



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL Celebrates 83rd Birthday Saturday

Sir Francis Cassel to Make Debut In Piano Concert at Carnegie Hall

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New York — Sir Francis Cassel, a blond, blue-eyed, heavy sweated, lanky Englishman who spreads himself medium thin running a farm, a hospital, a potted-plant nursery, race horses, and international fi-

financial interests such as oil and nuclear power, is here on another professional labor of love. He makes his American debut tonight in a piano concert at Carnegie hall. This is his first visit to the United States, but he can't afford to tarry long: "I'll just see the supermarkets and go home."

He doesn't really think of himself as busy. He works fast, hopping from one business to another, and a typical day goes like this:

Typical Daily Schedule

Up at 7:15—piano practice for an hour—study the financial papers—practice another hour—tend to farm and nursery business—to London for a hospital administrative meeting—to the races—no lunch—back home, piano practice two hours—dinner—to bed and study financial papers—half hour making financial decisions—to sleep.

Sir Francis began playing the piano at age four, gave his first public concert at 17, and has toured Europe as a concert artist. But during the last few years his concerts have been confined to one a year, at London's Royal Albert Hall, which he packs to 7,000 capacity.

Of all his activities, he says, "I like the piano best—but I believe I'm naturally better at finance because it's in my blood."

His great uncle was Sir Ernest Cassel, a financier of international repute and builder, among other things, of iron ore mines and the great Aswan Dam. His

father was judge advocate general and a man who did not think small boys should be seriously interested in the piano.

Heard Finance, Music

From childhood, Francis was accustomed to hearing talk of the ways of finance but he also got an earful of music "my grandmother was always having people like Paderewski and Melba in to visit." As a result: "I seem to do well financially—even at concerts. Not many people sell out the Albert Hall."

Sir Francis was the first Englishman to play alone at Albert Hall—foreigners had done it but never before an Englishman. This was in 1942. At intermissions, he would hurry out to see how he was doing on the horses. It was fine. During the concert he won, in all, 250 pounds, which at that time was worth about \$1,200.

Besides piano and international finance, Sir Francis' interests include board chairman of Cassel Hospital, which treats functional nervous disorders; owner of Puttridge Nurseries, which he has built up to a 180,000 potted-plant turnover every six months; operator of a farm producing milk, chickens, meat and field crops; race course representative for Miss Dorothy Paget (29 flat racers, 20 jumpers).

He insists his theory of life is that "it's better to do a lot of things badly than one thing well" but it hardly seems to fit him. After all, what's he doing badly?

Six Men Appear In Circuit Court On Check Charges

Six men appeared in circuit court recently before Judge Edward C. Kelly, five in connection with check charges.

Alfred Smith Price Jr., 26, Portland, pleaded guilty to charges of uttering and publishing a false check in circuit court Monday morning. Also appearing at the same time was Charles B. Peterson, 46, Portland, who pleaded guilty to obtaining money under false pretenses. He had previously been bound over to the grand jury by district court and was being held on \$1500 bond. Price will be sentenced pending pre-sentence reports while Peterson's sentencing is pending the arrival of Federal Bureau of Investigation reports.

Price was arrested by Oregon state police Friday after telling police he had cashed more than 140 checks in the Pacific northwest during the past year.

Others Appearing

Others appearing in circuit court were Loyd G. White, 39, Atlanta, La., on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses; John B. Ford, 44, of 2190 Spring st., Medford, charged with forgery; and Stanley A. McEvoy, 34, Sparks, Nev., on charges of uttering and publishing a false check and larceny by bailee.

White was sentenced by Judge Kelly to the Oregon State penitentiary for an indeterminate period not to exceed 18 months, while Ford was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary. The execution of Ford's sentence was suspended on condition he refrain from drinking, make restitution within 60 days, and report to the probation department. McEvoy entered a plea of innocent to the charges and the court appointed John Cheney, Medford attorney, to represent him.

Sixth man to appear in circuit court was L. R. Phillips, 32, of 255 Charlotte Ann rd., Medford, on a parole violation charge. Judge Kelly revoked his parole and sentenced him to one year in the county jail.

Police Clerk Hero of Of the Day in London

London — Superintendent's clerk William Wood was the hero of the day to the other members of the Brixton police force today.

He picked the soccer pool ticket that won them \$120,495. Wood, 76 other policemen, and one policeman at Brixton are in a syndicate which collectively bets \$22.40 in a soccer pool each week. After many months of disappointment, they learned Tuesday that Wood picked this week's winner and that the whole group will share the top prize.

