

# Parliament Adjourned Before Election Date

LONDON, May 6 (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II adjourned Parliament today, just 20 days ahead of the general election.

Members of the outgoing House of Commons collected their last pay checks and free one-way tickets to their constituencies.

Britain's 35 million voters will decide May 26 how many get free return tickets—and whether Prime Minister Eden's Conservatives remain in power or turn the government over to the opposition Laborites.

# RR Strike Erupts Into Pistol Fire

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 6 (AP)—Smoldering tempers in the 54-day-old Louisville & Nashville Railroad strike erupted into pistol fire last night and today, leaving one striker dead in Tennessee and another seriously wounded in Kentucky. This new outbreak of violence, resulting in the first strike-connected killing, brought prompt withdrawal of a union offer to arbitrate the long-drawn-out dispute involving 25,000 workers in 14 states.

In the South's other major labor dispute, also 54 days old and involving some 50,000 Southern Bell Telephone employees, the company turned down an offer of CIO Communications Workers of America for a full public arbitration of the issues.

Southern Bell called the offer "a calculated attempt to gain from an arbiter when the union has not been able to justify through the process of collective bargaining."

George Leighty, negotiating chairman for 10 railroad nonoperating unions, announced in an 80-station radio broadcast from Washington the rail unions now will insist on a negotiated settlement. He assigned the two shooting incidents as the reason.

Charles E. Wright, 32-year old striking L&N carman, was shot to death last night near Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., 65 miles south of Nashville.

State and county officers arrested four L&N workers and one of them acknowledged firing the fatal shot which he said was in self defense. The Tennessee Bureau of Identification listed the man as Roy Van Brindley, 28, locomotive fireman.

State Safety Commissioner, W. W. Luttrell said Brindley fired after the strike started, was arrested three times by state officers on charges of transporting liquor in legally dry areas of Tennessee.

# Only 'Bataan' Survivor Has Returned to A Farm

BUTLER, Pa., May 6 (AP)—The only survivor of the Bataan death march to return to Bataan after World War II has retired from the Army, his future plans uncertain.

M. Sgt. Abe Abraham, who became known as "the Ghost of Bataan," has returned to his 100-acre farm in Conoquenessing Twp.

Political forecasters expect about 500 of the 625 members of the old House to show up again—some of them after the political scare of their lives. The new House of 630 lawmakers will convene June 7.

The Queen's speech, written for her by Eden and members of his Cabinet, was read to a joint session of the two houses in the rich red and gold House of Lords. It reflected the Conservative's political philosophy and assessment of the situation at home and abroad.

But it also contained a reference by Elizabeth to "my dear sister," the lively Princess Margaret whose name has been linked romantically with a number of men—among them Capt. Peter Townsend.

It was pointed out that "dear sister" was the customary way for a sovereign to allude to a close relative in a speech of this kind, and had no special significance. Townsend is a divorced commoner, and the prospect of a marriage with Margaret presents certain obstacles.

The Queen said the warmth of the reception afforded Margaret on a tour of Britain's Caribbean possessions last February "was a source of great happiness to me."

In the foreign field, the speech expressed hope Britain can enter into fruitful negotiations with the Soviet Union, now that a rearmament West Germany has become a sovereign nation. The Queen welcomed prospects of an Austrian independence treaty. Concern was expressed over the dangerous situation in Formosa Strait.

# AEC Will Hold Closed Seminar

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission announced today it will hold a closed seminar tomorrow at its Bettis Plant in Pittsburgh to discuss the full-scale nuclear power plant being built at Shippingsport, Pa.

Approximately 300 scientists, engineers and management executives are to attend the session. The AEC said all have security clearance for their work with the nuclear power program.

Staff members of the Joint Senate-House Committee on Atomic Energy, AEC officials and representatives of other government agencies also are expected to attend.

# Administration Attacked

NEW LONDON, Conn., May 6 (AP)—Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler accused the Eisenhower administration tonight of hiding from the public things that the people have a right to know.

