

Eden, the Polished Diplomat, Runs Into a Storm of Political Trouble

Prime Minister Under Fire From Two Sides of Fence

London—(U.P.)—Anthony Eden, who became Britain's prime minister in a blaze of glory only nine months ago, is in very serious trouble today. British politicians said the polished diplomat chosen by Winston Churchill to head the Conservative government has become the center of a storm that may endanger his future. Eden is under fire not only from the opposition Laborites but from his own Conservative party.

Sponsors in Background

The sponsors of recent Conservative press attacks on the prime minister have kept discreetly in the background, but rumor identifies them as powerful figures in the party—perhaps including some leading members of the cabinet.

Informed sources said the Conservative campaign against Eden is intended mainly as a warning to him, and that it probably will blow over before long without producing a permanent split in the party. They said, however, that the campaign will be revived if Eden fails to produce a firm, consistent policy by spring.

Weapons Shipped

The Laborites focused their fire for months on what they call Eden's two-faced tax policies. They have made political capital more recently of the discovery that Belgian merchants are shipping British war-surplus weapons to the troubled Middle East.

As far as the Conservatives are concerned, the fat hit the fire when the long-delayed reorganization of the Eden government was announced shortly before Christmas.

The shakeup affected three major posts. R. A. Butler, who as chancellor of the exchequer had been directly responsible for tax policy, became a sort of deputy prime minister. Harold MacMillan succeeded Butler as chancellor, and Selwyn Lloyd replaced MacMillan as foreign secretary.

Just a Game

Newspapers here denounced the shuffle as a "game of political chairs" designed to give Eden a stronger hold on foreign policy through his influence on Lloyd, a relative newcomer to top-level British politics.

The big question mark, however, was the meaning of Butler's new job—whether the ex-chancellor, long regarded as Eden's chief rival for the Conservative leadership, had been "put on ice" or whether his influence on the government had been increased.

Eden left London last night for a stay at Chequers, his official country home, before he leaves for Washington Jan. 25. Political sources say he is confident he can bring Conservative dissenters into line before he sails for the United States.

Little Progress in WAL Pilot Dispute

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—A National Mediation Board spokesman today said little progress has been made in talks to end a contract dispute between Western Air Lines and its pilots and clerks.

Leverett Edwards, board chairman, said, however, that his group still maintains jurisdiction over the disputes in an effort to avert a strike. He said WAL officials and the Air Line Pilot Association and the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks unions have failed to enter any changes in position that might give hope of an early settlement.

Both union scheduled walkouts last month but postponed them when the Mediation Board assumed jurisdiction. The pilots seek additional retirement benefits while the clerks are asking for a wage boost in new contracts.

Egypt, Yugoslavia Stand Firm on Pacts

Cairo, Egypt—(U.P.)—Egypt and Yugoslavia stood firm today on their determination to steer clear of world military pacts.

Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia and Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser reaffirmed their countries' refusal to align themselves with either East or West in a joint communique issued Thursday. The communique was issued at the conclusion of Tito's week-long official visit to Egypt.

The communique said their policy of non-alignment will help relax international tensions. It said that military pacts lead to "suicidal" entanglements among nations.



PUTTING AWAY SOME SURPLUS WHEAT—Secy. of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson (center) takes a bite out of a huge loaf of bread on exhibit at the Agriculture Department with a group of wheat farmers and farm leaders he invited to Washington to air their views on disposal of wheat surpluses. Left to right: Joe Parker of Washington, counsel for the National Grange; R. I. Patterson of Oxford, Kan., president Kansas Assn. of Wheat Growers; Herbert W. Clutter of Holcomb, Kan., vice president National Assn. of Wheat Growers; Benson; Hervert Hughes of Imperial, Neb.; Robert Taylor of Pendleton, Ore., administrator of Oregon Wheat Commission; Don Moos of Edwald, Wash., president Washington Assn. of Wheat Growers, and Dorsey Kirk of Oblong, Ill., master Illinois State Grange.



MMMMPF, GOOD—Singer Julie Wilson, 31, feeds Milton Berle a piece of her wedding cake as the bridegroom, Harvey Bernhard, 31, looks on. They were married in the home of Milton Prell, owner of the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Julie met Harvey when she was appearing in Las Vegas show.

US Demands Russia Pay \$725,000 for Destroying Plane

Washington—(U.P.)—The United States is demanding that Russia pay \$725,000 for destroying a U. S. Navy plane last June. Administration officials said a diplomatic note billing the Russians for approximately that amount will be delivered to the Soviet Embassy today.

The Navy Neptune plane, with 11 crewmen aboard, was attacked by Soviet jet fighters June 22 over the Bering Sea between Alaska and Siberia.

The big plane was forced down in flames after being fired on by the Soviets. No American lives were lost. But seven of the 11 Navy airmen were injured, some seriously.

Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov was in San Francisco at the time of the incident and expressed regret that it occurred. He said Russia would pay half the damages but denied that Soviet planes caused the incident. He also insisted the U. S. plane was over Soviet waters.

Soviet Location Denied
The United States told Moscow July 7 that the plane had not been over Soviet waters. The United States also said the American plane at no time fired

Peiping Magazine Prints Essay by Ben Franklin

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Radio Peiping said today that essays written by Benjamin Franklin have been published in the January edition of the Communist Chinese English-language magazine "World Literature."

