

### Senate Chaplain Tailors Words To Suit Occasion

By JANE EADS  
WASHINGTON—Scottish Dr. Peter Marshall, chaplain of the U. S. Senate, is a man of few words. His prayers at each day's opening session last not more than two or three minutes.

A recent example:

"Forgive us all that we talk too much and think too little. Forgive us all that we worry so often and pray so seldom."

The tall good-looking clergyman, who is also pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, says that as far as he knows there is no "directive" for what his prayer before the Senate should be.

"The prayer," he says, "is an expression of the needs we all feel." He tries to key the words he offers as much as possible to the problems confronting the lawmakers.

On the opening of the special session called by President Truman last November he prayed:

"O God, our Father, we pray for Thy wisdom and Thy guidance for the members of this body as they meet in this troubled hour to consider what this nation should do about hunger that knows no politics and want that will not wait."

"We cannot escape history. That we have found out. May we also discover that we cannot evade responsibility. By Thy Holy Spirit awaken the conscience of America that our people may be willing to put humanity first."

The chaplain says he is not disappointed by the small number of senators present to bow their heads as he delivers the prayers before the Senate roll call.

"They know they are being prayed for, not only in the Senate, but by the whole people," he says.

He prayed recently that the faith of the senators in the efficacy of prayer be kept strong. There are times, he says, when guidance asked in difficult decisions "has not always come when we thought it should come."

"Forgive us for thinking, therefore, that Thou art unwilling to help us in our dilemma, or that there is nothing Thou canst do," he asked.

"Remind us, Our Father, that when we plug in an electric iron and it fails to work, we do not conclude that electricity has lost its power, nor do we plead with the iron."

Dr. Marshall says he doesn't believe "God has any political affiliations."

Dr. Marshall was born in Coatbridge, Scotland, speaks with a soft burr. His first two pastorate were in Atlanta, where he lived nine years before coming to Washington to be pastor of the Presbyterian Church which Abraham Lincoln attended. The Republicans elected him chaplain a year ago.

### He's a 'Bishop' at 14



Thomas Wrighton, 14, of Middleton Tyas, Yorkshire, England, blesses the incense as one of his functions as "Bishop" of St. Mary of the Angels School at Addlestone, Surrey. The custom of electing a student bishop dates back to the 5th Century.

### Romania to All Intents Now Part Of Soviet Empire

By DEWIT TMACKENZIE  
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Young King Mihai's abdication of his throne has no mysterious significance for Romania already was under the domination of Moscow and he was monarch in name only by the grace of Bolsheviks until he had served their purpose and they were ready to declare another Red republic.

Mihai's personal tragedy merely represents the final step in the grand coup which the Russians have executed in taking over Romania for, to all intents, it is now a part of the Soviet empire. And they've secured a fine prize.

Romania is rich agriculturally, as is testified by her great fields of corn and other grains, and she has petroleum, perhaps a doubtful asset for a small country with powerful neighbors. But she is even more important strategically.

**Trump For Russia**  
Not only does Romania have a coastline on the Black Sea but she houses the mouths of the

mighty Danube, which winds back across the Balkans and on into Central Europe—a navigable river which is capable of handling heavy traffic and thus is one of Europe's vital waterways—militarily and commercially. Moreover, she lies up against the Russian border, and thus her political complexion and international relations are of vast moment to Moscow.

The taking over of Romania is a prime example of the dogged persistence with which the Communists pursue the hunt. As far back as 1939 they were causing unrest in that country, and the authorities uncovered a widespread Soviet espionage organization. Some 140 alleged Red agents were arrested in various cities. These underground activities continued until the late war gave birth to the golden age of Bolshevism in Eastern Europe.

As we check up on former Romanian monarchs I'm afraid we can't give them perfect marks in stewardship and deportment. But Mihai who is only 26—just a youngster as kings go—has been showing a sturdiness of character which endeared him to his people and might have made him a great ruler if he had been given a chance. He has been so brave in trying to carry out his duties in the face of personal danger

that one can understand the affection in which his subjects held him.

So far as courage goes, Mihai's colorful father has plenty of it, only he would seem to have directed too much of it in wrong directions. The former King Carol, now living in Portugal with his wife—she who was Magda Lupescu—will be re-ordered as one of the notable royal lovers of history. At the age of 21 during the First World War, Carol eloped with a Romanian provincial commoner, Zizi Lambino, and married her, to the consternation of the whole country. He even wanted to abandon his rights to the throne but his father, King Ferdinand, finally got the marriage annulled.

Then Carol married lovely Princess Helen of Greece and she is Mihai's mother. However, Carol soon fell violently in love with Madame Lupescu, abandoned his throne for her and was divorced by his wife. To give Carol credit, he has stuck to Magda through thick and thin, and they were married recently in Brazil when it seemed that she was about to die.

It seemed to me that Carol's great-lover traits from his dad, King Ferdinand. A friend of mine who knew Ferdinand well told me that his majesty had a

warm penchant for Romania's beautiful Gypsy girls and was quite content to leave many of his fair's of state in the hands of his very able and world famous wife, the late Queen Marie.



### From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

#### Thad's Feet Hurt

After a long, hard day's work on the farm, Thad's idea of how to spend an evening is to take off his shoes, and relax with a mellow glass of beer.

But his missus has other ideas. After being in the house all day, she's all for walking to the village, if it's only for a soda. Likes to see people, catch the latest gossip. But Thad says, no, his feet hurt! Begun to cause unpleasantness in Thad's home.

Then Bill Webster comes up with an idea. If Thad takes the missus to

Andy's Garden Tavern, Thad can relax with his glass of beer, and the missus can also chat with all the neighbors there. Each gets his (or her) own way.

Worked, too! In fact, now the missus likes an occasional temperate glass of beer herself. And Thad finds it's pleasanter to enjoy his beer with good companions, rather than alone. In fact, his feet stopped hurting too!

Joe Marsh

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