

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Prime Minister Anthony Eden today made a couple of important appointments in his Cabinet. The new Prime Minister had been the Foreign Secretary. And now he has filled that vacancy by appointing Howard Macmillan - prominent as an advocate of Anglo-American cooperation. In fact, the new Foreign Secretary is half-American.

Macmillan was Minister of Defense, and that post is now taken by Selwyn Lloyd - Chief British Delegate to the United Nations in New York.

These are the only important changes in the London Cabinet. Which, otherwise, remains pretty much as it was under the retiring Prime Minister, Winston Churchill.

CHURCHILL

It looks as if Sir Winston might become - an American citizen. In Washington, today, two members of Congress announced - they'll introduce legislation to grant honorary citizenship to the British statesman, so long a favorite in this country.

Senator George Smathers of Florida says - he's working on a bill to introduce in the Senate. Congressman Hale Boggs of Louisiana - will sponsor a similar measure in the House.

Well, Sir Winston had an English father and an American mother. Now it looks as if he might have - both British and American citizenship.

PRINCESS

An earlier dispatch, today, quoted the Archbishop of Canterbury as declaring - there's no truth to the rumors that Princess Margaret might marry the divorced air hero, Group Captain Peter Townsend. ~~Dr. Geoffrey Fisher was also reported as saying that, under the rules of the Church of England, any marriage of Townsend is impossible.~~

But later, the Archbishop denied - he had ever said any such thing.

All this transpired in Capetown, where the Archbishop of Canterbury is beginning a tour of South Africa. He says a newsman asked him - was there any truth in the rumors about the Princess? And he replied: "No comment."

Later he was asked, would the new Premier in London make any difference - Anthony Eden being a divorced man. And again the Archbishop replied: "No comment." ^PIt might be that, the "no comment" was taken as a simple "No."
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In any case, the earlier dispatch must have started reverberations - in London.

It is confirmed, officially, that the Premier of Pakistan - has taken a second wife. Under the law of the Koran, he could marry - four. Nevertheless, the second marriage is having political repercussions. Ideas are changing - in the Mohammedan world.

Mohammed Ali was in this country, recently, accompanied by his first wife. Returning home, he decided - he wanted to marry a young woman secretary. His advisers in Karachi were much opposed. Arguing - it would make a bad impression in the Western countries.

A few days ago, Mohammed Ali went off on a diplomatic mission. Accompanied - by the young woman secretary. In Syria, Beirut, they were married - under Moslem law. They returned yesterday, and the word is that Mohammed Ali's political associates are "extremely disappointed."

In Karachi the Premier's residence is being partitioned off into two dwelling quarters. One, for the first wife - who, apparently, is accepting the familiar Moslem situation. The other - for the new bride.

AFGHANISTAN

Food riots - reported in Afghanistan. A famine - in the eastern provinces of that central Asian country. Mobs - on the rampage.

Refugees arriving at Bannu, Chuman, Dera Ismal Khan, Kohat and Peshawar, in Pakistan, report - that the Afghan government sent supplies of grain into the famine stricken area. To be distributed - free. But local officials, upon receiving the grain, sold it at high prices to the hungry.

JAPAN

Americans won a "battle of the flags" in Japan, today. The Stars and Stripes - hoisted on top of a hotel at Osaka. Between - the Japanese colors and the flag of Red China.

The victorious army - a Hollywood movie troupe. Making shots in Japan - for a film feature. They had their headquarters in the Osaka Hotel - when a commercial delegation from Red China arrived, last night.

As a matter of diplomatic courtesy, the hotel ran up the Chinese Communist flag - and that was when the Americans rebelled.

Hollywood Production Manager Seymour Freedman went to the hotel people and announced: "The American flag goes up, too - or out we go."

To prove they meant business, the twenty-nine Americans began to pack their bags. Whereupon the hotel management gave in - and hoisted the American flag.

ARGENTINA.

Easter-time trouble broke out in Buenos Aires today, following a huge religious parade - commemorating Maundy Thursday. Thirty-thousand Catholics marched in an orderly procession. But then - when the observance broke up - crowds of people staged a demonstration against the Anti-Church policy of the Peron government. A number of arrests were made.

ICARDI

A lawyer's investigator was arrested in Pittsburgh, today. Charged - with trying to bribe a witness in a trial for fraud in a federal housing scandal. He's Aldo Icardi - prominent figure in a mystery of wartime in Italy.

Icardi, a former officer in the ~~1~~ cloak and dagger service - charged with the murder of his own superior officer, Major William Holohan. Also accused - former Sergeant Carlo Lodolce of Rochester, New York. Both were convicted in absentia, in Italy. Icardi - given a sentence of life imprisonment. Lodolce - seventeen years. But, because of technicalities of law, neither could be extradicted.

Icardi - now arrested in Pittsburgh.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower signed a document today. Which certainly must have reminded him of an event - ten years ago. Back in Nineteen Forty-Five, General Ike accepted the unconditional surrender of Germany. Today, he signed the Paris Agreements - providing for the rearming of Western Germany. Sovereignty restored - West Germany coming into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

A lot of water has flowed under the international bridge - in ten years.

ATOMIC

The Atomic Energy Commission will go into quantity production - of atomic anti-aircraft missiles. Following - the spectacular test of yesterday. The first known explosion - of an atomic guided missile in flight.

The immediate inference is - that a barrier of atomic guided missiles will be created along the line of Arctic wasteland in Canada. The route - for hostile bombers across the North Pole.