The broadcast did not specify the essays penned by the famed American statesman and philosopher but said that Franklin is "one of the 10 men of culture to be commemorated this year at the call of the World Peace Council."

on the attacking Soviet plane which opened fire without warning. But the United States accepted Molotov's proposal to pay half of the damages.

The bill prepared today was in answer to Molotov's offer. It was not submitted before because officials had to determine how badly the men were injured.

The U. S. bill of about \$725,000 included compensation for the injured personnel in addition to the loss of the plane. Thus the overall cost of the incident was approximately \$1,450,000 before it was split 50-50.

In the five years before 1954, it is estimated that 500,000 harvesting combine machines were manufactured in the United States.

Africa's current population is estimated at 216,000,000.

Jantzen Declares Quarterly Dividend

Portland—(U.P.)—Jantzen, Inc., today announced declaration of a quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on Series A five per cent cumulative preferred stock. It will be payable March 1 to stockholders of record Feb. 25. A dividend of 20 cents per share was declared on common stock payable Feb. 1 to stockholders of record Jan. 15.

Prompt Consideration Due Flood Insurance

Washington—(U.P.)—Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Banking Committee today pledged "immediate consideration" of legislation to provide damage insurance for future flood victims.

The administration sent a \$3,000,000,000 federal-state insurance bills also have been introduced.

All aim at protecting individuals against the devastating losses suffered during recent floods in California and the Northeast.

Fulbright said his committee will discuss the proposals at its first regular meeting Monday and set a time for public hearings.

Administration Bills

The Arkansas Democrat said he hopes hearings can be held later this month so a bill can be reported out for action by February.

President Eisenhower in his State of the Union Message yesterday called for an experimental program of flood-damage insurance.

Sen. Prescott Bush (R-Conn.) promptly introduced the administration bill in the Senate. Rep. Jesse Wolcott (R-Mich.) introduced a similar bill in the House.

The administration bill calls for:
1. A five-year "experimental" program of flood insurance and re-insurance conducted by the federal government in cooperation with the states and private

insurance companies. Flood damage would include coastal as well as inland flooding.

Government Assistance

2. Individuals, including small businessmen and manufacturers, would be able to take out insurance policies to a maximum of \$250,000. The policies would contain a deductible clause specifying \$300 plus 10 per cent of the claim will be deductible from damage payments.

3. The individual would pay 60 per cent of the insurance premium, the state 20 per cent and the federal government the remaining 20 per cent. The federal government would absorb all administrative costs.

4. Flood insurance totaling \$1,900,000,000 could be issued and the President empowered to authorize an additional \$1,000,000,000.

5. The federal government would re-insure flood insurance issued by private companies a total of \$100,000,000, so they could extend their coverage.

Hauser Post Office

Not To Be Closed

Coos Bay—(U.P.)—Postal authorities have decided not to close the Hauser post office, according to a wire received here from Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.).

Morse said a recommendation to close the post office was overruled by post office department officials because protests showed a great inconvenience would be caused to residents.

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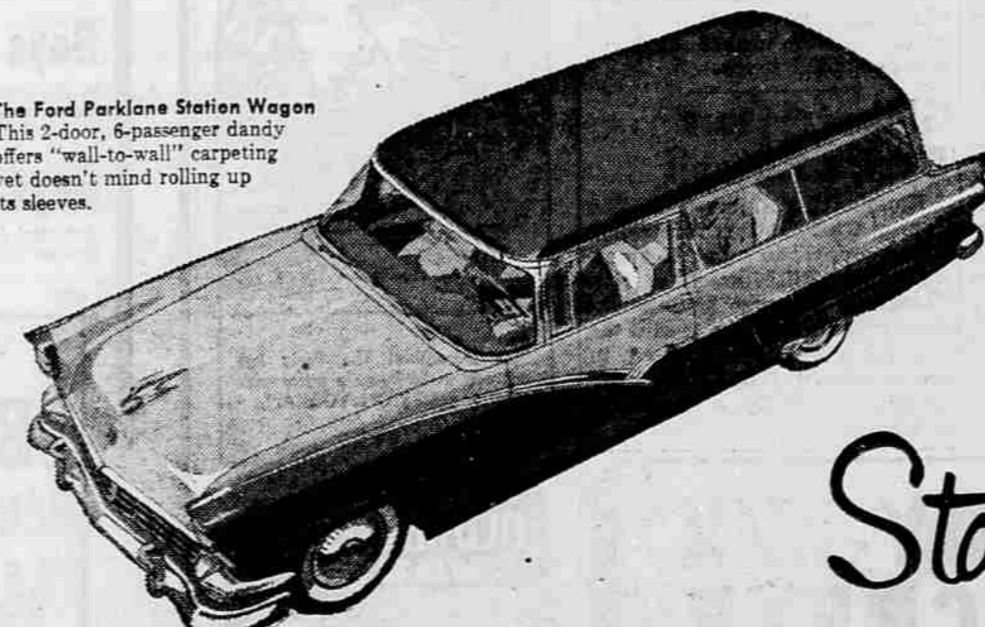
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