

BEVIN

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There was a parliamentary panic tonight in London. In the House of Commons Winston Churchill, leader of the Conservative opposition, suddenly called for a vote of confidence on Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's Palestine policy.

This ~~comes~~^{came} as a climax of a full dress debate. Bevin told the House that the British government was prepared to recognize the State of Israel. The principal condition being that there was to be no more fighting in Palestine. ~~That~~ War between the Arabs and the Jews ^{must} cease entirely.

All through Bevin's speech Churchill assailed the Foreign Secretary with scathing oratory. He accused Bevin of bias and prejudices, and pictured him as retreating under a cloud of inky water -- like a cuttlefish. Churchill branded Bevin's mishandling of the Palestine problem as glaring and gross. He declared that, when the fighting started in Palestine, Bevin was sure the Arabs would win and so formulated his policy accordingly.

Only once ^{today} did Bevin answer back. He appealed to Winston Churchill in angry exasperation. "I say" he cried, "after all, this is my speech".

But Churchill continued his denunciation. Some labor members apparently found the proceedings boring. So they left the chamber. Whereupon, with seasoned Parliamentary skill, Churchill flashed his demand for a vote of confidence. It was the first vote of confidence the Conservative minority has called for since the labor party took office four years ago.

The result was a climax of anxiety. The labor whips, the officials who muster party members for a vote, made a quick count. Labor had only a bare majority. A majority of only twenty or thirty. Not big enough! If this could not be increased before the vote was taken the labor government might have to quit - to resign. So the whips got busy - whipping up the absentees. They telephoned. They ran to the rest rooms, to the cafeteria, to the libraries, to the bars, and the swank restaurants to collect their absent colleagues.

While the labor members were still rushing into the chamber the vote was taken. Enough arrived in time, and the Labor Government was saved. Foreign Secretary Bevin received a vote of confidence and on his Palestine policy -- two hundred and eighty-three to one hundred and ninety three.

After one of the most exciting nights in the House of Commons in our time.

ISRAEL ELECTIONS

The votes in Israel's first general election are being counted in tense excitement at Tel Aviv.

~~And the returns~~ give a strong lead to ~~the~~ Mapai, the labor party of provisional Premier David Ben

Gurion. With half the votes tabulated, Mapai is assured of at least fifty seats of the hundred-and-twenty in the Israeli assembly. So Ben Gurion will stay on the job, apparently, and become Israeli's first regular prime minister.

Running second is a ~~kafkian~~ leftist group which looks to Russia for its political ideology. This pro-Soviet faction will constitute a strong minority in the Jewish Parliament.

Also, The United Religious party has won twenty seats, a moderate group likely to support Premier Ben Gurion in the Assembly -- which will give him a firm majority over the Reds.

Meanwhile ~~From~~ ^FFrom Shanghai we hear that the United States has officially terminated all training of troops for Nationalist China - our military experts withdrawn. Major General David Barr, who was in charge, leaving today.

~~And~~ ^FFrom the war front an account of a Red attempt to cross the Yangtze - thirty-two miles north-east of Nanking. An advance guard of Communist Army scouts reached the river banks and tried to get across the broad water in junks. The ancient wooden sailing ships of the Orient were caught by the fire of modern weapons, soon were aflame - burning and sinking in the Yangtze. First Red attempt a spectacular failure, but nobody expects the Communists to be stopped for long by the barrier of the river.

In China the Communist radio has called for the arrest of Generalissimo Chiang and his eldest son Chang Ching Kuo. The son was recently in command of the Chinese Air Force.

Pressure is brought to bear to compel the seizure of the former master of China, together with his son, - they to be handed over to the Reds. The Communist radio announcer told Acting President Li Tsung Jen, who has ~~surrendered~~^{succeeded} Chiang, that he himself, will be allowed to go free, if he arrests the men the Communists want - - immediately.

He is invited to trade his own safety in return for delivering the leader who led China through the war with Japan. Chiang Kai Shek ^{meanwhile} who has fled toward Formosa.

To this the Nanking government has replied by radio in a broadcast that makes no mention of any war criminals at all. Instead - a request to the Communists to speed up their plans for a peace conference, as the evacuation of Nanking continues.