But what about anti-aircraft atomic explosions over thickly populated areas - over cities? Well, the blast of yesterday was at an altitude of six miles. They say it proved - that no harm would be done to anything on the ground. The sky-high fire-ball, expending its violence away up there, No danger from the blast or the radiation - for people on the ground.

ATOMIC POWER

The Atomic Energy Commission has an application from four private groups - for authorization to build atomic power plants. These groups, including a public power company in the Middlewest, would build "demonstration" plants. Pioneering - the use of atomic energy, for industrial purposes.

The four plants would generate enough electricity to supply the needs of a city the size of New Orleans or Buffalo. The total cost - one hundred and fifty million dollars. The private groups - offer to pay eighty to ninety per cent of the cost. The Atomic Energy Commission - to put up the rest.

~~In addition to these four proposals, the Consolidated Edison Company of New York has applied for a license to build an atomic power station - and ~~pay the entire~~ do the entire financing. Cost - fifty-five million dollars.~~

~~None of these offers has been accepted - they are~~
~~being considered.~~ Lewis L. Strauss, the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, ~~XXXXX~~ hails - this evidence that private

interests are willing to risk their own money in developing atomic power for industry. Democratic Senator Clinton Anderson of New Mexico, Chairman of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee - echoes this approval.

DUST BOWL

Five million dollars - allocated for "dust bowl" relief. President Eisenhower, today is authorizing that much money - for farmers in seven Western states.

They've been having windy, blustery weeks out there. Continuing gales - which have blown the top soil, and created "dust bowl" conditions.

AUTOMOBILES

General Motors announces - record breaking sales of passenger cars in the first quarter of Nineteen Fifty-Five.

The highest - in G.M. history. In March, a new mark was established - for G.M. sales in a single month.

In the first quarter of the year, nearly eight hundred

^{and} ninety-four thousand new passenger cars were sold by G.M.

In March - nearly three hundred and fifty-two thousand.

Record-breaking figures -- as the motor car business booms.

FRANK BARTHOLOMEW

At the United Press, today, ~~newspaper reporters~~ editors and reporters began getting memoranda signed - "Bart." A graphic sign - that a new President and General Manager was on the job. Frank Bartholomew - seldom known by his right name. Throughout the newspaper world he's called - "Bart." ~~And he signs messages and telegrams that way.~~


~~Last autumn, Hugh Baillie announced - he'd retire from his post upon completing his twentieth year as President and General Manager of the U.P.~~ ^{Hugh} Baillie promoted to - Chairman of the Board. ~~So now the twenty years are up,~~ and the new active head of the great newspaper gathering associatbn is - "Bart."

ROBBERY

The New York Police have a clue in yesterday's record breaking bank robbery. A fingerprint - or, rather, a mere fraction of a ~~fingapr~~ fingerprint.

The bandits, after holding up a branch of the Chase-Manhattan Bank in the Borough of Queens, escaped ~~with~~ in an automobile. Which they, presently, abandoned. The police investigated the car for fingerprints, and found one -- on the speedometer. But it was mostly - a blank. A flat, smooth surface in the center. But, around the edges - the telltale pattern of a fingerprint.

It's an old story - crooks who try to obliterate their fingerprints by rubbing off the skin with sandpaper - a painful operation. But this crook had not been successful enough. He left enough - for identification. The fraction of a fingerprint - recognized. The police won't say who he is. Except - that he's an ex-convict.



Add ROBBERY.

Later, the police announced - that bank employees, going through pictures in Rogue's Gallery, have identified one of the bandits. Redmond Cribben - an ex-convict and patrol violator.

PRISONER

The former wife of a convict in the Florida State Prison has confessed - that she smuggled the pistol, with which he made a desperate escape attempt last Monday. George Heroux - trying to shoot his way out, and killing a prison official. The story - a strange one.

Two weeks ago, the former wife - remarried. Her second husband - an exercise boy at a race-track. She persuaded him to buy the gun - intended for her former husband. She concealed the gun under her girdle when she visited him in prison. Then, by arrangement with him, left the gun hidden in a ladies' rest room. Where he, later, was able to procure it.

The former wife claims - she smuggled in the gun, because she was afraid of her former husband's friends. ~~XXXX~~ Afraid - they'd retaliate if she didn't help him.

TKA - SPEAKERS OF THE YEAR (use Thursday, April 7)

Tau Kappa Alpha, ~~the~~ National Oratorical Fraternity, again makes ~~has just made~~ its annual awards. Dr. Wayne Eubank, President of the organization, and also President of the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, wires me that the laurels this year go to Senator Case of New Jersey, Editor Merle Thorp of Washington, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, ^{and} Dr. Frank Baxter of the University of Southern California. Spellbinders who all get a special salute.

IRELAND

I've always been a fancier of clever/newspaper headlines - and here's a gem from Ireland.

On an island just off the coast, the local people were making whiskey - that Irish "poteen". Government revenue agents made a raid. But, when they arrived - what did they hear? The church bell - tolling. Sounded like a solemn funeral - the way the bell tolled.

A signal, an alarm. Somebody had noted the approach of revenue agents - and was tolling the village church bell. So the Hibernian moonshiners cleared out. Moving - hundreds of gallons of illegally distilled spirits. The revenue agents - foiled.

Hugh, the story was printed in a local newspaper today, under the following headline: "The spirit was moved, as the bell tolled."

Spiritual sort of Irish wit.