

Utopia on the Rocks— British Take Life Easy, Refuse to Worry Over National Crises

Rank and File Enjoy Holidays at Frequent
Intervals, Daily Time-Out for Tea

Editor's Note:
English papers are full of stories about the "dollar shortage." Sir Stafford Cripps warns that the nation's gold and dollar reserves are \$400 million below the minimum safety margin of \$2 billion.
It's pretty technical. The average Englishman doesn't understand it—and some suspect Uncle Sam of hiding or taking away dollars.
What it means is that Britain doesn't earn enough dollars to pay for the vital imports bought in countries, particularly America, where dollars are used.
The big reason is that her goods are too costly. Other nations underwrite her, especially the U. S.
The Scripps-Howard Newspapers sent E. T. Leech to the British Isles to study the critical situation there. Today's story is the eighth of a series.

By E. T. LEECH, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

LONDON, Aug. 22—British people drew more money out of their savings accounts during the last two weeks of July than at any similar time since the war. Some \$64 million of added currency went into circulation. Savings withdrawals exceeded deposits by more than \$20 million.

However, it wasn't a run on the banks. Nor any reflection of the loss of faith in British currency which has caused it to drop sharply in value through most of the world. Instead, millions of people were just getting ready for the biggest week-end holiday travel in their history.
"Bank holiday" comes four times a year, and the one on Aug. 1 this year was a record. It actually started several days before the end of the week.
80 million of shops put up signs saying they would be closed for a week. And London was shut up tighter than a drum.

Maybe the British people were taking a holiday from the wave of crises which had been sweeping over them for weeks. They had been bombarded with warnings that their country's plight is desperate. They had been told that their standard of living was threatened; that their ration was about to drop, and that their work and production had to go up.

BUT THEY were in a holiday mood. They were tired—and obviously little impressed by repeated warnings. Their chief worry had been that the railroad workers would stage a national slow-down just before the holiday. But the union had just given legal notice that it would delay the general strike for 21 days—so the holiday crowds flocked out of the cities to the country and seashore.
This particular situation was typical of how the English have come to react to their troubles. The great bulk of them just don't react. They take life fairly easy—certainly easier than most Americans do—and go about their jobs and recreation in a spirit of letting the politicians do the worrying.

British life moves at a pleasant tempo. Offices and shops and factories shut down mid-afternoon for tea, and many of them in the morning. It was a new experience for me to be in a newspaper shop when the office boys came around with tea and work stopped for a pleasant interlude. In factories, this cuts into mass-production methods.

Leisure Is Important
PERHAPS the best explanation was the one given me by a leading business man. Taxes and prices, he said, are so high, and goods so scarce, that the most important thing a worker can buy is leisure. This seems to be the chief reason why many workers resist overtime. They'd rather have their money than the money left to them after taxes.
This isn't new under the Socialists. Many of the British upper classes have taken life pretty easy for years. Now, with the spread of paid holidays and many forms of insurance and medical benefits furnished by the state from taxes, the habit has spread.

The British economy for many years has been an easy and sheltered one. It has been free from the stiff competition and drive of American business.
Some 2500 trade associations got together and fixed production and prices. These agreements were ratified in many cases by the government—as in the iron and steel industry. The idea was to let everybody get by, including the least efficient.

A COMPLETE absence of anti-trust laws made all this legal. In the United States it would violate the anti-trust and monopoly statutes, and the various laws to regulate railroads and utilities.

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Blind Girl Prepares for Law Career

Studies to Become
Husband's Partner

By NEA Service

TOPEKA, Kas., Aug. 22—Her curiosity resulted in an accident that blinded her. Her blindness brought on boredom that sent her to law school. And today Kay Arvin is a star student at Washington Law School here, happily looking forward to a legal career in partnership with her husband, who is about to complete his education for the bar.

Kay is 27, and has been blind for two years. Despite the able assistance of Larkin, her seeing-eye boxer, she says she is "not very good at being sightless."

If a New York eye specialist is successful, she may be able to see again, although he has intimated it may take a series of operations and as long as 10 years to restore her sight.

Mrs. Arvin, tall, pretty, brunet, will go to New York for the first operation next winter, leaving her law studies temporarily. The eye specialist, who devotes most of his time to research, has become interested in her case and will perform a cornea transplant for Kay in connection with his research work.

'Terrific 3 Weeks'

It may possibly mean she will be able to see when she returns to Washburn next summer. The doctor has indicated she may see for a period of about three weeks, then lose her sight again.

"That will be a terrific three weeks," Kay smiled. "I'll be able to know what it's like to go three weeks without sleeping."

