

### What British Laugh at Now— Jokes on the Gov't or the U. S.

London (AP)—All you have to do in Britain today to be a successful comic is tell a joke about the socialist government or the United States.

The British always have been ready to laugh at their leaders and no government in its history has been the butt of so many jokes on the stage, the screen, and even the nationalized radio as this one.

In radio there is reportedly some mild censorship to ensure that jokes about cabinet members or party leaders are funny and not vicious. But the wraps are off in the music halls.

The United States is getting a slight roasting as the home of the elusive dollar, which all Britons agree is the cause of all their trouble.

"I'm glad to be here," cracked Charlie Chester, British comic from the stage of the Palladium Theater where Danny Kaye and other American stars frequently appear. "Of course, I wrote a letter to the American consul asking permission."

Having dumped his audience in the aisles with that one, Chester continued:

"If the streets were paved with gold, we'd need dollars to buy pickaxes."

Other gags that have titillated Britons these days of economic crisis include:

Radio comic (in mock commentator style)—"1940 — the days when Britain stood alone—and oh how she could stand a loan today."

Straight man charging on stage with the ancient battle cry: "St. George for England."

Comic—"Everything else for export."

Then there is the story about Churchill arising in a bus to give his seat to Mrs. Attlee, wife of the prime minister.

"Thank you," says Mrs. Attlee. "Don't mention it," murmurs Churchill. "I hope your husband will do the same for me—very soon."

A west end comic drew a howl when he told his audience:

"I've just been listening to Churchill's speech. He'd never get away with it—if Attlee were alive."

Comic Ted Ray discusses with his radio wife a new electrical gadget to make morning tea automatically:

"I wish we had something to make it unnecessary to prepare eggs and bacon too," says his wife.

"We have," snaps Ted — "Strachey" (food minister).

From a current show:

"Where is the capital of Russia?"

"Moscow."

"And the capital of France?"

"Paris."

"And the capital of England?"

"In the United States."

**Union Oil Earnings In 9 Months High**

Earnings of the Union Oil company of California for the nine months ending September 30, amounted to \$15,885,573, according to word received in Salem Thursday.

These earnings are equivalent to \$3.25 per common share, based on the number of shares outstanding at the end of the quarter. Earnings for the cor-



Enroute—Vice Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, USN, stretches his legs during a brief stopover at Boston, Mass., on flying trip from his Mediterranean naval command to Washington to succeed ousted Admiral Louis E. Denfeld as chief of naval operations. (AP Wirephoto.)

responding period of 1948 amounted to \$23,493,986 or \$4.88 per share.

Total income on the company for the nine months totaled \$153,866,266 as compared to \$156,399,186 in the same period last year.

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