

Churchill Says Retiring Reports Chatter Of Press

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill this week referred to newspaper reports suggesting he may soon retire as "chatter in the press."

Asked by a Laborite in the House of Commons about the possibility of his retirement, the 80-year-old Conservative leader replied: "Really, you mustn't be led away by all the chatter in the press."

The exchange came after Churchill answered no to a ques-

tion as to whether he would appoint a cabinet minister to deal with disarmament questions.

For the last few days every national newspaper in Britain has carried predictions that Churchill will turn over the prime minister-ship to Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden early in April and that the Conservatives will call a general election sometime thereafter.

Predictions on the date for the election ranged all the way from

May to October. The Manchester Guardian printed a lengthy dispatch saying that Churchill's cabinet colleagues had told him that "they could not agree to continue indefinitely working at the lessening speed" which his health and 80 years makes inevitable.

Churchill's statement Tuesday could be interpreted two ways: Either he has no intention of stepping down now, or is not yet prepared to reveal his party's hand.

Sources close to Churchill have explained that the Prime Minister himself has kept his followers in the dark about his plans. Sometimes he has talked of retirement and again he has dwelt on plans for the future.

Political observers regarded the latest reports, however, as having a stronger ring of authenticity than those that have gone before.

The dominant factor in British politics now is a split in the Labor Party over left-winger Aneurin Bevan.

Eisenhower Places Paris Accords Ahead Of Meeting Between Big Power Chiefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said Wednesday that once the Paris agreements are ratified it might be time for exploratory talks looking toward a meeting of big power chiefs of state.

The President told his news conference he would make a lot of concessions to get exploratory talks at a lower level. But he added it was different when you are considering a meeting at the summit.

What he wanted then, Eisenhower said, was assurance that the Russians meant business. He said

they had violated their promises so often and left us hanging on a limb that it made him wary.

Eisenhower said there was no great difference between his viewpoint and that of Sen. George (D-Ga.), who has proposed that the President initiate a big power conference meeting.

George has said he would want ratification of the Paris agreements—calling for rearming Germany—before a big power session.

Eisenhower said there is no place on earth he would not travel in order to obtain an honorable peace, and no chore he would not undertake if it promised the faintest hope of promoting the general cause of world peace.

He said, however, that he would not favor any conference which could be used for sheer propaganda purposes by the Communists.

Eisenhower said that with the ratification of the Paris agreements still pending it was best not to muddy the waters at this time with a high level conference.

Once this ratification was completed, he said, exploratory talks could be taken on a different level than that of the chiefs of state.

Eisenhower said that as President his duties differ greatly from those of other heads of state. He said it is not so simple for him to arrange to attend a meeting at the summit.

In response to questions about George's proposal that a big power meeting be held without prior concrete show of faith by the Russians, the President said he had never intimated that his demand for deeds rather than words from the Soviets be limited to specific matters.

Eisenhower said there is a whole field in which the Russians could

Canyonville Grade Students Undergo Audiometer Test

By VIRGINIA PROCTOR

The state hearing department will give audiometer tests at Canyonville School March 11. Anchor and Galesville students will be transported to Canyonville School on that day so that they may be given the tests too.

Mr. and Mrs. Odom Ford of Brookings were Sunday guests of the Fred Elliotts. They attended the Methodist Church where they had been active during the years they lived in Canyonville and visit-

ed many old friends in the vicinity.

Supt. O. J. Monger reported early this week that his wife, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is sufficiently recovered to resume her position Wednesday as librarian in Roseburg High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Neis and family spent Sunday with the Glen Gilmore family at Glendale. The Gilmores moved to Glendale from Canyonville.

Mrs. Jack Gaulke, who has been having treatment at Myrtle Creek Hospital, returned to her home in Days Creek Monday of this week. Mrs. Arlie Schaffer is helping Mrs. Gaulke.

Mr. and Mrs. George McClane and daughter, Rebecca, and George McClane Sr., spent Sunday on the coast near Sandpiper picnic-ing on the beach and fishing in the surf. They report a sunny day; warm enough in sheltered spots to go barefoot in the sand.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Keller were hosts at dinner Thursday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Binder, Mrs. Pauline Binder, Mrs. Fay Wingfield, of Long Beach, Calif.,

and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor. Canyonville Lions netted 65 from their dance Saturday evening at the Community and Youth center building, an occasion which was also the debut of several local singers.

Carrie and Arlene Schaffer of Days Creek sang several duets; Sandy McDaniels, Mrs. Jim Hancock, Bill Demusick and Charles Dowd, the latter two members of the band, all won applause.

The dance was one of a series to "benefit" indebtedness incurred in the building of the youth center.

The U.S. Army will be at Canyonville High School to show pictures and give a lecture to junior and senior boys March 29.

Report cards will be out Friday, according to O. J. Monger, superintendent of Canyonville schools.

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Suggestion Box Idea Approved By Senate

SALEM (AP) — The Senate approved here the idea of having a suggestion box for state employees, with cash awards to be paid for ideas that would save the state money.

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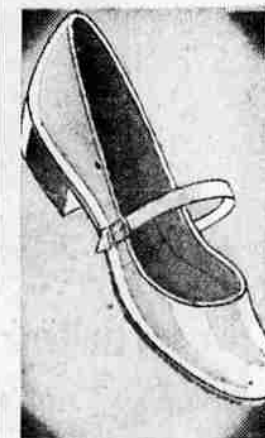


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