

Sir Winston Churchill Nearing 85th Birthday Is Still Very Quotable

LONDON (AP) — Three days before his 85th birthday, Sir Winston Churchill is one of the most amazingly healthy aging men in the world.

He is still one of the most quotable.

"I am ready to meet my Maker," he told a friend not long ago. "Whether my friend is ready to meet me is another matter."

Victim of two major strokes, two bouts with pneumonia and numerous other ailments, his strength is remarkable.

For at least 16 years he has been feasting people who dare predict he was near the end.

In 1947, Field Marshal Lord Alanbrooke wrote in his diary that he was afraid Churchill was at last beginning to run down, but the last scare about Churchill came last week.

Because of a sudden indisposition, he had to cancel a meeting with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. London editors stationed reporters on a "death watch" at Churchill's front door.

It was the same old story. The next day Britain's wartime leader was up and about, feeling fine. He talked 40 minutes with Adenauer.

Even so, Sir Winston hates birthdays, for he knows he can't go on forever. At 85 he is undeniably feeble.

He has trouble getting in and out of chairs and automobiles.

When he reads his speeches, he often loses his place, or stumbles over familiar words.

Yet, during that same fumbling speech, he will suddenly galvanize the audience and bring up astonished tears to many eyes with startling moments of his magic way with words.

Words, spoken and written, have always fascinated him.

"Short words," he once said, "are the best, and the old words—when short—are best of all."

A poor scholar as a boy, he developed his scholarship relatively late.

"No one has ever passed so few examinations and received so many degrees," he once said.

During one of his illnesses, Churchill turned to his doctor, Lord Moran, and asked whether a drink was permitted after lunch.

"Do you want it?" asked the doctor. "Or do you need it?"

"I neither want it nor need it," Churchill told Sir Winston, "but I should think it pretty hazardous to interfere with the ineradicable habit of a lifetime."

During his adult life Churchill has always liked alcoholic drinks, particularly champagne and brandy.

His likes and dislikes are strong. One of his pet hates is automobiles. He steadfastly refused to learn to drive.

Once he observed "I have always considered that the substitution of the internal combustion engine for the horse marked a very gloomy milestone in the progress of man."

He has ridden horses, bred them, trained them, raced them and bet on them.

Only once did he admit he was at a loss for words.

Someone asked what he thought of Pierre Laval, the French politician who collaborated with the Nazis.

"I am afraid," sighed Churchill, "that I have rather exhausted the possibilities of the English language."

As an old man he made one of his touching comments on youth, saying: "As long as you are generous and true and also fierce, you cannot hurt the world or even seriously distress her. She was made to be wooed and won by youth. She has lived and thrived only by repeated subjugations."

Perhaps that philosophy contributes to his loathing of his own birthdays.

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Chief's Trip Gets Praise

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A leading Senate Democrat today called President Eisenhower's forthcoming 11-month tour—a will trip a promising move to build up friendship for the United States.

Sen. John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the principal value of Eisenhower's mission is the public demonstration to the world that the United States is interested in peace.

Sparkman, Democratic vice presidential nominee in 1952, told newsmen the President "has a great capacity for building up an attitude of friendship for this country," and added: "I'm glad he's going."

"I believe there will be some good from the trip because he has a way about him that creates confidence and we certainly need such an attitude of friendship in the countries he is going to visit," Sparkman said.

The senator said that "the biggest weight around our necks so far as the nations of the world are concerned is the image that Russia has been able to develop that we are a war-making people."

Oregon Youth Wins Scholarship

DETROIT (AP) — An Oregon youth was among winners of \$14,000 in college scholarships given by the Ford Division of Ford Motor Co.

A Ford announcement Thursday said Richard Groot, Portland, tied for fourth in a contest and received a \$1,000 scholarship. He represented the Oregonian.

The awards were for best news stories by teen-agers about its 1959 model car preview.

Sam Hudson, Fort Worth, Tex., won the \$8,000 first place scholarship. He represented the Fort Worth Press.

