

The London House of Commons, tonight, made a momentous decision - to abolish capital punishment in Britain. The vote - two-hundred-and-ninety-three to two-hundred-and-sixty-two.

The proposal had the support of most of the Labor members. Who were joined - by enough conservatives to carry the resolution. It was a "free vote." The M P's not bound by party decision. The question considered - a matter of conscience.

In Britain, by long tradition, conviction of murder has been followed, inexorably, by hanging. Now, the stern British law ~~will be~~ changed - by the decision of Parliament. Actually, the abolition of capital punishment may be permanent, or the death penalty may be suspended for an experimental period. Change indeed - in Britain.

MARGARET

In London this afternoon, Princess Margaret went to tea - at the home of the Dean of St. Paul's. This evening- she ~~she~~ attended a concert for the benefit of the Cathedral Choir School. The Princess - participating in Church of England social activities. Which aroused - keenest interest in London. Crowds of newsmen - reporting on her movements.

Not surprising - considering the new rumors. That the Princess - may become a Roman Catholic. Which conversion - would be startling - the Princess - third in line in succession to the crown. She might possibly become Queen, and the sovereign is called - the head of the Church of England.

The rumors come from sources in Spain and West Germany. Also, published - in the United States. The Princess, herself, is ~~is~~ ignoring them. Court circles issue - vigorous denials. And so does a clergyman of the Church of England, who is one of her spiritual advisers.

But what about Roman Catholic circles? Today, the

question was taken to the residence of Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster. There, a spokesman gave a reply. He recalled that, long years ago, there had been a similar rumor about King Edward the Seventh, Great Grandfather of the Princess. It was talked around - that he would become a Roman Catholic. Which was completely false - as the spokesman for the English Cardinal, today pointed out.

BOMBER

A new speed record - London to Cairo, in three-hours -  
and-fifty-eight minutes. Flown by a British Canberra ~~a~~  
twin-jet bomber. Two-thousand, one-hundred-and-eighty-two  
miles - across France, over the Swiss Alps, down the Italian  
Peninsula, and <sup>m</sup> across the Mediterranean ~~into~~ Egypt. Average  
speed for the whole distance - about five-hundred-and-fifty  
miles an hour. Clipping more than an hour off the old record -

<sup>also</sup> set by <sup>the</sup> British <sup>- in a</sup> jet airliner.

SOVIET TRADE

A statement in Washington - that the war-making capacity of Soviet Russia has been given a big boost. Put ahead by three to five years - because our western allies have been selling strategic materials to the Communists. Machine tools - exported by Britain.

Testimony - given to a congressional sub-committee by an expert ~~MM~~ of the defense department. John Williams - a specialist on machine tools.

He said - a British company sold the Russians twenty-eight large boring machines. At a time, when the U S Air Force could not get enough of this type of equipment for its own requirements.

The sub-committee is investigating an agreement, made in Nineteen-Fifty-Four to permit western countries to ship more vital goods to the Reds.

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SAUDI ARABIA

The United States <sup>to</sup>~~will~~ send armored equipment to Saudi Arabia. Eighteen modern light tanks - to be shipped from Brooklyn tomorrow.

The State Department explains that the sale was agreed on last autumn. The tanks - "intended for training purposes."

Saudi Arabia has not had any clashes with Israel - but is a member of the Arab League. So protests are expected from Israel - which is trying to get fifty million dollars' worth of U.S. armament. To offset - Communist ~~■~~ weapons for Egypt.

FOLLOW SAUDI ARABIA

The tanks for Saudi Arabia roused immediate angry protest - in Congress. With demands - for a Senate investigation.

PERU

A revolution broke out in Peru, today. The government at Lima - putting the country under modified martial law.

The place of this new revolution, most interesting, as a matter of geography. The town of Iquitos - the Peruvian *way over in eastern Peru -* separated by several port *on the Amazon.* Beyond the Andes, *from Lima.* Down there,

where the Amazon River system *begins* gets set to launch *its incredible volume of water for its*

*100 miles  
on thru  
Brazil  
Atlantic*

Iquitos has a garrison of twelve hundred soldiers -

keeping watch over *that* jungle frontier. Today, they rose ~~against~~

against the government, broadcasting a demand - for a free

presidential election. Denouncing - the authoritarian regime

of President Manuel Odria.

The troops at Iquitos - joined by the Amazon River fleet. Peru - maintaining a sort of Navy, up there near the headwaters of the world's greatest river.

*great mountain range*

Today, Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams made a statement, which would seem to indicate - that President Eisenhower had not made up his mind, when he left Washington. Officially, the President is quail hunting - down in Georgia. But Sherman Adams declared:

"The President has gone away to direct an aim, not only to some birds - but also to some questions which are occupying his conscience at the present time."

Which might well be taken to mean, that, when he left yesterday, the President was undecided.