DEAN ACHESON

Today at his first press conference Secretary of State Dean Acheson declared that the best contribution the United States can make to world peace is to make it clear that we are ready to fight. "We should show the world" said he "that any armed attack affecting our national security will be met with overwhelming force."

Dean Acheson went on to describe the proposed North Atlantic Treaty -- as being designed to strengthen the United Nations. The U N to be backed up by the North Atlantic Security Pact and ^{by} what the Secretary describes as "overwhelming force."

~~And~~ How about our bi-partisan foreign policy? Acheson described this ~~as~~ not only as bi-partisan, but also ~~as~~ non-partisan and ~~anti~~ anti-partisan. He said he will continue the procedure of consulting the Republican leaders in formulating our relations with the world abroad.

AXIS SALLY

In Washington today three Germans identified Mildred Gillars of Portland, Maine, as the Axis Sally of Hitler's war-time radio. The witnesses were a former diplomat, a blonde governess and a sound engineer. ^R The radio technician told how he handled the ^{(transcriptions; of} ~~transcriptions~~ ^{of} Miss Gillars radio talks beamed to the American armed forces. He pictured Axis Sally as a prima-donna and told of quarrels they had when she demanded priority over others in the recording room. But, he said, they always made up.

Sylvia Doman, the blonde governess, recalled how once Miss Gillars returned to the German radio studio in distress. She had been visiting captured G I's in a prisoner-of-war camp, and had found them hostile. Apparently she expected the G I's to swarm out with cheers for Axis Sally.

As for herself, Sylvia Doman told the court that she had once taken part in a broadcast, using the pseudonym of Toots. The Nazi way of giving a real American ^(slant) ~~message~~ ^{to} the German propaganda broadcast—
- Toots!

RENT STRIKE

News of a nation-wide land-lord strike. In Tulsa, Oklahoma, six hundred families have received notices of eviction. The tenants are to vacate their homes immediately. The story behind it all is a mass protest by the landlords against those rent control bills now in Congress. The Tulsa landlords say they cannot operate under rent control, so they are going out of business - closing their rented properties - as long as the controls remain.

From Chicago, Kansas City and Denver come similar stories. The landlords there, say they will take their apartments out of the rental market as a united protest against rent control. They describe the new bills in Congress as -- intolerable.

A Detroit spokesman for the Michigan branch of the American Property Owners' Association predicts the immediate closing of three thousand rented homes in his area.

In Washington, Rent Director Tighe E. Woods says he is shocked by the action of these western landlords. But he adds that there is nothing the

government can do to stop the evictions, not at the moment. All the tenants can do is ~~to~~ appeal to the local courts.

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Our ^{air} force can tell how to avoid an air force emergency ship across the snow-bound plain plains. Attracting the pilot to the snowed areas, and then dropping hay and fodder. The hay left, he says, "is

HAY LIFT

Out here in the west the Air Force extended the haylift today. More and more flights to ~~drop~~ drop feed to more than two million cattle and sheep threatened with starvation in western range states - our great cattle belt.

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One cattle man tells how he guided an Air Force cargo ship across the snow-bound ~~pin~~ plains. Directing the pilot to the marooned herds, and then dropping hay and fodder. "The hay lift", he says, "is

the only thing that is saving livestock. It's wonderful."

In Nebraska, Governor Val Peterson still questions the effectiveness of the aerial operation. Nebraska's pressing need he declares is for snow plows and bulldozers to open the roads, so that the fodder can be trucked in to the herds in quantity.

In Washington today President Truman raised the ~~amix~~ ante for relief funds - hiking the figure to three-hundred-thousand dollars. Tomorrow the Senate is expected to act on a bill to add seven-hundred-and-fifty-thousand ~~dollars~~ more - in a national effort to save the western livestock supply.

WEATHER FOLLOW HAYLIFT

The weather which caused all the trouble, continues its destructive behavior. Another blizzard in California. The Lanfair Valley choked with snow. Out there they are using helicopters to round up the cattle. The cowboys riding the range under the big whirling blades - helicopters driving the cattle to safe places.

Southern California has another seige of freezing temperatures. Roads blocked by drifting snows, the smudge pots smoking again in the citrus groves - as the fruit farmers try to save remnants of their crops.

Ice storms in Northern Texas, snarling traffic and halting communications.

In Southern Illinois, the Wabash River in flood. And the State of Arkansas warned to expect a major inundation.

