

Criticisms of Eden Multiply; He's No Sir Winston Churchill

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Prime Minister Anthony Eden is under heavy attack again, and demands for his resignation may be expected to intensify. This time it is the "frogman incident" which the House of Commons in London debated Monday night.

Eden has been attacked on all sorts of issues, however, since he took Churchill's place on April 6, 1955.

Domestic issues, British commonwealth issues, foreign issues, have succeeded each other. Influential Conservatives have joined the Labor Party opposition in blaming Eden for everything which goes wrong or threatens to go wrong.

The chief complaint against him in his own party as well as in the Labor Party, is that his leadership is weak. He lacks Churchill's masterly grip, his critics say.

That can hardly be disputed. But where is another Churchill to be found, in Britain or any other country?

Eden Takes Blame
Take the frogman incident. Eden did not know that frogman Lionel Crabbe was going to snoop around the hull of the Russian cruiser Ordzhonikidze in Portsmouth Harbor during the visit of Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist leader Nikita S. Khrushchev.

In fact, Eden probably had heard only vaguely, if at all, that such a man as frogman Crabbe existed.

But Eden takes the blame for the snooping, for refusing to tell the full story of it to the House of Commons and especially for telling Russia more than he did Commons when he replied to a Soviet protest.

One reason for it all is that Eden inherited from Churchill a plague of troublesome problems, in which a drift toward inflation is one of the biggest.

Another is that Eden lacks Churchill's warm, dominant personality. Undoubtedly, when Churchill was prime minister, more people hated him than hate Eden now. But not so many like Eden very much.

Then, there is the British political system itself. When anything goes wrong in Washington, say, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson or Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson may take the blame, or be given it.

More Lumps Coming
In Britain, the prime minister takes the rap. Eden is taking it now over the frogman incident.

Construction Watcher Killed as Rail Breaks

Chicago—(U.P.)—A "sidewalk superintendent" plunged 150 feet to his death yesterday when the rail on which he was leaning collapsed.

Hubert L. Hinton, 45, was watching construction of a new filtration plant when the rail gave way and he fell into an excavation.

That was an Admiralty or Secret Service matter. He will take it more and more in coming weeks over the Cyprus crisis, or over the budget in which Chancellor of Exchequer Harold Macmillan provided for a government bond lottery to encourage savings.

Thornton Cites Pelton Action

Salem—(U.P.)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said today that criminal proceedings by the Jefferson county district attorney would be the appropriate action if allegations that Portland General Electric Company was building Pelton dam should prove true.

Thornton's opinion came in answer to Gov. Elmo Smith's question as to what legal action could be taken.

The attorney general said that PGE would be in violation of Oregon water law in constructing the Deschutes river dam without a state license.

"In view of the fact that the legislative assembly expressly made certain acts of persons in the appropriation of water a crime, I directed the district attorney of Jefferson county to make an investigation on certain alleged facts that if such facts be found true to institute the necessary criminal proceedings," Thornton told the governor.

London—(U.P.)—Britain today appointed Sir John MacPherson to the post of permanent colonial under-secretary, succeeding Sir Thomas Lloyd who is retiring from public service.



FIGHTING DEPORTATION, Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino, known as "Tokyo Rose" when she broadcast Japanese propaganda to U. S. troops during World War II, arrives in San Francisco with brother Fred Toguri. She has job in sight, will work pending hearing. (International)

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

To love and to remember; that is good. To love and to forget; that is not well. To lapse from love to hatred that is Hell. And death and torment, rightly understood. —Christina Rossetti

Who gives the better service? Waiters or waitresses? The claim has been made that waitresses are superior as to service. To this a California restaurant man of long experience takes strong exception. He favors the waiters. He adds that on a recent visit to New York the best service he received was from a waiter at Lindy's on Broadway and the worst from a waitress in the coffee shop of a world famous hotel.

Says He
"The statement that there were only five royal families of Ireland is erroneous," writes a New Yorker named Carroll. "There were 36 royal families of Ireland, seven kings and 29 princes. Eight of these were O'Carrolls ruling over more territory than any other family in Ireland except the O'Kellys. The two kings of Ireland omitted from the list by those stating there were only five, were both from Tipperary, MacCarthy and O'Callaghan."

Passing By
Ann Codee. Extremely clever comedienne. Teamed in vaudeville for many years with her husband, Frank Orth. They appeared in vaudeville theaters all over the world. Were capable of playing their act in five languages! Ann and Frank recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. They were married in the Little Church Around the Corner, Manhattan. Incidentally, that church is said to have a higher percentage of successful marriages than any other in this country.

Asides
San Francisco subscriber signs her name "Elynore." Now I have readers named Elynore, Elynor, Elinor, Eleanor, Elinore and Elinoyre. . . Are you a poker enthusiast? How great is your knowledge of the game? Have you ever realized that when you hold a pair and keep it with the hope of getting four of a kind that the odds against your so doing are 359 to 1?

Over There
A statuesque Italian female is a distinct rarity. Average height of women of that country is five feet one inch. In this connection it is interesting to note that platform shoes originated in Italy. An Italian woman can legally marry at the age of 15. A man has to be 18. However, the average Italian man doesn't marry until he is about 28. And the average Italian woman does not become a bride until 25. Reason for that is that in Italy marriage is usually for keeps. Divorce is practically non-existent in that country.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. You say Sam Coslow wrote the song titled, "Cocktails for Two." My husband says he met a man named Arthur Johnston who said he wrote that song. How about this. A. Sam Coslow and Arthur Johnston collaborated in writing "Cocktails for Two." Both are very clever fellows. Incidentally, Johnston also wrote "Pennies From Heaven" and "Just One More Chance," both outstanding Bing Crosby hits.



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