

Queens Visit May Help U.S. And British Relations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hail to Queen Elizabeth and a jolly what-to to Prince Philip. But in all the toasting of Anglo-American friendship which will come during the royal visit there will be one surfaced ghost at the feast.

The great transatlantic partnership between Uncle Sam and John Bull is not in the best of shape. Perhaps the visit later this week by the Queen and her consort will strengthen it. And doubtless the result would be to strengthen the West, in turn, in its defense against the Soviet Union.

U.S.-British relations have improved, of course, since the Suez crisis. They could hardly have gone any other way. Washington was furious at the British for moving into the canal zone. London felt this country sold it down the river in opposing the invasion. Officials of the two countries were barely speaking to each other, in many cases, and the cordial working alliance born of World War II temporarily ceased to exist.

Relations are easier now. Differences tend to be recognized but not magnified. British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, on this point in a weekend address to the Conservative party's annual conference.

Americans, he said, thought the

British "too hasty" in the Suez action while to the British it seemed this country was "too slow to understand what was really involved."

"A year ago, Macmillan continued, "when we ascribed much of the troubles of the Middle East to Russian infiltration, our analysis was questioned."

I do not think anyone would question it today, it is events in Syria show how persistent Communist subversion can be."

Well, it could be argued that this country has had at least its share of firsts in spotting Soviet subversion, and has sometimes been laughed at by the British for its pains. But that's neither here nor there. The point is that the United States and Britain now are operating more or less as a team in the Middle East, as they are in varying degrees elsewhere—particularly where they see a common danger.

But there is abundant evidence that the old, easy relationship is lacking. No. 10 Downing St. doesn't always know what the White House is up to these days, any more than the White House knew the British were planning to march into Suez.

East Germans Hit Hard By Red Currency Move

BERLIN (AP)—Western officials said today that the East German Communist regime's blitz change over of currency threatens to wipe out millions of marks held by the satellite's population.

East Germans who tucked away their savings rather than trust the Communist banks were hard hit by the Red government's surprise order yesterday to turn in the old currency for a new issue.

The government paid out cash only up to 300 marks—about \$16 at the Western exchange rate.

The balance, the Reds said, would be made available from banks starting next Saturday. But West Berlin and Allied officials said the terms of the Red decree made plain that the old marks

would not be honored unless the holders could certify in detail where the money came from.

Under the Communist economy of rationing and scarcity, millions of farmers, workers and small businessmen have gone in for illegal trade. The Reds pointedly announced that the currency switch was designed to wipe out his kind of "illegal speculation."

West German experts estimated that the Communists would mop

up around a billion of the estimated five billion marks hoarded or in circulation. Allied officials said the East German regime apparently hoped this would put a brake on the steady inflation plaguing the Red economy.

The West Berlin Exchange Office Assn. estimated West Berlin banks and exchange offices were caught with about 20 million East German marks which now were worthless. It could not estimate how many millions were held by businessmen, official organizations including underground agencies, and by individual West Germans.

A statement from the West German Socialist party denounced the currency action. It said a great many East Germans, particularly poorer people, can now expect to lose all their savings.

Guards had slowed down and carefully screened all movement over the satellite's borders during the conversion, to nab anyone trying to bring in marks for exchange.

occupied West Berlin.

The East German regime admitted at least 80 arrests of persons crossing from the West with marks. But the fate of hundreds of people carted away from the border was secret. Presumably

most of them were released after being searched and questioned. Dealers quoted the new mark at the same open market price as the old currency, 4½ East to 1 West. The West mark is valued at 23 cents.

Search Continues For Missing Wife

YREKA—A search for Mrs. Irene King, 44-year-old housewife, was underway this week. She has been missing from her home since October 2.

The woman was reported missing by her husband, Mark, who said she failed to return home following an evening's outing with a couple of friends.

The description released by the sheriff's office is as follows: 5 foot 1 inch, 135 pounds, brown eyes, gray-blond hair, light complexion and medium build.

Anyone knowing the woman's whereabouts is requested to call the Yreka City Police of the Siskiyou County Sheriff's office immediately.

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