# Government Halts Vaccine Program During Conference

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—The federal government's program of approving Salk polio vaccine for shipment has been brought to a temporary standstill while a top-level scientific conference reviews production and safety standards.

Surgeon Gen. Leonard A. Scheele disclosed this today. He stressed it does not mean the vaccine is "under suspicion." He explained that the government merely wants to use "every conceivable safeguard."

He urged that inoculation programs throughout the nation continue with vaccine already approved, and said he was confident the clearance embargo would be lifted in a few days.

Scheele, head of the U.S. Public Health Service, told the House Banking Committee the vaccine is excellent despite some 40 cases of reported polio among children who have had their first "shot."

# Republic Urged For Viet Nam

SAIGON, South Viet Nam, May 6 (AP)—A government informant said today South Viet Nam will proclaim herself a republic if assured backing by France, Britain and the United States.

The attitude of these powers, the source close to Premier Ngo Dinh Diem said, is the only stumbling block to the South's revolutionary move to depose Chief of State Bao Dai.

U.S. Secretary of State Dulles and French and British officials will discuss South Viet Nam political developments in Paris this weekend. Bao Dai also is expected to be on hand with a personal appeal to France and the United States to keep him in power.

The President of South Viet Nam's Revolutionary Committee, Nguyen Bao Toan, said today that as long as Bao Dai remains as Chief of State there can be no lasting friendship between France and his country.

# Electronic Brain Tested

SUITLAND, Md., May 6 (AP)—The Weather Bureau put into experimental operation today an electronic brain it hopes will improve the accuracy of weather forecasts.

The experiment was begun ceremoniously when representatives of the Weather Bureau, the Navy and the Army pushed three activating buttons on the calculator, which is the joint property of the three agencies.

# Nationalist Chinese Use Mines to Thwart Invasion

TAIPEI, Formosa, May 6 (AP)—The Nationalists disclosed today they have sown mines in waters close to Red China to thwart any invasion moves against offshore islands and to choke off shipping to the Red port of Fochow.

The minefields were laid around islands which the Nationalists hold as close as four miles to the mainland.

The move freshly underscored Nationalist intent to hold on to the islands. Foreign Minister George Yeh is reported to have assured the Legislative Yuan Parliament today that the government resolutely opposes any idea of a cease-fire in Formosa Strait.

Yeh was quoted as saying the Nationalists regard as "impossible" any UN trusteeship for Formosa and stand inflexibly against anything tending to set up two Chinas.

**No Withdrawal**  
The meeting was closed to the press but officials present talked freely of what Yeh said. They said he repeated assurances there would be no Nationalist withdrawal from the offshore islands, where there has been both Red air and artillery action this week. Yeh said the concept of two Chinas was contrary to the wishes of the Chinese people and that, apart from a few nations supporting the Reds or taking a neutralist stand, no other countries have proposed such a situation.

**Territorial Waters**  
Nationalist quarters did not say flatly the minefields were laid in territorial waters of Red China but this would seem inevitable. They said there was no need to notify other countries since it has been made clear for years that ships trading with Red China must do so at their own risk.

The Nationalists believe the Reds have been getting through with jet fuel and other war supplies to Fochow despite the vigil of garrisons off the Fukien Province coast in the Matsu Island group.

They are less concerned about Amoy, considering it a dead port so long as they hold Quemoy and other islands in the area.

# Water Situation in Need Of Conservation Policy

HARRISBURG, May 6 (AP)—Pennsylvania agriculture faces a new competitive situation for water resources that only a stepped-up conservation program can solve.

"Through the use of irrigation, agriculture is going to increase its demands on water," said Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, state secretary of forests and waters.

Goddard said a vast increase in irrigation throughout the state by farmers puts them in a severe "competitive situation" with industry and municipalities for water supplies.

He cited the Brandywine Valley of Chester County where a state survey showed twice as many farmers planned to irrigate this year as in 1954.

# 1955 Predicted to Be Most Prosperous Year

HOT SPRINGS, Va., May 6 (AP)—Industry leaders heard today that the production and income boom is well on its way to making 1955 the most prosperous year in American history.