The weather Man turning out to be the Villain of the Year.

BROADWAY

On New York's Broadway, the street of bright lights that never sleeps, an enterprising reporter went out looking for a human story. Something different. And he found it. He spoke ~~to~~^{to} a seventy-four year old char woman, as she left an office building near the Metropolitan Opera House on Times Square. What was her story?

She told him - how, in the gay ninties she was the toast of Broadway. Her name Esther Zanina, once ~~prima~~^{prima} ballerina of the Metropolitan Opera Company. She recalled her early life in Italy - how she danced to whirlwind success in Paris, London and Milan.

Those were gay days, she told the reporter. Now she works, cleaning offices - dancing ^{slow} a ballet with a broom, living alone with two cats and her faded book of press clippings, in a tiny room on the fringe off Broadway.

But there's silver ~~in~~ lining to the story of ~~the~~ the former ^{Prima}~~principal~~ ballerina. She and her husband saved a small fortune, which they banked in Italy

before the war. And any day now, Esther Zanini

hopes that some of the money will be sent to her ^{---so}

~~she~~ *abandon the broom and the mop* and she will be able to [^]go to the opera once gain in

style.

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CAMEL

Griffith Park Zoo in Los Angeles has a camel that's on the run. The ship of the desert named Hal, is breaking all records in fast foot-work. He runs and he runs and he runs! So much so that he has the zoo officials worried. The poor beast is running himself to death.

But why? Because - there's a lady camel after him. Every time Hal sees her, he runs. The ship of the desert is in full sail -- with a lady in tow. Poor camel.

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ADD BEVIN

But the British foreign secretary accused the United States of going back on its announcement that it was willing to accept the Bernadotte partition plan for Palestine, also he criticized U.S. for allowing the presidential election to influence our Palestine policy. And about the dispatch over British troops to trans-Jordan after those five British planes were shot down on the Palestine-Egypt border, Bevin defended that. The troops he said were sent as a caution to Israel. He spoke of Britain's whole position in the middle east as then being in great danger, and further he claimed that the presence of the British troops in Trans-Jordan had, as he described it "a lot to do" with getting the Israel-Egypt armistice negotiations under way on the Island of Rhodes.

All of which drew a scathing denunciation of the Labor Government's Palestine policy -- from Winston Churchill. He accused Bevin of bias and prejudice. And he pictured the British foreign secretary as retreating

under a cloud of inky water -- like a cuttlefish.

Churchill went on to brand Bevin's mishandling of the Palestine problem as "glaring and gross."

Churchill poured scorn on Bevin's qualifications concerning the recognition of Israel. He said he was quite sure that Britain would have to recognize the government of Israel. And added that Britain's present plight in the middle east said he was due to a complete lack of grasp by the ministers concerned.

Britain names one condition for British recognition ~~xxxxxxx~~ of Israel. No more fighting in Palestine. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin announced this in the London Parliament today - saying there will be no recognition if the war goes on.

He added that Britain and the United States see eye to eye on a basic policy in the Middle East. And, that the United States will ~~xxxx~~ recognize Trans-Jordan, the British-sponsored-state which is a key member of the seven-nation Arab League. Britain and the United States, said Ernest Bevin, are determined to prevent the Middle East from becoming ~~xxxxx~~ a second Balkans.

MILITARY OUTLOOK TO FOLLOW ACHESON

Meanwhile in Washington members of the House Armed Services Committee received a confidential brief briefing on the military situation of the entire world. The story of global armament was placed before them by Defense Secretary James Forrestal, and the joint chiefs of staff -- with Columbia University President General Eisenhower attending as a special advisor to Forrestal.

Before the meeting the Committee Chairman swore his colleagues to secrecy. -So, we have no word of what picture was presented of the strength of the various nations - our friends and our enemies.

LIBERAL EXILES

In London today refugee leaders from countries behind the iron curtain announced that they are joining forces to fight Communism. Under the title of Liberal Exiles, former political leaders of Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and Poland tell of a united crusade to fight Communism in their homelands.

Moreover, they will press ^{for} the creation of a United States of Europe. The London Conference of Liberal Exiles plans in fact, to operate as a United States of Europe in exile. They represent nearly a million refugees, and intend to organize ^{(undergrounds} ~~undergrs~~ within their homelands - groups of anti-Communist patriots.