

Britain Taking Spartan Step For Economic Survival

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The British government's action in calling on the country for a voluntary freezing of wages, profits and prices in an effort to combat inflation is at once a warning of the gravity of England's economic crisis and an exhibition of Spartan determination to win through.

There would seem to be no question of ideology involved in this daring and drastic move by Britain's socialist regime. It's a matter of survival, and Prime Minister Attlee himself presented the case to the House of Commons after consulting both trade unions and organized employers.

It is a tribute to the long-suffering British public's spirit of cooperation that Mr. Attlee felt able to lay such a proposition before it. The nation has disciplined itself to endure a fierce austerity of life during the long fight against inflation. The Prime Minister is trusting to this discipline.

Dangerous Period Ahead
One suspects that the government's anxiety relates not so much to the present moment as to a dangerous period around the first of June. The experts tell us that Britain's gold and dollar reserves will be exhausted by about that time. That could produce a grave situation, falling outside help, and the government would be most unwise to bank on the Marshall Plan while that project is still under discussion in congress.

So with maybe four months to go before the monetary reserves run out, Attlee is taking time by the forelock in trying to inaugurate his startling program to protect the value of the pound sterling and prevent inflation. Should this fail, and should no assistance be forthcoming from outside, England would be reduced to the expedient of barter trade with the result that her position as a world power would deteriorate rapidly.

Would Affect Us
Such a contingency raises another problem which is of world wide import and especially to the United States. Appropos of this the U. S. State Department a couple of weeks ago presented to Congress a summary of the European political situation prepared by Truman administration agencies. These analyses showed, among other things that American foreign policy makers believe if Britain should fail to regain its world position, the "stabilizing influence which it has heretofore exercised in many strategic parts of the world would be lost and the adverse effects on the interest of the United States would be incalculable."

Well, what would happen if Britain failed to regain her world position? The answer is that a vacuum would be created in the many strategic areas which she has dominated through the generations—the vital Mediterranean area, for instance, the Middle East and on into the Far East.

Thus this new battle of Britain assumes a vast importance to every nation of the globe.

Italian Request On U. S. Warships' Visit Denied

ROME, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The United States embassy here denied today a report from Washington that Italy has suggested curtailment of visits by American warships to Italian ports.

The embassy in an official announcement, said:

"The Italian government has made no request to the United States embassy with regard to visits of American naval vessels."

The Washington report said Premier De Gasperi informally suggested the curtailment a few days ago. Russia recently protested that the visits of American warships to Italy violated the Italian peace treaty. The United States rejected the protest.

Yoncalla

YONCALLA—Mr. and Mrs. W. Nimocks and their son returned home Sunday after spending the past two months visiting relatives in Iowa.

Mrs. Shirley is assisting Mrs. Tim Miller in the Yoncalla Library now.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Huntington have sold their home south of town to Phil Huntington and his wife. The Crawford Realty Co. handled the transaction.

Mrs. Harry Lawman of Rockaway, Ore., spent a couple of days here last week visiting relatives and friends, en route to her home after spending two weeks visiting in California.

Jug Vest, former owner of the Yoncalla Pool Hall, who now lives in Portland, was renewing old acquaintances here Wednesday.

Claude Sherman of Cottage Grove visited friends here last week.

Word has been received from Eugene of the arrival of a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harding, at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Eugene, Jan. 25. Mrs. Harding is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brant, and was Miss Lois Brant prior to her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Drager and three children formerly of the Shadybrook camp ground, have moved into the Boswell Springs store.

Lyle Lee won a set of four tires in the Frazer-Kaiser contest last week. Mr. Lee signed up at the Cottage Grove agency.

Both the high school and grade school budgets carried at their recent election.

The surface of the Caspian Sea is 36 feet below sea level.

Three Hurt in Gas Explosion



(NEA Telephoto)
Three persons were injured in a gas explosion which wrecked this Pittsburgh, Pa., apartment house, causing damage estimated at \$2500. One victim was pinned under the debris for a half hour before firemen rescued him.

Air Pilots Assn. Faces Libel Suit

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Notice of a \$5,000,000 damage suit was filed by National Air Lines against the Air Line Pilots Association (ALP) today following a pilots' strike which caused the company to suspend operations.

The notice of the suit was filed in the Dade County (Miami) Circuit Court. The pilot's association, headed by David L. Behnke of Chicago, was given until March 1 to answer.

Alfred McCarthy, National Air Lines attorney, said:

"This action is one for libel and slander and is based on the unwarranted charge by the union that this company's aircraft were unsafe."

Behnke was quoted from Chicago as describing the cause of the pilots' walkout Tuesday night as being in part due to concern over air safety because mechan-

ics had been on strike for two weeks.

All planes on the NAL system serving 11 states and Cuba have been grounded since the pilot walkout.

Silhouette Featured At Paris Fashion Show

PARIS, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Three prominent French fashion houses today showed their interpretations of the figure-conscious silhouette.

The silhouette was launched last season and was enlarged upon by the three name firms in their spring showing.

Lucien Lelong took the surlier's viewpoint and styled his clothes to show the silhouette is more palatable if it isn't faked with corsetry and exaggeration.

Schiaparelli's taste went the other way. Skirts were eight inches from the floor, hips were unholstered and stockings were of a hue called "shocking pink."

Jacques Griffe did his share of helping out the hips, but his

skirt designs were ten inches from the ground.

Colors tended toward shades of putty, honey, off white, grey and yellow.

Oregon Study of Other Game Codes Suggested

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 5.—(AP)—A study of California and Pennsylvania model game codes was proposed here yesterday at a hearing of the Oregon legislative interim committee on wildlife.

Robert S. Drenner, Cottage Grove Rod and Gun Club spokesman and one of 20 Willamette Valley Club representatives, made the proposal.

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