

# British name new Minister

LONDON (AP) — Foreign Secretary James Callaghan, a moderate who favors strong ties with the United States, was chosen by fellow Laborites as Britain's prime minister yesterday.

He then accepted Queen Elizabeth II's formal offer to serve by kissing her hand. He was driven from Buckingham Palace to 10 Downing Street in a quiet transfer of power.

Callaghan earlier promised the Labor members of Parliament who chose him as their leader to forget past domestic political battles and "wipe the slate clean," but warned rival Labor factions not to "foist their views on the party as a whole."

Callaghan's victory over radical left-wing Employment Secretary Michael Foot to replace the retiring Harold Wilson foreshadowed wary, safety-first policies for Britain.

The nation is beset by acute problems of inflation, a declining currency, unemployment, and grinding civil strife in Northern Ireland.

Callaghan, a 64-year-old political jack-of-all trades, won 176 of the votes cast by 313 of the 317 Labor members of the House of Commons eligible to participate in the ballot.

Foot collected 137 votes in a show of left-wing strength that exceeded the expectations of many.

Three Laborites who have quit the party caucus because of policy differences, and one Laborite whose election has been questioned, stayed out of the balloting.

After half a century in labor unionism and politics, Callaghan's big chance for the premiership came March 16 when Wilson announced his decision to retire on grounds of age.

Wilson, 60, has headed four different governments, chalking up 7½ years of premiership, a record in this century for any peacetime British leader.

As soon as the result of the ballot was declared, Callaghan issued a promise and a warning to a packed meeting of Laborites in the Palace of Westminster, which houses the Parliament.

"There will be no insiders and no outsiders and no cliques in my administration," he promised. So far as the past is concerned, I shall wipe the slate clean and I ask everyone else to do the same.

Then came his warning: "I shall not be willing to accept a situation in which minority groups in the parliamentary Labor party maneuver to foist their views on the party as a whole. I mean especially the left-wing Tribune and right-wing Manifesto groups. None of you holds the Ark of the Covenant."

Callaghan said the Labor government is in no position to make easy promises. He announced he would shake up the cabinet and government, which, together, number nearly 100 ministers. Each minister, under the British system, puts his office at the disposal of the incoming leader.

It was plain, nonetheless, that some strong key ministers will stay put. Foot, closely linked to the labor unions, is one.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey, who presents the annual budget to the House of Commons today, is another.

# "The Balcony" to open Thursday

University Theatre Productions will present "The Balcony," directed by Manuel Duque, at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Playhouse.

Set in a brothel, the play by Jean Genet is about a revolution that has stripped any real power from everyone except the chief of police. Regular customers are given a chance to play out their fantasy roles and ambitions. One man from the gas company becomes a bishop and another becomes a victorious general. In a series of macabre, climactic scenes, the playwright develops his mocking view of man and society.

Carmella Maurizi portrays Madame Irma, the queen of the brothel. Maurizi, graduated from William and Mary College, played Grusha in University Theatre Productions' "The Caucasian Chalk Circle."



'Balcony' rehearsed

Paul Farin (left) as chief of police and Carmella Maurizi (right) as Madame Irma, will star in Jean Genet's "The Balcony."

Paul Farin will play the role of the chief of police. Farin, a graduate acting student, appeared as Count Dracula in "Dracula," as Malvolio in "Twelfth Night" and as the husband in "The Breasts of Tiresias," all produced by University Theatre Productions.

"The Balcony" will open April 8 to 10 and will continue

April 13 to 17. Curtain times are at 8 p.m. Advanced ticket reservations may be obtained by calling the Playhouse box office at 865-1884. "The Balcony" is suggested for mature audiences.

# Alcohol damages unborn babies

CHICAGO (UPI) — Infants born to women with severe chronic alcoholism problems may have growth deficiency, small heads, below normal mentality, and facial abnormalities, the Journal of the American Medical Association reported yesterday.

