of the socialism put in by the labor party. Most of the nationalization and <sup>so-called</sup> social benefits - like the health program.

In Foreign affairs, Churchill promised to try for another meeting of the Big Three, Churchill, Truman and Stalin - in an effort for world peace. He is likely to show a firmer face in such matters as Iran and Egypt - the Middle East, where the British have been <sup>getting</sup> pushed <sup>around,</sup> ~~about~~

All of which may provide problems for the United States - and a visit of ~~xxxx~~ Churchill to Washington, <sup>(is expected.</sup> ~~xxxxxxxxxx)~~ The general reaction in this country is -- applause. Republicans in Congress today hailed a defeat for Socialism - while other

opinion reflected American admiration for one of the  
great figures of our day, Winston Churchill.

FOLLOW BRITISH ELECTION

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Here's the latest. In Hot Springs, Virginia there is a conference of one hundred top officers of industrial, banking and commercial corporations. They predict that the Churchill victory will open the way for large scale American financial help to Britain in ~~the~~ the coming year. Cheering the defeat of Socialism, they say, it will build up the stand of British credit in this country. So it looks as if the Churchill victory might pay off in dollars.

KOREA-TRUCE

The <sup>28</sup>horse trade prophecies of yesterday - came true today, (in Korea. The Reds reject the U N proposal for an armistice line, and come back with one of their own. They demand a line across the peninsula - about ten miles above the Thirty-Eighth Parallel<sup>l</sup> which is unacceptable - because it would require the U N forces to give up strategic territory in the Iron Triangle, Heartbreak Ridge, and other sectors won by the hardest kind of fighting.)

However, the Red offer does represent an important concession. For the first time, the Communists have given up their demand that the Armistice line be along the Parallel. In all previous discussions they had stuck to that -

~~But~~ <sup>the</sup> Now, with <sup>the</sup> truce talks resumed, they've yielded on their Thirty-Eighth Parallel demand, and are willing to take less. Still unacceptable; but, its a point in the horse-trading.

( This was the Sixth consecutive day of jet air battle over northern Korea, ) and the meaning of the stubborn campaign in the sky can ~~be~~ be stated in terms of a thriller today.

Two enemy jets were downed, one by Lieutenant Douglas Evans of Washington, D.C. who relates; "we saw a large group of M I G's going down after the fighter bombers. So we went after them. They broke away from our fighter bombers, as we closed in, and headed north. I started firing, at one, and the Red began climbing, diving and turning through the clouds. I fired several bursts that hit him all over. He went into a stoppy loop at about four thousand feet - and, at the top of the loop, he opened his canopy and bailed out."

So relates Lieutenant Evans, and the story gives the clue to the strategy. The Red M I G's out to get the fighter bombers, which have been raising havoc with <sup>their</sup> attacks on Red communications, like railroad lines. Our jets - tackling the M I G's

to keep them away from the fighter bombers. Which <sup>we are</sup> ~~they~~  
<sup>told</sup> they've been doing successfully, in the face of heavy  
odds--sixty-eight of our planes today against a hundred  
and-fifty-five enemy jets today. more than 2 to 1.

FOLLOW KOREA-WAR

The latest, a renewal of action on the ground -- when the Chinese Reds threw two violent counter-attacks ~~and~~ against the ~~UN~~ Defense forces of the U N. To American officers it seemed as if the sudden Red counter-attacks were made to enforce the Red demands at the truce conference. Both were beaten off.

## SUBSTITUTE STRIKE

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The strikers in New York, tonight gave a prompt answer to President Truman. The answer was -- no. Previously the wildcat walkout of longshoremen, which has been tying up shipping on the east coast, was turned over to the White House for action. Whereupon the President immediately called upon the dock workers, in a rebellion against their union, to return to work. He said the strike is a danger to national defense. But the appeal had little effect - the wildcat strikers rejecting the presidential plea.

From the world of labor comes a blow - struck in the realm of politics. The Building Trades Union of the A F of L has three million members - more than a third of the entire membership of the Federation. Today, the Building Trades Union came out, urging its members to vote Republican next year. Surprising - since the unions have so long supported the Democratic Party.

Still more surprising - the Building Trades Union says - that voting Republican would be the best way to get the Taft-Hartley law repealed, eventually. Not that they would ever expect the G O P to turn against that labor law. The argument is that voting Republican would, in the words of the Union declaration -- "force the Democrats to respect us, Then, after four years, we would then be in a very advantageous position to obtain our demands."

This is accompanied by a blast against President Truman, who is charged with having, what the Union calls - "a terrible labor record."

## FIGHT

(Another of the great ones went the way of oblivion tonight when Joe Louis was knocked out. In the eighth round, Rocky Marciano flattened the one-time invincible Brown Bomber.) The slugger from Brockton, Mass., knocked Louis down in the eighth and then blasted the former great champion thru the ropes - right out of the ring, Louis was out cold.

But, watching it on T V - those looping round-house swings of Marciano - I thot of the Brown Bomber in his prime. Marciano would have been a sitting duck for him. And now - Poor Old Joe. Those who saw it probably saw the great Joe Louis in the squared circle for the last time.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Long Branch, New Jersey, is aflame with an astonishing scandal. Aflame - is right, because the scandal is in the Fire Department - members of which are charged with arson, setting fires!

Long Branch has a volunteer Fire Department - and, on Tuesday last, three of the blaze battlers were arrested, accused of starting a fire that destroyed a twenty-five room mansion.

Today, two more of the fire fighters were locked up - for touching off a blaze in a barn. Said to have confessed - they were on a drinking party and decided to have a little excitement. So they became incendiaries - then hurried to join the other volunteers in putting out the flames at the burning barn.

Strange state of affairs at Long Branch where fire fighters are fire-bugs! -- They ought to be fired!

## ROBBERY

In Chicago, Sam Bianco started business today under highly dramatic circumstances - but, Sam was clever enough to handle the situation. We are told - its bad to step on peoples' toes. But sometimes, its the height of wisdom.

Re Sam runs a currency exchange - and, immediately upon opening shop, found himself looking into the business end of an automatic pistol. The robber seemed to know what the first business transaction would be - according to the routine of the currency exchange. A shipment of money was due - seven thousand dollars to be delivered in an armored car.

He scooped a hundred dollars out of the cash drawer. Then - concealed his gun, and told Sam to go ahead and accept the consignment of cash. He'd be shot down, if he made any kind of break.

In a minute, the armored car drove up, and a guard stalked in with a bagful of the do-re-mi.

Sam acted as if everything were normal - just okay. The robber, acting innocent, watched intently. He had to sign for the money, and scribbled his signature with a careless air. But, doing so, he stepped on the toes of the guard - and never did anybody play footsie in such a significant way.

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The guard caught on that something was wrong, whipped out a gun - and covered the <sup>bandit</sup> ~~soldier~~, saying: "Put 'em up". The robber did, and tonight he's in jail - after Sam's clever trick of stepping on the toes in a hold-up game of footsie. Nelson,

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