

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

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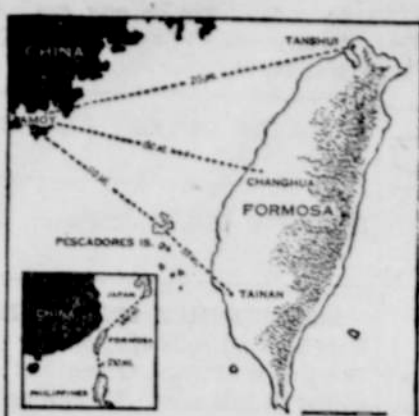
The visit of Winston Churchill and his staff was not for the purpose of asking us to furnish financial aid directly to Great Britain. It was for two other purposes—both of which could involve heavy expenditures by us.

(1) Churchill explained that England's financial difficulties can be eased, if not actually solved, if she is relieved of some of her present commitments in the fight against communism.

(2) The British government would like us to assume an equal share in keeping the Suez Canal open and protected, and to join in other undertakings—in short, "walk the same path."

The British Prime Minister produced an impressive bundle of facts to bolster his request that his country be relieved of some of the cold

Knowledge is Power



1. CAN CHIANG KAI-SHEK INVADE CHINA?

2. WHY DID JOE LOUIS STAY IN THE RING?

3. WHAT FIRM PAID A RETIRED EMPLOYEE \$208,000?

(1) "Certainly not," writes James A. Michener in "The Voice of Asia," his new book. Chiang has about 250,000 effective troops, but he has no ships to take them over the 110 miles of ocean which separate Formosa from China. Michener says we should use our ships, supplies and officers to put Chiang's men ashore in China when global war comes, but not now.

(2) The Bomber kept on fighting even though he knew he had passed his prime because he wanted to raise the money to pay his back taxes. Whoever had helped Joe with his income tax had done a poor job, according to Raymond Moley of "Newsweek." Joe had managed his money badly, but he continued fighting despite risks of permanent physical

injury because he is an honest man.

(3.) Sears Roebuck has a profit-sharing fund through which 104,100 employees now own more than 23 per cent of Sears' capital stock. Employees contribute five per cent of their wages, says John Coogan in "America" magazine, and the company contributes from five to nine per cent of its net profit. Thus one employee invested \$7,900 during his service with Sears and retired with \$208,000. Several others received more than \$100,000.

From articles appearing in the January Catholic Digest.

war and defense burden it has voluntarily carried. He pointed out, for example, that Britain's participation in the European defense system is now equal to two-thirds as much as all of the rest of Europe combined. Certainly Churchill's approach to the problem of setting the financial affairs of his country in better order makes a lot of sense. He says simply that the United Kingdom is spending more money than it has or can raise and that it cannot continue to do that. What a pity that we have not had that sort of simple logic used in the operation of our own government these last four years.

As I listened to Mr. Churchill's speech, I wondered a few times if it would not be better for him to make his statement to the other European governments rather than to us. After all, we too have all

but over-extended ourselves in this fight for freedom in the world. I was lately right close up to the situation in Europe and came away with the impression that the governments in Western Europe are not really going "all out" in this fight—surely not to the extent that the United States and the United Kingdom are contributing.

As for the British second objective, that of our closer unity with them in their world policies and endeavors, I have some grave misgivings. We may be forced finally to do exactly that but I am inclined to think that to do it voluntarily, and now, might foreclose the still living possibility of genuine cooperation in all of the free world. In other words, I think it would be unwise to consolidate the English speaking areas into a tight and separate combination of power. This could have the effect of creating a third great division in the world which would then consist of—(1.) the Communist-controlled countries; (2.) the English speaking countries; and (3.) the remainder of the free world. It will be better, I think, to keep the present line-up—the entire free world opposed to communist aggression.

The House Committee on Banking and Currency has been directed by the House to investigate the insuring and guaranteeing of loans (by the government agencies have facilitated or made possible the insuring or guaranteeing of loans for defective housing.



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RUDE AWAKENING.

Roxana, Dela.—A car, out of control, hurtled around a curve and crashed into a 100-year-old house, knocking Joshua Hudson, 65, and his wife Eva 51 out of their bed and into a garden. The driver, Seaman Ronald Weigand, 18, was treated for chest and head fractures and his wife's collarbone was fractured.

"HANDLE WITH CARE."

London.—Addressed to a Mr. Sen Chee-wong, of Hong Kong, a peculiarly-shaped package recently received top priority at a London airport. It was labeled "urgently required, handle with care." It contained—a shiny top hat.

PULLING-HAIR WED.

Worcester, Mass.—Recently Aubrey E. Pulling and Evelyn M. Hair filed for a license to be married. Pulling is a laboratory technician and Miss Hair, a secretary.

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