

BRITAIN C.J.-P. & G. Mm. Jan. 29-'51.

In the House of Commons today, Prime Minister Attlee announced a further three billion dollar boost to Britain's rearmament program. This brings the total figure for British rearmament to over thirteen billion. Attlee also told the Commons that Britain will mobilize two-hundred-and-forty thousand veterans of World War Two -- for refresher training.

Today's three billion dollars more will quadruple arms production in Britain during the next three years. The emphasis is to be on tanks, jet planes, anti-submarine weapons, radio and radar. Mr Attlee also revealed that a new four engine jet bomber is already ordered, and will be in production soon. This addition to the supersonic twin engine Canberra which we heard will also be made over here.

Winston Churchill, for the opposition, pledged his support to the Attlee program. Regarding the sum to be spent Churchill asked:- "Is it enough to meet the realities we have to face?"

PLEVEN

In a light drizzle, President Truman and several Cabinet members turned out this morning to meet French Premier Pleven at Union Station, Washington. The President wished the French leader "a pleasant and profitable visit" to this country. Only yesterday, ^{the Premier from Paris} in New York, ~~Mr. Pleven~~, said: "There is no time to lose." As if acting on this remark, the President and tall André Pleven, ~~who towers inches above Mr. Truman,~~ then set out for Blair House and the first talks, which were held over lunch today.

This afternoon, the first formal conference was held at the White House. Most important matters for discussion were the speeding of American weapons to French forces in Indo-China and to those being raised for General Eisenhower's Atlantic Pact army. President Truman is expected to impress the French Premier with the need for greater efforts on the part of France. This, in answer to American critics, who say European nations are dragging their feet on rearmament.

EAST GERMANY

In East Berlin today, the Soviet Zone Supreme Court ~~today~~ reduced the death sentence of Hermann Flade to fifteen years in prison. This in deference to aroused German opinion in both East and West Zones.

Flade had been sentenced to die at the guillotine, for stabbing a Peoples' policeman who surprised him sticking up anti-Communist posters on the eve of the Red elections. The policeman did not die, but ~~flad~~ Flade was given the maximum death penalty on grounds that he had been ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "War-mongering" and attempting murder.

Today's repeal follows mass meetings all over West Germany. Also, bitter anger and resentment in the Soviet Zone. Word is that the case of Hermann Flade has done more to damage the Soviet cause in Germany than any ^{recent} ~~other~~ event.

HUNGARY

In Washington today, the State Department drew a circle around the White House. The radius of the circle - eighteen miles. They then issued a note to the Hungarian Embassy - all diplomats from that country to stay within the circle. This geometrical maneuver follows similar action by Hungary ten days ago. At that time, the Iron Curtain country ordered all American representatives to stay within eighteen miles from the center of Budapest.

This is the second tit-for-tat retaliation between ourselves and a Soviet satellite. Early in Nineteen Fifty, Romania told our diplomats to stay within thirty-five miles of Bucharest. The State Department did ^{likewise.} ~~the same thing also.~~

Today's order applies only to Washington. In retaliation for the case of Robert Vogeler, the Hungarian consulates in New York and Cleveland were ordered closed a year ago.

KOREA

The 16-inch guns of the MISSOURI thundered out today. The "MIGHTY MO" headed a powerful task force -- cruisers, carriers and destroyers, in what is described as "the heaviest and most devastating bombardment" of recent months. Targets hammered by the big guns include ^{rail and} highway bridges. All this near the port of Kansong, twenty-seven miles north of Seoul.

(Along a ninety mile front in Korea, the Eighth Army's full scale offensive drove forward today.)

"Everything is going fine," said General Ridgeway, announcing that a large part of his Eighth Army was on the offensive. Reports are of bitter close quarter fighting. (The enemy holding onto their snowy foxholes ridge by ridge, and mile by mile) -- a fight to the death by the Chinese.

Late news from Korea tonight is scanty -- a security blackout seems to cover the fighting around Seoul. But one report places our forces nine miles from the former South Korean capital.

KOREA_FROSTBITE

At the battlefront today, war planes dropped showers of leaflets -- and these tell an interesting story. We have heard a lot about the rigor of Korean cold, an ordeal for the G I's, the peril of frostbite. But we haven't thought so much about the fact -- that it must be the same for the invading Chinese Reds. Maybe worse. Some people argue, of course, that the enemy, soldiers from Northern China presumably -- are used to that kind of cold. But, that would not keep them from freezing. The Chinese troops wear uniforms of quilted cotton which are quite warm, but no better than our own winter uniforms; -- and our soldiers get better and warmer food.

Hence the leaflets today, showered on the Chinese Reds. They gave sound warning, telling of the dangers of frostbite and saying: "only swift medical treatment will save the life of a soldier attacked by frostbite." That, accompanied by an invitation, the

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Red soldiers told that, if they are frostbitten, they can get top notch American medical treatment -- by surrendering.

