



OSTENTATIOUS VULGARITY? — The elegance and glamour of the monarchy displayed on such occasions as the recent state visit of the Shah of Iran are under constant attack by British leftist critics.

PULLING DOWN THE ROYAL PEDESTAL

While Elizabeth Is Away The Socialists Are Busy

By TOM A. CULLEN NEA Staff Correspondent

While Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip give North Americans a taste of royal glamour during their seven-week Canadian tour, the Socialists at home will be busy gnawing away at the foundations of the British monarchy. It is an insidious campaign that goes on year in and year out. The Socialist aim: to pull the monarchy down from its pedestal, to make it drab as part of the inevitable leveling-off process of the Welfare State.

In Socialist eyes, and this includes the majority of the British Labor party, the Queen is a glorified civil servant presiding over a middle-class nation. As 78-year-old Lord Esher, a noted patron of the arts, recently remarked: "The Queen still has that quality which is anathema to the civil service view of life—glamour. "There isn't much left of it in the modern world, but what there is is much prized."

The idea of a Civil Service Queen, however, appeals to the Puritan streak in many Britons, and may ultimately influence the image the Queen projects as head of the monarchy. "The monarchy must always retain an element of mystery," according to Sir Frederick Ponsonby, one of the most experienced courtiers in modern times. "If you bring it down to the people, it will lose its mystery and influence."

Britons have only to look across the North Sea for warning examples of what happens when the royal coinage is debased, according to those who uphold the old tradition. In the Netherlands, for example, the monarchy no longer has an aura of mystery or glamour, they point out. Queen Juliana is said to be under the influence of faith-healers and cranks.

In Belgium, 29-year-old King Baudouin has been criticized for everything from being extravagant to remaining single and thus failing to provide an heir to the throne. In Britain, the attack upon royalty is seldom direct, the leftists and the laborites preferring the oblique approach. The recent State visit of the Shah of Persia is a case in point.

In a leading article, the leftist New Statesman started by criticizing the preparations for the Shah's visit as "ostentatious vulgarity." "The gold plate has been taken out of the safe, arthritic joints thrust into rusty knee-breeches," the magazine article sneered.

It went on to drag in the Queen.

News Coverage For Nixon Trip

WASHINGTON (UPI) — American newsmen accompanying Vice President Richard M. Nixon to Russia apparently will be allowed to cover the trip "without censorship."

This was the interpretation Nixon late Friday put on assurances from the Soviet government that newsmen would be able to file stories freely and without delay.

Mrs. Retha Bowman Heads EOC Class

Mrs. Retha Bowman was elected president of the 1959 Summer Session graduating class at Eastern Oregon College in a recent meeting of the group. She will preside over various commencement activities and represent the graduates in meetings with the faculty concerning the class gift and end-of-session events. Mrs. Bowman has taught at the Ladd Canyon School and will teach this coming year in Union

"Doubtless the Queen takes no pleasure in hobnobbing with this unsavoury potentate," New Statesman conceded, but it questioned her sincerity. "Today the tarnished phrases of welcome conceal only cynicism." The danger, as observers here see it, lies in the Queen bending over backwards to please her critics. In this respect, she shows herself to be much more compliant than some of her predecessors. Queen Victoria would have ignored with contempt many of the criticisms directed at her great-granddaughter. But Elizabeth, with the advice of Prince Philip, already has gone a long way to meet the demands of her more vociferous critics. The reforms instituted in the seven years she has been on the throne are sweeping ones. In keeping with the times, she enrolled her son, Prince Charles, in an ordinary prep school. The 10-year-old Prince of Wales is the first direct heir to the throne to receive such a democratic education.

Again, because they were unpopular with many of her subjects, the Queen abolished presentation parties in Buckingham Palace last year, thus putting an end to the so-called "debutante racket."

The Queen has steadily broadened her contacts with the outside world. Today's guest list for an informal luncheon would have sounded a few years ago like the wild dream of a social revolutionary. Some recent Palace guests: Alec Guinness, actor; Charles Brasler, sprinter; Donald Campbell, holder of the world's speed record on water; Michael Balcon, film producer; and Billy Wright, captain of the All-England soccer team.

All of these reforms have met with popular enthusiasm. But some Socialist critics apparently would like to see Prince Charles attending a little red brick schoolhouse somewhere down by the gas works. They would also like to see a heavy sprinkling of shop stewards among the Queen's entourage. As a hard-bitten royalist explained it to me, "Labor would like to see Buckingham Palace con-

verted into a People's Park for Rest and Culture, where the Queen might be glimpsed occasionally riding a bicycle with her shopping basket over the handle-bars."

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

EL PASO, Tex. — Louisiana Gov. Earl Long describing his feelings about reporters who have been dogging his footsteps: "I had a pistol last night and it was all I could do to keep from pulling it out and shooting some of them."