Kay met her husband when both were students at Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kas. Les Arvin had to leave school to enter the Army, but Kay was graduated in 1943. Then she went to work for the War Department in Hawaii, and when Les was transferred there from Saipan, they were married.

After the war, they came back to Wichita, Kas., and Les finished college, working part-time in the Sedgewick County sheriff's office. "Les was careful to show me the guns and equipment he was required to use on the deputy sheriff job, explaining how they worked and how they should be handled," Kay said.

Blinded by Tear Gas

But one morning, Kay woke up early and started to leave, while Les was still sleeping. She noticed an "interesting little flash of light" which she thought Les must have been issued.

"I'll never know why I did it, but I picked it up and pressed the little button. It didn't light at first, and I thought that probably I couldn't see the rays because of the daylight. So I cupped my left hand around my eyes, held the end I thought was supposed to light up in front of my face and pressed the button."

The instrument, instead of being a flashlight, was a new type 12-gauge tear gas bomb. It exploded in her face.
Doctors worked over her in relays, relieving each other every 10 minutes because the tear gas overcame them if they stayed longer. At first, they feared for her life. Then, they were afraid she would be disfigured—and so was she—but she has only one small scar over her right eye.

She could see slightly after she



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was released from the hospital, but one day, while she was eating dinner, "a thick white fog" suddenly enveloped her and she was blind.
When Les enrolled in law school in Topeka, she became so weary of sitting in one room that she joined him. "I don't deserve any credit for going on," she says. "I was just so bored I had to."
She's done well. She has been chosen for membership on the Law Review Board, serves as secretary of the Washburn Bar Association and was named "Woman of the Year" at the Bench and Bar Prom, an annual school dance.
Besides her studies, she cooks meals on a creaky stove in their apartment, irons her husband's shirts as well as doing the rest of the laundry and finds her way around the dance floor, too.

Volunteers Rush to Battle Forest Fires

2200 Man Firelines
As Flames Sweep
11,500 Acres in West

By United Press

Hundreds of rangers and volunteers rushed by plane today to fight eight major fires raging uncontrolled through 11,500 acres of western woodlands.

More than 2200 firefighters were on the firelines in three states and Forest Service officials said "the worst is yet to come." One unidentified fire fighter was injured. He was treated with supplies parachuted in by rescue plane.

The fire centers were the Payette National Forest of Idaho, where 7500 acres were burning out of control; Yellowstone National Park, Wyo., where four fires were burning through 2000 acres; and Escondido, Cal., where 350 men were fighting a 2000-acre blaze.

An additional 30 small blazes were reported in Idaho, Wyoming, and Oregon over the week-end.

Situation 'Very Grave'

Officials said the situation was "very grave."
All of today's blazes, rangers said, were believed to have been started by lightning striking in forests parched from high temperatures with low humidity and little rain.

Over in France, thousands of troops and volunteers finally brought under control a fire southwest of Bordeaux that had ravaged 125,000 acres and killed 78 persons, including 20 soldiers. Several families were forced to flee from their homes near Halburton, Ontario, where a forest fire was sweeping over 4000 acres of Canadian woodlands.

Ingrid Insists She's Signed Off As Film Actress

FARFA, Italy, Aug. 22 (UP)—Screen star Ingrid Bergman, who played her "last" motion picture scene yesterday, said today she might return to the stage in a year or two.

"I may return to the stage," Miss Bergman said. "But if I do, it will not be before a year or two."

The Academy Award winner and Hollywood star announced recently that "Stromboli," directed and produced by Roberto Rossellini, would be her last film role.

WHEN SHE stepped from in front of the camera, filming the picture yesterday, she said: "That is the final shot I will ever act before a motion picture camera."

Mr. Rossellini, the man reports state she will marry, rose from a small wooden box alongside the camera and kissed her lightly on both cheeks.

"It's all over, dear, and thank you," he said.

New Mate for Girl

Cleared in Killing

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Aug. 22 (UP)—Former carhop Betty Ferrer, recently acquitted in Los Angeles in the meat axe slaying of her husband, had a new husband today.

The 26-year-old redhead was married yesterday to restaurant maitre d'hotel Jean Paul Rousseau, 28, after a courtship of "only a few weeks."

The bride was acquitted of murder charges when she pleaded she and two others killed playboy Jerome Ferrer when he tried to slay her.

STRAUSS

SAYS: TRADITION WITH A TOUCH OF TOMORROW

IR Reports Loss Despite Fare Hike

Revenue Off \$49,466;
15 Pct. Fewer Riders

When city bus fares went up, the number of riders went down, the Indianapolis Railways, Inc., reported today.

For the first month of the 11-cent fares and two-cent transfers, the company reported a loss of \$49,466. