

Little Things Like Bomb Threats Don't Worry Tories

By JOHN RODERICK

London, Feb. 20 (AP)—The phone rang at National Conservative party headquarters. "Just thought I'd call to tell you the building will be blown up in 15 minutes," said the voice at the other end. "Quite," said Miss Elizabeth Sturgess-Jones, sweetly. "Thank you so much." She returned to her typing.

In a few minutes she looked up. "My word," she told her superior, more bemused than alarmed, "that chap said the building was going to be blown up."

"Rather," said this gentleman. "You might have told me a bit earlier." He bent back over his desk.

People at Winston Churchill's conservative headquarters can't be bothered with such trifles. There's an election Thursday. An exploded bomb would hardly create a ripple among the 150 or so workers in probably the most hectic organization in London these days.

The scene of this fevered activity is Abbey House, a gloomy old building within a stone's throw of Westminster Abbey and the houses of parliament.

It is the nerve center of Britain's conservative campaign to unseat the Labor government but with all its turmoil and hurly-burly it remains essentially British, essentially Tory. The excitement is high, but modulated.

Abbey House, for one thing, has none of the shinness, newness, or blatancy considered necessary to American party headquarters. It is as old and mildewed as a Stilton cheese.

There are no lavishly furnished conference rooms, no gay banners festooning the ceilings. A small electric heater or a ruddy coal fire supply tiny warmth. On mantle pieces, a cheap, toy figure of Winston Churchill is the presiding deity.

The office of Lord Woolton, chairman of the party and director of the Abbey House operation, is a couple of chairs a desk, pictures of Churchill, Eden, other party leaders and a map, that's all.

The complex set-up which Lord Woolton heads has links with every borough in Britain. It funnels out posters, campaign propaganda, speakers and advice on demand. On occasion, it supplies candidates, and occasionally—but not very often—it disapproves of some which local organizations have put up.

The casual public is more familiar with the few ground-floor offices the conservatives maintain than it is with the scores on the top floors. Conservative publications, books and posters are displayed in one of

the other is staffed by men and women who answer the thousands of questions politicians are supposed to have the answers to.

Most of them are requests from individuals who want to know what the Tories will do about their jobs, their social security, and their future. Hundreds just want to know when and where Churchill is going to speak.

There are the usual number of crackpots with screwball ideas for winning votes or ending economic crises.

One old lady, dressed in obvious working-class garb came in clutching a small package. After making sure she was in the right place, she thrust the package in a bewildered attendant's hands.

"Here," she said, "They're for you. All my life savings."

Before anyone could stop her, she had gone. In the package in single notes were 50 pounds (\$140).

Anderson Will Head Silverton Chest

Silverton—Tom Anderson was elected president of the Community Chest at the Friday evening meeting in the Washington Irving building Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Assisting Anderson will be Cliff Almqvist, vice president; Mrs. Harry Sherwood, secretary, and C. B. Anderson, treasurer, both the secretary and the treasurer were re-elected.

With the exception of one member, the same board of directors was elected, Howard Morrison being the new man. Other directors are William Evans, Miss Thora Arestad, Mrs. Mabel Monson, Maurice Schnorrenberg, Olaf Paulson, Jr., Miss Hannah Olson, S. Parzy Rose, Tom Anderson, Ted Burien and Robert Webb.

R. A. Fish is the retiring president and Olaf Paulson, Jr., the retiring vice president.

Pupils Present Program
Willamina — The Willamina Civic club will meet Thursday at 2 o'clock at the Rebekah hall. Grade school pupils will present a patriotic program, and refreshments will be served.

Church Groups Talk Economics

Detroit, Feb. 20 (AP)—Leading Protestants from across the nation Saturday began a conference discussion of Christian responsibilities in economic life to take home to their churches.

Delegates meeting under the sponsorship of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America put finishing touches on preliminary recommendations which will be acted on over the week-end.

Yesterday a discussion group on "freedom of enterprise and social controls" voted that "extensive use of taxation to reduce inequalities in income is desirable from a Christian and an economic standpoint."

The group, headed by Victor G. Reuther, a Methodist who is educational director of the CIO Automobile Workers, also approved a statement that "it is a responsibility of a Christian society to assure all people, without discrimination, full access to modern medical care and other health services."

Reuther ruled out discussion on the Truman administration health program and other specific proposals on grounds that conference procedure called only for deciding areas or responsibilities.

The Federal Council's first economic parley at Pittsburgh in 1947 concluded that churches have a duty to take an active interest in economic affairs.

Panels on American and world economy gave U. S. foreign policy a strong endorsement and gave tentative recommendations on three fundamental economic responsibilities of citizens.

