

Is This Churchill's Last Week as Premier? Resignation Procedure Told

Aging Statesman's Future Subject of Much Speculation

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London (U.P.)—Is this Winston Churchill's last week as Britain's prime minister?

There are many here who believe it is.

He is 80 years old and the rumors of his impending retirement from the top post have now reached such persistence as to be accepted widely.

Some persons even have fixed a precise date—April 5—but there is nothing official so far to support that. Sir Winston says only, with a grin, "The future is veiled in obscurity."

May Resign Tuesday

If he does resign next week, this is how it will happen:

On Monday night Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip will dine at No. 10 Downing Street. That is unusual in itself but it may also mark the last time Churchill plays host at the narrow, brick house he himself has helped make so famous.

The next day at 6:30 p.m. the old statesman will pay his regular weekly call at Buckingham Palace on the 28-year-old Queen. He served in the House of Commons when her great-grandmother, Victoria, was on the throne.

If resignation it is to be, that is the occasion when Churchill will ask Elizabeth to accept it. She will. He will recommend that she ask Sir Anthony Eden to be the new prime minister. She will. Eden will accept.

Not Complete Retirement

Sir Winston might then choose to make a valedictory address to the world from his celebrated forum, the House of Commons, before it begins the Easter recess next Thursday. Churchill is off to Sicily then for several weeks in the sun.

It is apparent that he does not intend to retire entirely from his beloved Commons. He has sold constituents in his district of Woodford that he intends to serve them still longer.

So it may be that the familiar hunched figure and cherubic countenance will still be seen in the chamber but not on the front bench constantly where, as prime minister, he was wont to turn off his hearing aid during Socialist speeches that he chose not to hear.

Number of Generals Subject of Criticism

Washington (U.P.)—The Senate Armed Services committee has taken the military services to task for increasing the number of generals and admirals while reducing enlisted strength.

The committee Tuesday voted to impose a limitation on such officers until it can check further into this "apparent imbalance."

A subcommittee report, approved by the full committee, disclosed that the services plan to increase the number of generals and admirals to 1287 in the coming fiscal year although manpower strength will be cut to 2,860,000 men.

The services presently have 1250 star-rank officers with an active duty strength of about 3,200,000 men.

4-H Club News

Westside Club

Westside 4-H met at Westside school, Feb. 7. We toured Snider's Dairy March 18 at 10:30 a.m. We named the parts of a cow and pig.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Foley. The next meeting of the club will be April 4, at Westside school at 7:30 p.m.

Reese Creek Club

At the regular meeting of the Reese Creek Renegades a test over parts of a cow was given by the leader, Cliff Moore. Ronnie Nelson received the highest score and was given a prize.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Paul Johnston.

Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nelson.

Janet Johnston, Reporter.

Gold Hill Club

Members of the Gold Hill 4-H Livestock club met March 23 at the Gail home when Mr. Davis gave a report on diseases of animals and the treatments that should be used. Lois Biles told of the points that should be considered in selecting a young lamb.

Candidates were initiated and refreshments were served by Mrs. Gail.

The next meeting will be April 13 at the Eskew home. Jean Estremado, Reporter.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 8:30 previous day.

Ike Politely Disagrees With Churchill's High-Level Plan

Washington (U.P.)—President Eisenhower politely objected today to British Prime Minister Winston Churchill's suggestion that big power discussions begin with a conference of chiefs of state.

Without referring to Churchill by name, Mr. Eisenhower pointed out at his news conference that an eminent source had proposed a top-level meeting without an agenda.

Mr. Eisenhower said there would be many dangers to such a meeting. He said it might look like a social gathering to many people in the world who would be expecting more from such talks than could be delivered.

But Mr. Eisenhower said again that the United States would meet with other major powers on any basis so long as such a meeting would not raise any false hopes.

Mr. Eisenhower thus main-

tained his basic position of a week ago, that it would be better to hold exploratory talks at a lower level, probably foreign ministers, and then see whether a chiefs of state meeting might follow.

Minnesotans Admit Liking Cold Winters

Minneapolis (U.P.)—Hardy Minnesotans, beset by cold, snow and the inconveniences of heavy clothing, still like their winters, a poll reveals.

Seven out of 10 persons quizzed by the Minneapolis Tribune admitted they like the winter season, listing as reasons that the cold weather is invigorating and more healthful. Others said they liked the outdoor sports.

Seventy-nine per cent of those polled said they thought winters were becoming less severe.

Tonight's 'Oscar' Program End of Tight Talent Race

Hollywood (U.P.)—One of the tightest Oscar races in Hollywood history comes to a photo-finish tonight at the 27th annual presentation of the motion picture industry's famed Academy Awards.

More than 2,800 Hollywood stars, executives, technicians and just plain fans will jam the Pantages theater on Hollywood blvd. to watch filmdom's most gala public event of the year.

Millions of TV and radio set owners across the nation also will "attend" the presentations which will be beamed to NBC-TV and radio stations from 7:30 to 9 p.m. (PST).

At post time, two comparative newcomers from New York, Grace Kelly and Marlon Brando, were given a slight edge to win the best acting honors of 1954 over Hollywood veterans Judy Garland and Bing Crosby.

A straw poll of 15 per cent of the 1,600 motion picture academy voters indicated Miss Kelly, a socialite beauty, would win

her first Oscar for portraying an unglamorous wife in "The Country Girl."

Brando, the straw vote conducted by daily Variety, a trade paper, indicated, would be given the nod for his violent character in "On the Waterfront."

But Los Angeles newspaper

film critics yesterday predicted the best actress Oscar would go to the once-troubled Miss Garland. She staged a spectacular comeback in a musical, "A Star Is Born." Crosby supporters were equally sure he would win for his startling portrayal of an alcoholic in "The Country Girl."

Crosby is the only past Oscar winner, having taken the award in 1944 for his priest character in "Going My Way." Miss Kelly was nominated last year while Brando is on his fourth nomination. Miss Garland was given a special Oscar as a child actress.

All 20 actor nominees were scheduled to appear on the telecast for the first time in Hollywood history. But nature spoiled the record when Miss Garland was rushed to the hospital early

Industrial Plants To Buy Costlier Power

Portland (U.P.)—Eleven of the 14 industrial plants suffering a 75 per cent cut in their interruptible power supply have contracted to buy supplementary higher-cost steam power, the Bonneville Power Administration said Tuesday.

Bonneville was forced Monday to step up its power cut from 50 to 75 per cent. A BPA spokesman said interruptible power would be cut off entirely from 6 a.m. until midnight daily.

The 25 per cent available will be delivered to the plants from midnight to 6 a.m. The Bonne-

ville announcement said there had been no improvement in water runoff, although weather had been a little warmer east of the Cascades.

Between 6 a.m. and midnight all of Bonneville's interruptible power will go to meet firm power commitments.

The near-sighted elephant uses his sense of smell and hearing to give warning of potential enemies. His flapping ears become stiff as boards and fan out when he feels the presence of danger.

yesterday for the birth of her son, planned originally for Friday.



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