A flying fish does not flap its wings, he spreads them airplane fashion, vibrates his tail on the water's surface and soars. Flying fish have been timed at 35 miles an hour, for a length of about

Campaign to Make Ship Shrine to Start

Honolulu — A national campaign to build a shrine over the sunken battleship USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor will get under way on December 7th.

The USS Arizona Memorial Headquarters will conduct the campaign.

The Japanese sunk the warship in the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. It still contains the bodies of 1,102 men.

The Navy says that more than 60,000 persons visit the rusting hulk each year. A color guard raises and lowers the flag every day. The Navy still considers the ship in commission.

Contributions already have been received for the fund.

Walter H. Annenberg, president and publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer, has contributed \$1,000, the largest single contribution to date. He recently visited Pearl Harbor.

Contributions may be sent to the USS Arizona Memorial Fund, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Pakistan Government Cancels Visas to Reds

Karachi, Pakistan — The government announced today that it had canceled visas granted to a Soviet troupe invited to take part in an international cultural festival here.

The government said the invitation was withdrawn in view of public resentment against Russia, which has threatened to use its veto against Pakistan on the Kashmir question in the United Nations Security Council.

Couple Observes 67th Year of Married Life

Ontario — Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Ontario celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary here Tuesday. Jones is 92, and his wife is 86.

Jones, former justice of the peace and Malheur county clerk, first came to the Oregon territory in the 1880's but returned to his home town of Henderson, Ky., to claim Stella Staples as his bride.

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Last Survivor of War Leaders to Observe 83rd Year Saturday

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London — Sir Winston Churchill celebrates his 83rd birthday Saturday — a very old man working against the inexorable march of time.

The last survivor of the great Allied leaders of World War II, Churchill is hurrying to complete his monumental "History of the English Speaking Peoples," begun in 1930.

The third volume was published this year. A fourth and — as far as is known — final volume is scheduled for publication in

1958. But time is the great uncertain factor.

Friends say Churchill's towering mental powers and mastery of the English language remain as supreme as ever.

But physically he has declined noticeably in recent months. His once rotund figure is sunken and bent, his step is that of a very tired man and he walks painfully with the aid of a stick or supported on Lady Churchill's arm.

At the urging of his wife and doctors he is doing everything to husband remnants of his strength.

Much of this year Churchill has spent on the French Riviera to escape the raw dampness of England which has plagued him with chills and bronchial trouble. He spent two months at Roquebrune last January and another three weeks there in May. In September he spent several more weeks at the Cap d'Ail home of his old friend Lord Beaverbrook. He expects to leave for the French Riviera again soon.

Churchill Writes, Paints
During his visits there he divides his time between painting and working on the "History of the English Speaking Peoples."

His visits to London are rare. When in England he generally stays at Chartwell, his beautiful country home about 30 miles southeast of London.

The old warrior, who retired from the premiership under the weight of his years on April 5, 1955, still holds his parliamentary seat for Woodford. It is a "safe," solidly Conservative constituency, and he has announced he will retain it for the rest of his days.

But his visits to the House of Commons are rare and he no longer speaks in debates. Growing deafness and the tax on his strength rule that out.

In fact, Churchill's public appearances have become rarer and rarer of late.

Army Engineers Get Air, Soldier Medals

Portland — Army Engineers here today announced award of the air medal and the soldier medal, respectively, to Wesley G. Lematta, Portland helicopter pilot, and to Col. Jackson Graham, Portland district engineer, for their roles in rescuing crew members of a sinking Army dredge at Coos Bay.

Lematta was piloting Col. Graham on an aerial inspection tour when they noticed the dredge Russell sinking between the jetties of the mouth of Coos bay Sept. 10. The dredge had been rammed by a Norwegian freighter.

Lematta was cited for making repeated trips back and forth from the sunken dredge to shore over a two-hour period rescuing stranded seamen. He operated his helicopter perilously close to waves and to rigging of the sunken ship. Col. Graham was cited for his "quick judgment and professional approach" in devising rescue operations.

Effort to Delay Beck Trial Fails Tuesday

Seattle — An effort to delay the grand larceny trial of Dave Beck Sr. failed Tuesday when presiding Judge Malcolm Douglas denied a motion for a continuance.

Beck's attorney, Charles S. Burdell, had asked that the trial, set for Dec. 2, be delayed on grounds there was "extreme hostility" against Beck because of recent publicity involving the Teamsters union and because Beck is scheduled to appear as a witness in a trial in Washington, D.C., also set for Dec. 2.

Douglas stated that "on the face of it, the importance of the Washington case is to be conceded, but on the other hand, that is a civil and this is a criminal case. I believe that civil cases should yield the right of way to criminal cases."

He also pointed out that the date, Dec. 2, was set for this case before that scheduled in Washington.

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