Robert E. Wilson of Chicago, president of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana and chairman of a panel section, said the three were:

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Buena Vista Women Receive Invitations

Buena Vista—The Buena Vista Woman's club is invited to attend the home extension unit meeting in Monmouth at the city hall, February 24 at which time Miss Marco, Polk county extension leader, will give the demonstrations. "Step - Saving Kitchens" and "Meal Planning," to be an all-day meeting. A sack lunch and coffee will be served.

The Buena Vista club's next meeting will be February 22. Mrs. Cecil Hultman, chairman of Azalea House fund, asks all club members to bring an article to this meeting to donate. Articles will be placed on tables and sold by sealed bids, a "silent auction."

Accidental Shot Fatal to Youth

Falls City, Feb. 20—Robert Lee (Butch) Rich, 14, died Saturday afternoon at a Dallas hospital from a gunshot wound in the head which Paul Bollman, of Dallas, Polk county coroner, declares accidental.

The boy, a high school freshman, was hunting with LeRoy Davis, 16, about two miles northwest of here, when his .22 calibre rifle was accidentally discharged as the two boys were going down a steep hill in the rough district. The trigger, the investigation carried out over the weekend, apparently caught

in the brush. Davis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Davis, operators of a drug store, was forced to leave the wounded youth and go for help. The accident occurred about 1 o'clock and death came in the hospital shortly before 3:45 o'clock.

Rich was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rich, cafe operators, and a newspaper carrier boy. His body is at the Hinkle and Ballman funeral home at Dallas with announcements later.

Church Women Called
Stayton—The annual World Day of Prayer, sponsored by the women of Stayton's protestant churches, will be observed by a union service held in the Assembly of God church, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.



Hopes to See Children—Mrs. Mary Ella Sams 33, hugs her two children as she lies in her bed at Grady hospital, Atlanta Ga. Her husband, Emmanuel is at right. Mrs. Sams, who had been blind since she was 18 months old, had the bandage removed from her left eye for the first time since she underwent a corneal transplant. Her doctor said that she could see the light from a flashlight, and that eventually he hopes recovery would be about 80%. The children are Ronald and Angelyn. (AP Wirephoto)

Middle Grove School, Club Programs Are Appreciated

Middle Grove, Feb. 20—The students of Middle Grove school held an assembly in honor of Abraham Lincoln. Mistress of ceremonies was Yvonne Miller. The program began with the pledge to the flag, followed by the singing of "America."

Fifth and sixth grade pupils presented the play, "Young Abe Lincoln". Stage managers were Dorris Reynolds and Denna Lou Kleen. Closing numbers were three square dances, "Bleating", "Ace of Diamonds" and "Life on Ocean Waves."

The first meeting of the 4-H "Cagey Cookers" following the bad weather was held at the school house Thursday night. There were 22 girls present. The leader, Mrs. John Cage presented the demonstration on the making of cookies for cooking I girls. At the next lesson the girls will bring cookies they have made from her instructions. Following the meeting the girls enjoyed a Valentine party.

Hostesses were mothers Mrs. Frank Slomak, Mrs. V. Dickey and Mrs. B. L. Sudtall. Guests were Mrs. Harvey Page and Mrs. Albert Fabry.

Chorus Will Resume
Willamina — The Sheridan-Willamina Community chorus will resume meetings, with the first one scheduled for Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Willamina high school band room.

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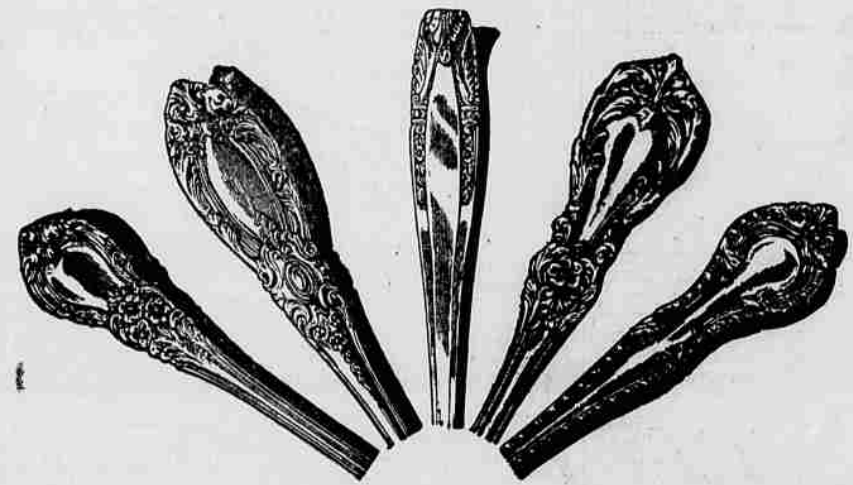
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