WASHINGTON — Presidential News Secretary James Hagerly denying that President Eisenhower lacked confidence in Charles Bohlen ambassador to Russia, who is reported slated for a high State Department post: "Nothing could be farther from the truth. (The President) has a great deal of confidence in Ambassador Bohlen."

SZCZECIN, Poland — Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev outlining Russia's Berlin stand to an audience of 75,000 Poles: "We should abolish the occupation regime in (West) Berlin and we will press for this."

CHICAGO—Former high school athletic coach John Francis Tracy, 38, known as "the Irish charmer," to FBI agents who arrested him on forgery charges: "I'm not a bad boy. You guys should be out catching bank robbers instead of me."

'WE ARE ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLE'

Each Government Department Speaks Own Special Dialect

UPI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) told the Senate this week the Army is so short of dough our boys in Berlin carry rifles 23 years old and machine guns from the First World War.

Bul. Asst. Defense Secretary W. J. McNeil, in his reply, said "the validity of the shortfall" had not been established, and in the ensuing confusion senators beat Symington's amendment to give the Army more money.

Symington probably figured the senators just didn't know what they were doing. And Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.), the GOP whip and a key figure in the fight against the Symington proposal, now seems to have admitted this might have been so.

"It may be that 'shortfall' is government gobbledegook for shortage, but I do not know," he told the Senate, having cautiously withheld his remarks until after the vote. "We are English speaking people but I suggest that such phrases are no proof of that fact."

Significance Undetermined

The significance of all this to the boys in Berlin, and the relics they may or may not be carrying, must still be determined. Meantime, however, Kuchel has warned military men, and government people generally, to start

communicating in the kind of language senators understand.

He said their failure to do so will lead to "unintelligence," which unfortunately is the kind of language senators understand and. Some people might have said ignorance.

Among the numerous local dialects spoken here in preference to English, pentagonese, as above, is generally considered the most difficult to master.

The Air Force recently came up with "encrypted," which some veteran House members were able to decipher as meaning put into code. The Army meantime made a logical advance from "definitize," which means "finalize," to "undefinitize," which must mean "unfinalize," whatever that means.

Obligate, Subobligate, etc.

The foreign aid people "obligate" their money, then "subobligate" it, and despite their best efforts to get it all spent before the end of the year they owned up recently to having "unsubobligated" some millions of dollars. I am informed they will explain this to anybody with a couple of hours to listen.

Other agencies of course are always panting to stay in the race. The Commerce Department, just Wednesday, told Congress our Merchant Marine is short 200 "notional" ships. The congress-

men had assumed what they needed was more tankers and freighters.

Our lawmakers always deplore these new words, and practically always adopt them. So when Rep. Craig Hosmer (R-Calif.) had something special to say this week he went out of his way to make sure he didn't fall into the trap.

He put into the appendix of the Congressional Record a short speech above which was duly printed the headline he wrote: "Stop flops drop crop props."

"Mr. Speaker," he said in his eight-word undelivered oration, "the above title conveys my message."

Welfare Commission To Tighten Policy

PORTLAND (UPI) — The State Welfare Commission Friday announced a major tightening policy in eligibility requirements particularly in aid to dependent children.

The Commission said the new policy would mean closer checking on parental responsibility and on the individual's financial and work resources.

Friday's action came at a regular meeting of the Commission here and followed closely recommendations of the Welfare department staff as made in a study report, developed after action of the 1959 legislature.

Unknowns Star When Big Names Disappear

By VERNON SCOTT UPI Staff Writer

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Ever heard of Dick Crenna?

Probably not. But you're more than likely familiar with Walter Denton and Luke McCoy, the characters he's played on "Our Miss Brooks" and "The Real McCoys."

Crenna has parlayed the cracked voiced high school boy and the gangling hillbilly role into a \$100,000-a-year career.

He's a member of the growing fraternity of very rich supporting players who jump from series to series on TV when the top stars conk out. Others in the same category are Bob Sweeney (My Favorite Husband) and Our Miss Brooks' Harry Morgan (December Bride), Gale Gordon (Our Miss Brooks and The Brothers) and Vivian Vance and Bill Frawley (I Love Lucy).

Make or Break Series

"A good supporting cast can make or break a series, no matter how big the star may be," Dick opined.

"Take some of the most successful shows—December Bride, Gunsmoke, '77 Sunset Strip, 'Lucy' and people like Jackie Gleason and Sid Caesar. Their supporting players were as popular as the leads.

"Most stars realize this and capitalize on it. The star of my current series, 'The Real McCoys,' is Walter Brennan who spent his movie career as a character actor in supporting roles.

"He's great to all of us. He knows the problems and tribulations of second bananas."

Crenna, a likeable young man of 32, believes he could waltz into a third series, and a fourth and fifth successfully.