DRAFT

The House Armed Services Committee today told the Defense Department to advise Congress tomorrow as to why the present age limit of twenty-five on draftees should not be raised to thirty. This as an alternative to the controversial step of drafting eighteen year olds now.

In Washington today, Selective Service Director Lewis Hershey postponed for thirty days, the drafting of graduating college students. This to give them a chance to find jobs in essential industry. Those landing such jobs may be reclassified by local draft boards. Some thirty thousand students are affected by today's order.

ATOMIC

The Atomic Energy Commission explains why South Carolina was chosen as the site of the new hydrogen bomb plant. There have been a lot of inquiries -- why did South Carolina get the huge development? The answer -- the Savannah River. The water of that lazy southern stream is exceptionally free of minerals -- has a low mineral content. Which makes it best for the atomic work on the hydrogen bomb. Huge quantities of water needed -- with as little minerals as possible.

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This atomic theme suggests a reminder of the tests held out in Nevada -- where the week-end atomic blasts were felt far and wide over the barren desert. A United Press despatch remarks today that Stalin and his henchmen in the Kremlin must be taking note. Because tests are held, usually, when you have something new -- there is much talk of atomic weapons, other than the bomb. That is, atomic warheads for missiles of various kinds. Artillery, shells, for example -- and smaller bombs that might be

used in large numbers as a technical weapon of battle.

We do not know just what was decided out there in Nevada -- but the subject of atomic weapons of many kinds is in the air.

So Stalin may have something to worry about -- so also, has the city of Las Vegas. That gambling metropolis of Nevada is well aware that there is no danger from the atomic tests, a hundred miles away. But Las Vegas is not so sure that the tourists, looking for gambling, will be equally confident. They are afraid that the news of the blasts on the distant desert may frighten gamblers away from the roulette wheels and dice tables of Las Vegas.

Word just in from Washington. Members of the Atomic Energy Committee told the United Press tonight that they will fly to the Nevada Proving Grounds ⁹ _{- tomorrow} to witness an experiment. They would not disclose what type of experiment it would be, ¹ But said it depended on the right meteorological conditions -- in other words -- the weather.

WEATHER.

From the Pacific northwest to New England, and down into Texas, a ~~severe~~ cold wave tonight blankets the country. The coldest spot seems to be in Montana - Yellowstone, with a reading of fifty-two below. The forecast for tonight -- sleet, freezing rain, and snow, ~~stretching~~ from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

The latest, - it rained today, in the Rio Grande Valley. At Edinburg, Texas, a department store is ~~being~~ making good its promise to give away raincoats, because - it rained. Word is of more than two hundred and forty-one coats: given away in the first twenty-three minutes.

EARL

In London a singular lawsuit was filed -- a prominent Britisher petitioning the High Courts to set back the date of his parents marriage. He wants a legal decision stating that his father and mother were married two years before the official date, now on record. He is George James Fitzwilliam, Secretary of the British Field Sports Association -- and his purpose is to win the Earldom of Fitzwilliam, together with an estate of three million dollars.

The family is one of the oldest in the British nobility, dating back to 1130. They were Barons in 1620, and Earls ever since 1716. Then, in the 1880's came the matrimonial mix-up that confused the inheritance to the ancient title. One of the Fitzwilliams married a Gaiety Girl, Daisy Lister, who danced in the chorus. They were wedded in Scotland, under Scottish law and custom -- then, two years later, had an English ceremony, a fashionable event of the London season. During these two intervening years

they had a son -- but he was declared out of the line of inheritance, because the Scottish marriage was - considered illegal. He, today would be the next heir to the Earldom of Fitzwilliam, if the Scottish wedding was recognized. The present Earl of Fitzwilliam is a second cousin, and has no heirs.

That is the reason for the curious lawsuit -- of which the Secretary of the British Field Sports Association, has entered suit asking the High Courts to date back his parents' marriage by two years so he can become an earl.

PRISONER

From Claremore, Oklahoma, tonight comes word of a ~~real~~ legal puzzler. The Claremore sheriff is faced with the problem - "Can you arrest somebody for impersonating a prisoner?"

It all goes back ~~in~~ a few weeks ago, to a court case in which ^{of three} two brothers pleaded guilty to charges of transporting liquor. The case was deferred a few days, after which the boys were fined fifty dollars each and sentenced to thirty days in jail. The judge didn't realize that in the meanwhile, one of the brothers had changed places with his twin. One of the prisoners was actually somebody else - a twin brother. ~~It~~ ~~very complicated.~~

The jailer didn't realize either - at least not for three weeks or so. ~~But~~ Then he noticed that the twin brother answered to the name of Jim, although he had been sentenced as Jess. - And then the whole story came out; ~~How~~, for a hoax, the two brothers had changed places. "I don't know why they did it," said the sheriff today, "Maybe it was brotherly love." →

And the sheriff still doesn't know what he is going to do. Can he send Jim back to jail because he went to jail instead of Jess!

Nelson, how would you solve that?