The appraisal was presented, amid unusual secrecy, at the spring meeting here of the Business Advisory Council of the Commerce Department.

The council's membership includes the heads of about 100 of the largest corporations high government officials attended.

Council Chairman Harold Boeschstein, president of Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., declined to give reporters an account of the closed session until tomorrow.

# 9 Killed in 4th Chicago Fire

CHICAGO, May 6 (AP)—The fourth flash fire in cheap Chicago hotels in three months today killed nine men and injured 12 others.

Erupting about 1 a.m., while 77 men were sleeping in tiny cubicles on upper floors of the five-story Comfort Hotel on Skid Row, the blaze pushed the roll of dead in Chicago hotel fires this year to 51.

A Feb. 12 Skid Row flophouse fire in the Barton Hotel, only three blocks from the scene of today's blaze, took the lives of 29 men housed in quarters similar to those in the Comfort Hotel. Thirteen persons died in separate fires in two other inexpensive hotels on the Northwest Side last month.

# Mayor's Proposal

Today's tragic fire brought a proposal from Chicago's new mayor, Richard J. Daley, that the city license hotels and rooming houses in an effort to prevent a recurrence. He also suggested in a conference with top city officials that city-operated, non-profit lodging houses for Skid Row habitues be

constructed.

Firemen found most of the victims suffocated in their 65-cent-a-night 6x7 feet cubicles on the second and third floors of the hostelry. Bodies of three others who apparently had dozed off while watching a television show were found in chairs on the second floor.

# 20 Occupants

Firemen carried about 20 occupants down ladders. Another man was rescued from a ledge on the fourth floor. Two policemen who turned in an alarm and then helped about 25 men to the street said many of the men were drunk and tried to fight off their rescuers.

The blaze was quickly put out and Fire Marshal Albert Peterson estimated damage to the building at about \$5000. The first floor was occupied by a restaurant.

# Started in a Room

The night clerk, Al Reese, 50, told police the fire apparently started in the room of Raymond Lawson, 55, who died in the blaze. Reese said he saw smoke pouring

out of Lawson's cubicle—separated from others by corrugated iron walls and a chicken wire ceiling—and tried to force his way into the room.

Unable to get past the locked door, Reese said he sounded the hotel's alarm system and then banged on doors until he was driven from the building by smoke. Most of the survivors were taken to Cook County Hospital suffering from shock, smoke inhalation and exposure.


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**THE TAMING OF THE SHREW**

A Farce-Comedy

**TONIGHT**

at Center Stage



# Dulles Flies To European Conference

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—Secretary of State John F. Dulles flew to Paris tonight declaring that "a new Europe, united, free and secure" is assured with Germany's entry into the North Atlantic Alliance.

Dulles took off with a party of advisers in President Eisenhower's four-engine aircraft, Columbine. He had conferred with the President earlier in the day on problems of Far Eastern peace, European defense and negotiations with the Communists. These are questions he will be discussing with other Western ministers in the French capital for the next week.

In a departure statement Dulles announced that if talks now under way with the Russians in Paris can finally break the 10-year stalemate over an Austrian independence treaty he will fly from Paris to Vienna to conclude that document.

About three hours before he went to the airport Dulles accepted from West German Ambassador Heinz L. Krekeler a document making Germany the 15th member of the Atlantic Alliance. Germany will take its seat at a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Council in Paris next week.

Dulles said Germany's admission to the powerful defense organization—to which she is due to add half a million men in about four years—and completion of an Austrian independence treaty, taken together, "would of themselves open up new vistas for accomplishment."

Prior to his departure, Dulles worked today on Far Eastern as well as European problems. One task was the formulation of a statement issued this afternoon to counteract an impression that the United States is trying to save Viet Nam's Bao Dai.

# Labor Relations Board

HARRISBURG, May 6 (AP)—A suit has been filed in Dauphin County Court by two former members of the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board who said they never received some \$18,000 in pay increases provided by law.

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