"I have yet to play myself on television," he explained. "So everytime I crop up in a new series I'm a new face and personality. It might be different if I'd played starring roles."

Shortage of Comics "In the past four years I've been offered a half dozen series of my own—all comedies. There's a shortage of young comics around right now, not the stand-up variety, but character comedians.

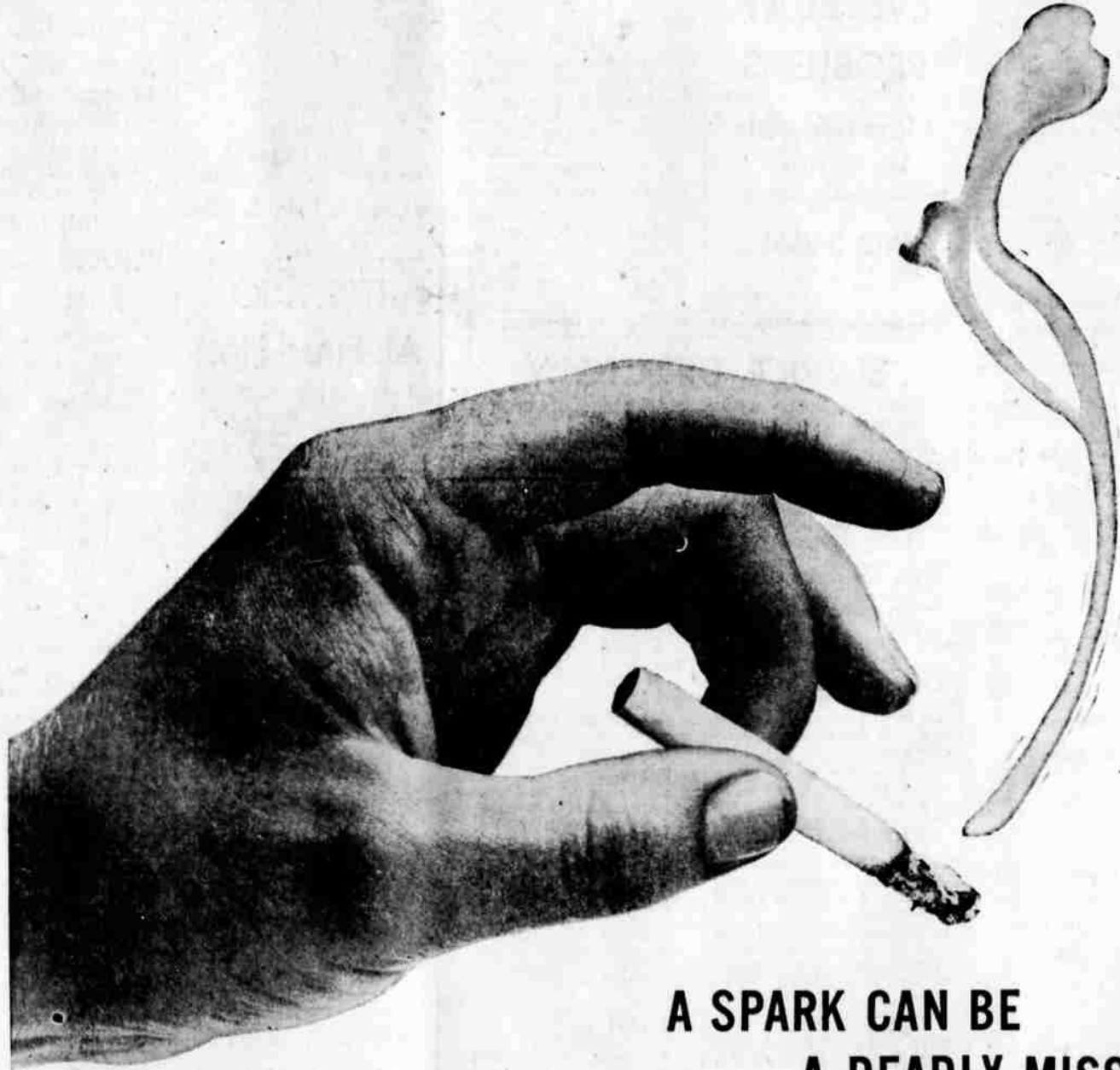
"Other than Tony Randall, Jack Lemmon and Wally Cox I can't think of anybody who can play youthful character parts for laughs.

"It's not an easy thing to do because you can't strap comedy on like a pair of six guns. There's a heck of a future in playing second bananas, and I plan to stick with it."

Dick began his career on radio at the age of 11, and credits the variety of roles he played for his current versatility.

"It's hard to say how long 'The Real McCoys' will run," he concluded. "The show is doing so well I guess it will continue as long as we in the cast want it to go on. I signed for five years, and we're starting our third season.

"As far as I'm concerned I hope it rolls along for years to come."



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