During the past two years, this pattern of malformation has been identified and termed the "fetal alcohol syndrome."

Forty-one patients with the syndrome were studied by a group of pediatricians — Drs. James Hanson and David Smith of the University of Washington School of Medicine and Dr. Kenneth Jones of the University of California, San Diego.

"These children have a

pattern of defects including prenatal and postnatal growth deficiency, small head size with mental subnormality, and facial abnormalities allowing for recognition of the disorder in infancy," they said.

The same pattern of abnormalities has been independently reported from France in a study of 127 offspring of chronic alcoholics.

"The affected children often fail to thrive in terms of survival, neonatal adaptation, brain function and growth. There is an increased prenatal mortality, and those who survive often have difficulty in adjusting to the extra-uterine environment."

"In our recent experience, damage to the fetus by chronic maternal alcoholism

has been one of the most common recognizable causes of "Women who are alcoholics should know the risk of the alcoholism giving rise to a serious problem in the developing fetus, a risk that we estimate to be between 30 and 50 per cent.

"Ideally such women

should be encouraged and assisted in exercising effective birth control until such time as they can discontinue the alcohol intake. If pregnancy should occur in such a woman, she should be offered the alternative of terminating the pregnancy," the doctors said.

# NBC workers to end strike

NEW YORK (AP) — Striking newsmen and technicians agreed late yesterday to return to work at studios of the National Broadcasting Co. Wednesday morning, but the company announced the strikers could not return without a contract.

NBC had accused the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians earlier of sabotage in a strike that began last Thursday at offices in six cities.

The AFL-CIO union said yesterday afternoon that its 1,700 members on strike were directed to return to work following normal television station shutdown times Wednesday morning. The union said the decision was based on NBC agreement to

resume contract talks Thursday at the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service headquarters in Washington.

However, an NBC spokesman responded to the NABET notification with this statement:

"We cannot risk further sabotage by having the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians return without a contract. We are ready to resume negotiations on April 8 with the Federal Mediation Service, as scheduled, and to resolve the issues."

A spokesman for NBC said Monday night that the plan was for the supervisory personnel to handle the newsroom and technician jobs during today's primaries

in New York and the special TV show, "Women of the Year Awards," originating here live later Thursday.

The striking union threw a picket line around the CBS-owned Ed Sullivan Theater yesterday because it was loaned to NBC for the special telecast. First Lady Betty Ford was scheduled to appear on the show.

It was not immediately clear whether Mrs. Ford would honor the picket line and call off her attendance at the "Women of the Year" show on NBC.

The strike began after the union turned down an NBC offer of a 5 per cent raise in a new contract over the average \$375 a week in the old one.

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# Cuba demands hijacker's return

LISBON, Portugal (UPI) — Cuba put heavy diplomatic pressure on Portugal yesterday to return a disgruntled Cuban soldier who hijacked a 747 jet at gunpoint from Angola to Lisbon where he asked for political asylum.

At the request of the Cuban embassy, the foreign ministry scheduled a meeting with Cuban Ambassador Francisco Astray Rodriguez where, the diplomat was expected to officially demand the soldier's return.

Government sources said the Cubans were applying heavy diplomatic pressure through other channels as well.

Government sources said the military's Revolutionary Council probably discussed the case yesterday afternoon

and would decide whether to grant the soldier asylum, return him to Angola or allow him to leave for another Western nation to seek asylum.

The soldier — boarded a Boeing 747 with 380 passengers on board just before take-off Sunday.

"Airline officials said the soldier, armed with an AK47 automatic rifle, demanded he be taken to Portugal and forced the crew to take off at gunpoint.

When the flight landed in Lisbon, the soldier, who identified himself as Carlos Manuel Molino Alvaral, surrendered to customs officials and requested asylum.

The newspaper O Dia said the soldier acted because he was opposed to Cuba's military intervention on the side of the Popular Movement,

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