

Eden Bowout Not Lamented By Ike, Aides

Officials Privately Welcome Shift Of Helm

WASHINGTON (UP)—United States officials today privately welcomed Sir Anthony Eden's decision to quit as Britain's prime minister as a step toward restoring U.S.-British relations to their pre-Suez level.

Publicly, there were warm expressions from the White House and the State Department for Eden and concern over his health. But by his resignation, officials said privately, Eden had cleared the way for a strengthening of the Western alliance and a revival of American-British cooperation.

President Eisenhower, in a White House statement, did not express the usual "regret" over Eden's resignation. But the President referred to Eden as "an old and good friend of mine." He said he had developed a "great respect and admiration" for Eden as a "dedicated leader in the cause of freedom." The President also said he is sending Eden a personal message.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, who had not always seen eye-to-eye with Eden, said "It is a matter of deep regret that Sir Anthony Eden has felt compelled to lay down the arduous duties of his office because of health." The secretary spoke of Eden's "ability and effective dedication to the cause of freedom in the world and unity between the free nations, particularly between the United Kingdom and the United States."

Hungary Reds Said to Have Entered U.S.

CAMP KILMER, N. J. (AP)—Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) says Communists have slipped into the country under the Hungarian refugee program and he predicts many will be deported. "The hard-boiled Hungarian Reds were the first to leave Hungary," the congressman said Wednesday during a tour of this resettlement center.

"They were fleeing the ire of their own people... Odds are that some Communists did get into the U. S."

Immigration officials have announced that 10 refugees already have been returned to Austria, two at their own request and eight for making false representations. Walter said he is "sure more have violated their parole status."

ATT Boosts Net Income

NEW YORK (AP)—American Telephone & Telegraph Co. reported Thursday its net income for the last quarter ended Dec. 31 amounted to \$163,520,000 equal to \$2.60 a share compared with \$143,772,730 or \$2.79 a share in the same period of 1955.

For the full year 1956, net income was \$617,200,000 or \$10.75 a share compared with \$546,045,367 or \$10.77 a share in 1955.

In his quarterly report to shareholders, Frederick R. Kappell, president of AT&T, said the Bell system gained about 3 1/2 million telephones in 1956, of which more than a million were additional phones in houses that already had service.

In 1955, ships passing through the Suez canal brought 76 million pounds of tea and 16 million pounds of black pepper from the Orient to the United States.

Chou Greeted in Moscow



Red China Premier Chou Enlai is welcomed in Moscow by Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin after his arrival from Peking. He made the 3,600-mile flight in a Russian jet plane. Others on hand in the welcoming group were Dmitri T. Shepilov, second from right, Soviet Foreign Minister, and Deputy Premier Leonid Brezhnev. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Moscow)

File Clerk in S.F. Confesses Setting Blaze

'Urge' Given as Reason For Arson in Which 20 Injured

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—A 31-year-old file clerk said today an "irrepressible urge" caused him to touch off a spectacular fire in a downtown office building, his second and most successful arson try of the day.

The suspect, Harold D. Eisert, 31, of Oakland, was picked up at the scene of the fire just outside the Hanford Building. At the time, the conflagration was raging at its height.

Eisert confessed four hours later that he was the man who set a one-alarm blaze in the same building at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and the second at 4:30 p.m.

The second blaze went to five alarms, the equivalent of a general alarm. It caused an estimated \$200,000 damage and sent 250 persons fleeing to the street. The basement and a score of offices and stores were gutted.

Some 60 pieces of equipment and 250 firemen battled for two hours before they brought the flames under control. They poured tons of water into the three-story building bounded by Market, California, and Davis streets. Twenty firemen were injured.

Thousands of office workers were delayed getting home and at least 10,000 spectators stayed a-

round to watch. The smoke from the fire was so dense at times that police ordered many of them to move to safer areas lest they be overcome.

The fire also triggered a colossal traffic jam. Hundreds of buses and autos were hopelessly trapped in the downtown area for several hours.

It was the third major fire in downtown San Francisco in the past 10 days. A New Year's Eve fire in a hardware store two blocks away caused \$100,000 damage. Just before dawn Wednesday, a four-alarm fire in the Alice of California clothing manufacturing plant caused \$100,000 damage.

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2 Explosions Rip U.S. Lab

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York University laboratory building housing a secret government chemical research project was rocked by two explosions today. No one was injured in the explosions or the fire which followed.

Cause of the explosions was not immediately determined. Deputy Fire Chief Edward Karsten said damage was "minor" in the one-story, concrete block and brick structure, at Fordham Landing Road and Terrace Avenue, the Bronx.

George Gerard, assistant director of the research department of NYU, later said no atomic material was involved.

Eden's Paycheck Dips Four-Fifths

LONDON (AP)—Sir Anthony Eden's income drops by four fifths as a result of his resignation. He drew 10,000 pounds (\$28,000) as prime minister. As ex-premier he will receive a pension of 2,000 pounds (\$5,600) a year.

His salary as a member of Parliament is 1,000 pounds (\$2,800) annually. Rhode Island, smallest state in the union, has 181 miles of railroad mileage.

Rites Held for Austrian Chief

VIENNA (AP)—More than a half million Austrians, many weeping and kneeling in the streets, paid tribute Thursday to President Theodor Koerner at an impressive state funeral.

Statesmen from West and East represented their governments and people at rites for Koerner, who died Friday of a heart attack at the age of 83.

The funeral procession along Vienna's wide Ringstrasse was watched by more than 250,000 people. Police estimated that another 250,000 lined the route to the cemetery, where the old Socialist was given a religious burial.

Portlander's Car Kills Pedestrian

MILWAUKIE, Ore. (UP)—Maurice E. Briggs, 68, Milwaukie, was killed during rush hour traffic yesterday evening when struck by a car.

State police said Briggs was struck by a car driven by Clinton K. Huston when the victim darted into the path of the car in an attempt to cross Southeast McLoughlin boulevard.

NOT AVAILABLE
WESTERHAM, England (UP)—Sir Winston Churchill, who for years had groomed Sir Anthony Eden to succeed him as prime minister, was not available for comment Wednesday night on Eden's resignation.

He had gone to see the movie, "Gone With The Wind."

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