

Britain's Glory Turning To Ashes; Homeland Evacuation Number Alarming

Editor's note: This is the last of two dispatches on the massive migration of Britons abroad.

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London — (U.P.) — In the rosy glow of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953, Britons spoke of a new "Elizabethan Age."

Since then, the glory has turned to ashes. Britons are fleeing their homeland in alarming numbers — 6,000 a month to Canada, 56,000 a year to Australia, 450 enquirers a day at the New Zealand office. Only shipping space limits the exodus.

Officially, both the queen and her consort, Prince Philip, encourage migration. Both the Conservative government in power and the Labor party in opposition support it. After all, they say, the flight is to the commonwealth — the tie to the crown is still there.

But privately — thinking Britons are worried, and government officials are aghast at the loss of the cream of the nation's youth, its technicians and scientists — Britain seems in danger of losing its "brains."

Conservative O. J. Alport, undersecretary for commonwealth relations, told the House of Commons during debate on the "Empire Settlement Bill," which encourages migration to the commonwealth:

"Emigration should be based on a cross-section of the population... Just Britain left with an unsupportable residue of the aged and infirm."

Mostly the Young
Alport said that nine-tenths of those going to Canada and five-sixths of the Australia-bound were under 45 years of age. The 1953 Canadian figures show that one-fifth were managerial workers or professional men. The percentage has since jumped.

An Australian spokesman said

only six per cent of the migrants return to Britain — four per cent due to an ailing parent or death.

"Two per cent were dissatisfied with life in Australia," he said, "but half of these went back again."

Both the influential Times of London and Manchester Guardian have suggested that full statistics on the exodus would

prove a shock. Full-page ads appear in newspapers noting the opportunities for young Britons who stay home.

While both the Conservative and Labor Party platforms still endorse migration, the parties make political hay blaming each other for the flight.

Classes Levelled
The Conservatives charge that the Laborites, when they im-

posed Socialism on the country after the war, "levelled down" the classes. By guaranteeing social services, the Socialists raised already-high taxes. According to the Conservatives, this killed incentive.

When he took office, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan said, "Britain has been great, is great and will stay great provided we

close our ranks and get on with the job."

Many of the English themselves admit that, whether it comes to running a railroad or a grocery, they aren't "getting on with the job."

"Why work harder and earn more since we will be taxed more?" they say in reply to charges of laziness. "It's not worth the effort. The man who doesn't work as hard gets as much out of life. Nobody is starving here."

No one is starving. But the ambitious tend to get out.

The Liberal London News Chronicle said last week, "Thousands of people are leaving this country. They're going — and we might as well face it — because they've had all they can take... Give them one good reason — just one — why they should stay."

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Founding of First English Settlement In North America Will Be Reenacted

Jamestown, Va. — (U.P.) — Something like 2 million Americans will come here this year to see where 104 men and boys founded the first permanent English settlement in North America 350 years ago.

Virginians have put much time and effort into this observance of the beginning of our nation and, if Capt. John Smith and his 17th century band could return, they would find much that is familiar.

At anchor along the west bank of the James are replicas of the three tiny sailing ships, Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery, that bore them across the Atlantic.

A wooden path leads from the ships to a duplicate of the fort

and the crude shelters built by the colonists that first summer in 1607. Generally unknown is that only 38 survived the next winter—they had not raised or stored sufficient food and the island site they chose was swampy and insect-infested.

Finally Women

The first two women did not arrive until the next year. And it was also not until then that the colonists, desperate, accepted Captain Smith as their leader. At first they had found him too sure of himself.

Just off the colonial reproductions is an ultra-modern festival park with two large pavilions housing exhibits dating from the 15th Century to the present.

None of the replicas or ex-

hibits are on the actual island where the first settlement was founded. There can still be seen the old Jamestown church, built in 1639, with three walls still standing. There also is the monument erected for the finally ill-fated 300th anniversary.

President Eisenhower will come here May 13 for the celebration of the anniversary date of the landing.

Britain's Queen Elizabeth is expected in September or October although this is not final. Her visit probably will not coincide with a full-dress reenactment of the battle of Yorktown where Cornwallis surrendered to Washington.