Borax first was found in Death Valley in 1875.

Fight Vowed By Director

LONDON (UPI)—Roberto Rossellini said Thursday that he is a better mother than Ingrid Bergman because he comes from the warm south while she is from the frigid north.

Rossellini arrived in London Thursday to find a "typical Englishman" for his next film. He told newsmen he would fight Miss Bergman to the last ditch for custody of their three children.

"I am more of a mother than she is," he said. "I don't want to say anything against her, but I am from the south where we are warm. She is from the frigid north."

Miss Bergman, now married to Swedish producer Lars Schmidt, has temporary custody of the three children, Roberto, 8, and 6-year-old twins Isotta and Isabella.

The Italian director said he was confident the Rome court would grant him custody of the children when the case comes up Dec. 4.

Rossellini said the children are Italian and should be reared as Italians. "I have a huge family for the children to join," he said. "She has nobody."

Rossellini plans to visit Paris this weekend to see the children. Asked if he would also see Miss Bergman, he replied: "If I have an invitation, why not?"

He evaded questions about his own future. But asked if he would marry again, he smiled and said: "Perhaps, perhaps, perhaps."

Food Strike Continuing

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—Elmer B. (Jett) Simrell, a sort of male Carrie Nation in reverse who dislikes what he calls the "feminization" of the nation, continued his hunger strike today in behalf of America's manhood.

Simrell, in jail on charges of sending letters threatening the lives of Superior Court judges, bypassed the usual Thanksgiving turkey and assorted trimmings Thursday. He has refused to eat any food in the Los Angeles County jail.

He said he would continue to go without anything to eat until at least one of the major local newspapers prints a two-page statement he sent all publications in its entirety.

Anti-U.S. Riot Held In Japan By Commies

TOKYO (UPI) — Left-wing demonstrators against the revision of the critical U.S.-Japan security treaty smashed through a police barricade and stormed the compound of the Japanese Diet (Parliament) building today.

At least 39 policemen and 30 demonstrators were injured and rushed to hospitals. Scores of demonstrators were inside the compound and the police summoned reinforcements to eject them.

The Tokyo demonstration was one of a series of nationwide rallies staged by the Communist General Council of Japan Trade Unions to protest the new treaty.

Soho said half a million students and unionists were on the march in Tokyo, Osaka and 650 other places in Japan. The police, however, put the figure at 125,000.

A new security treaty, reaffirming America's right to station troops here but giving Japan a greater voice in their disposition, is expected to be signed in mid-January to form the cornerstone of the relationship between the two nations.

In Tokyo 25,000 demonstrators, wearing headbands and carrying brilliant red-and-white banners denouncing the new treaty as a plot concocted by "imperialists" and "Japanese militarists," marched toward the gates of the Diet building.

A force of nearly 10,000 uniformed, truncheon-carrying policemen and an array of armored trucks formed a barricade 50 yards in front of the tall iron gates and kept the throng away.

For three hours the police held the line while the demonstrators milled around, listening to speeches.

A sudden rush carried hundreds of demonstrators through the barricade and into the police lines. Scores poured into the compound of the Diet building and clashed with police.

Near the Diet building, 700 Tokyo University students and workers clashed with police in front of the official residence of Premier Nobusuke Kishi. One student was arrested, but there were no immediate reports of injuries.

Reb Leader Death Asked

HAVANA (UPI) — A government attorney has demanded death by firing squad for "Col." Austin Young, of Miami, alleged leader of an anti-government band in western Cuba, and 30 years imprisonment for "Major" Peter J. Lambton, a British-born American said to be Young's chief lieutenant.

Aldo Prieto Morales also urged that 36 Cubans arrested with the two Americans after a skirmish in Pinar del Rio Province two months ago be imprisoned for 30 years. The 23 men were charged with plotting against Premier Fidel Castro and murdering a soldier killed in a clash with the band.