The statement was made before a conference of Mayors in Washington. A meeting - which gave the United Press an opportunity to take a poll. What will the Presidential decision be? Of the twenty-five mayors who answered, nineteen predicted - yes, he will run again. And another question - if he does, will he win? Among the twenty-five mayors, from all over the country, thirteen are Democrats, ten Republicans, two independents. Their answer - yes - by an overwhelming

majority. Twenty-two said - the President would be re-elected.

Three said - no.

FOLLOW EISENHOWER HUMPHREY

Today, the President got in six hours of vigorous hunting - trudging through the pine country. Bagging his limit - of twelve quail.

EISENHOWER-HUMPHREY

Notice is taken of President Eisenhower's host and companion - Secretary of the Treasury ~~George~~ Humphrey, interpreted - as a sign of the confidence he places in *George* Humphrey. So says Lyle Wilson, White House correspondent for the United Press, who recalls an incident - which might illustrate.

At one of the earliest cabinet meetings held by the new President, the question came up - of whether to abolish wage-price controls. General Ike - rather baffled. Sure of himself - concerning international affairs and military matters of national defense. But inexperienced - in domestic issues.

At the cabinet meeting, the Secretary of the Treasury took a leading part in the decision - to drop wage-price controls. Then, when it was all over, the President still seemed - thoughtful, pre-occupied.

As they walked out, he put his hand on Humphrey's shoulder and said: "George, I hope to Heaven - you know what

you are doing."

Well, how did the decision work out? The answer would seem to be \* in the economic state of the country

during the Eisenhower administration. Apparently, George

*Humphrey* knew what he was doing. *He has the reputation of generally knowing what he is doing.*

All of which is the background - as the President *With Sec. of the Treas.* ponders on that second term decision. *With* Humphrey as his host and companion.

## ALABAMA

The President of the University of Alabama made an appeal - to the student body today. In the case of the negro girl, whose admission to the University was decreed - by a court order.

She had to be suspended - because of disturbances on the campus.

President Carmichael called for law and order in these words: "I've a deep conviction," he told the students, "that the vast majority of you and your parents back home, though opposed to integration - would not like to have our university choose the side of lawlessness."

He received an ovation from the students, who crowded around the University President - promising support.

## HAZING

There's a search in snowy woods, in Massachusetts - for a student of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, ~~who has been~~ <sup>now</sup> missing <sup>^</sup> for a week. Foremost in the search - one hundred fraternity members. Which is most appropriate - considering what happened.

Friday of last week, Thomas Clark of Harvey, Illinois - was being initiated into a fraternity, Delta Kappa Epsilon. They took him in an automobile to a remote point in the woods, and there - put him out of the car. Freezing weather, in snow covered country - and he hasn't been seen since.

Today the fraternities, in full force, were out hunting - including the ones who participated in that initiation.

And the Dean of Students announces - there will be a "thorough study" of the whole business of initiations. Dean Bowditch declaring: "This incident requires - that every measure be taken to insure that it cannot happen again."

LAS VEGAS

Bankruptcy proceedings at Las Vegas - marking the end of a "noble experiment." A Las Vegas resort hotel - without gambling.

Last August, the Aqua Hotel opened - with a revolutionary theory. That some people, who visit Las Vegas - don't want to gamble. Some, in fact, might even disapprove of gambling. Of course, you might ask - why go to Las Vegas?

But the Aqua Hotel opened in great style, without a roulette wheel, or a table for shooting dice, or even a slot machine. Now bankruptcy.

The legal action suggests - a complete reorganization. With - slot machines. One-armed bandits - to bring in forty thousand dollars a year. Putting the place - in the <sup>black</sup> ~~red~~ <sup>with</sup> the usual Las Vegas technique.

However, in recent months, two other Las Vegas resort hotels have gone into bankruptcy, and both-have gambling.

So maybe there's more to the problem than one-armed bandits can correct.

SYRUP

Governor Lausche of Ohio is a Democrat of much eloquence. But I doubt if he can match the Republican rhetoric of a New York assemblywoman, Mrs. Janet Gordon, of Norwich.

She's the sponsor of a bill requiring that all New York Maple Syrup shall be labelled as having been produced in the Empire State. Because people may think New York maple syrup may have come from New England, or Canada, or even Ohio. Those areas - *— as Mrs. Gordon says —* getting the benefit of the superior quality of the New York product.

Governor Lausche wrote a letter to Mrs. Gordon, intimating - that Ohio maple syrup is even better. So, here's the sweet reply he gets from the lady:-

"I deny, categorically, your assertion that Ohio maple syrup is better than the flavorful, pure, ambrosia-like sap drawn from New York's magnificent and fruitful maples;

And - made into the maple syrup supreme." *Henry, would you*

*call that <sup>and</sup> Sweet syrupy? ~~incorrect~~.*