Mock Battle

Ancient militia organizations from various states have been invited to act as the troops in that mock battle. Those of British origin will take the part of the Redcoats and several National Guard units will portray the French contingent. There will be some 500-800 troops in all and each phase of the battle, complete with cannon and musket fire and fife and drum, will be reenacted.

There will also be a naval review in June with 27 foreign countries invited to send ships to the Hampton Roads area. The last "Jamestown Review" in 1907 was taken by President Theodore Roosevelt.

Organizers are optimistic that the tourist crowd will be huge. One dollar per person covers everything at the festival grounds and children 11 or under get in free.

Seaton Asks Study On Pleasant Valley

Washington — (U.P.) — Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton said today he has ordered a detailed study to determine the economic feasibility of development of the Pleasant Valley dam site on the Snake river on the Oregon-Idaho border.

Seaton did not say whether he envisioned such a multi-purpose development as a federal project.

If the study shows the project is feasible, it could disrupt plans of independent power companies to build dams on the Snake.

Pacific Northwest Power Co., asked the FPC to disqualify public power groups from further intervention in its Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley dam applications. It said delaying tactics by the National Hells Canyon association and other power intervenors are costing it millions of dollars.

Portland May Be Without City Buses

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland today faced the prospect of being without public bus transportation next month.

The Rose City Transit company told the city council yesterday that if fare increases asked by the firm are not granted notice will be served Feb. 19 that the firm would halt its buses. The city council promptly voted to deny the company any fare increase.

Mayor Terry Schunk said the city may be without public transportation, presumably on March 19, providing the company enforces its threat.

The firm filed for fare increases last November and sought to eliminate the package token rates and the weekly pass. A compromise offer by Commissioner N. A. Boody was said by the firm to be unacceptable.

There was no indication what action might follow.

Tulake, Calif. — (U.P.) — The Tulake Irrigation District Board has passed a resolution approving the Klamath river compact.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington — Sen. Thomas C. Hennings Jr. (D-Mo.) charging "the State department is engaging in censorship" by forbidding U.S. newsmen to travel in Red China:

"In connection with your (the State department's) denial to help American newsmen in the free exercise of their profession, I understand you rejected an opportunity to obtain the release of 10 Americans now imprisoned in China. I doubt if those imprisoned Americans, and their families and friends will be grateful to you."

Thomasville, Ga. — White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty, announcing President Eisenhower's approval of Senate changes to his Middle East resolution:

"The President feels that the Senate committee's text is intended and designed to accomplish the purposes outlined by the President in his message to the Congress of Jan. 5, 1957."

Cairo — Abdel Kader Hattem, Egyptian government information director, expressing surprise at reported United States guarantees for Israel against Egyptian "aggression":

"It is inconceivable that the United States is not aware that it is Israel which has always been the aggressor."

Washington — Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton, telling Senate investigators what his answer would be if President Eisenhower asked him about imposing price controls on oil and gasoline:

"I'd be strongly opposed. I don't see how we can have them in peacetime."

Washington — Assistant Interior Secretary Felix E. Wormser, who issued the Jan. 25 "distress flag" showing that promised oil shipments to Europe were falling short, reporting Europe supplies are still running low:

"We're not out of the woods yet."

London — Former Prime Minister Anthony Eden, in a radio message to voters in his former parliamentary district while on his way to New Zealand for a vacation:

"If peace is to endure it must be related to justice. Therefore it is dangerous when the United Nations treats obedient and small countries with harshness and allows bullies and braggarts to get their way."

Washington — Assistant Defense Secretary Robert Tripp Ross, in resigning during a congressional investigation into military contracts awarded firms operated by his wife and brother-in-law:

"My future effectiveness in my present position... has been impaired by the very serious implications contained in certain news stories."

Kim Novak Saved From Serious Burns

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actor Jeff Chandler was credited today with saving Kim Novak from possible serious burns after her dress caught fire while they were filming "Jeanne Eagels."

A spokesman at Columbia Pictures said sparks from a generator ignited Miss Novak's dress while the cast was filming a street scene Wednesday. The actress then fell to the pavement and Chandler stomped out the fire.

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