Young is a former resident of Indianapolis, but he left his wife and three children in Miami when he came to Cuba. Lambton lives in Nassau, capital of the Bahamas.

Government demands for the punishment of the two Americans came on the heels of the announcement that Argentine-born Maj. Ernesto "Che" Guevara, a vehement critic of the United States, has been appointed president of the Cuban National Bank.

Guevara, a physician with little or no experience of banking or finance, replaced Felipe Pazos, a moderate who had been regarded as one of the most responsible officials of the Castro regime.

In the fiscal period of July 1, 1957, to June 30, 1958, 10,333 ships of all sizes used the Panama Canal.

Student's Death Said 'Accidental'

EXETER (UPI) — The fatal shooting of an Exeter Union High School student in his family home Thursday was listed today by Police Chief Joseph Borgman as accidental.

Marvin L. Lovell, 15, was killed when a blast from a shotgun struck him in the throat. The weapon was triggered by a friend, Jerry Lynn Suggs, 16, also of Exeter.

The chief said the boys had been hunting during the morning and returned home for Thanksgiving Day dinner. The shooting occurred as they prepared to resume their hunt after dinner.

Public Health Service Issues Smokers Warning

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Public Health Service has issued a strong new warning on tobacco. The weight of evidence implicates smoking as the main cause of the rising rate of lung cancer.

The statement was issued Thursday by Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney in an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

It was the government's strongest statement to date linking smoking and cancer. Burney said it was based partly on new evidence.

Burney's warning immediately was attacked by tobacco interests as a warmed-over rehash of old statistics.

Dr. C. C. Little, scientific director of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee, said in New York the points in Burney's article were "first advanced some years ago in statistical studies that admittedly are not supported by experimental evidence."

At Appomattox, Va., Rep. Watkins Abbott (D-Va.), who represents a major tobacco growing district, said: "It is shocking that a supposedly responsible government official would castigate the entire tobacco industry on such flimsy statistical evidence."

Burney's article took note of frequent criticism of the evidence linking smoking and lung cancer. He cited Little's previous criticisms specifically.

But Burney noted that by law the Public Health Service must tell the medical profession and the public about anything affecting public health. After reviewing the presently available evidence in detail, he said, "The Public Health Service believes that the following statements are justified by studies to date:

"1. The weight of evidence at present implicates smoking as the principal etiological causative factor in the increased incidence of lung cancer.

"2. Cigarette smoking particularly is associated with an increased chance of developing lung cancer.

"3. Stopping cigarette smoking even after long exposure is beneficial.

"4. No method of treating tobacco or filtering the smoke has been demonstrated to be effective in materially reducing or eliminating the hazard of lung cancer.

"5. The nonsmoker has a lower incidence of lung cancer than the smoker in all controlled studies, whether analyzed in terms of rural areas, urban regions, industrial occupations, or sexes.

"6. Persons who have never smoked at all (cigarettes, cigars, or pipe) have the best chance of escaping lung cancer.

COFC Urges Tax Slash

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U. S. Chamber of Commerce today urged an immediate tax cut for all individuals and corporations to help stabilize the dollar and promote economic growth.

The business organization said the revenue loss could be offset by a temporary across-the-board sales tax.

The chamber said the tax reductions are "vitaly needed." It threw its support behind two House bills which gradually would trim the lowest individual tax bracket from 20 to 15 per cent and the highest from 91 to 47 per cent. Other rates would be reduced on a graduated scale.

Corporate income tax rates would be cut from 52 to 47 per cent, with some modifications in depreciation allowances, capital gains, estate and gift taxes.

The House bills, proposed by Reps. A. Sydney Herlong Jr. (D-Fla.) and Howard H. Baker (R-Tenn.), would provide a gradual tax reduction over a five-year period. The immediate revenue loss would be about \$3,500,000,000.

The chamber said the reductions would stir up so much new business activity that they would soon increase the government's revenue. It said the tax burden would be more equally distributed and incentive would be provided for business to expand and create more jobs.

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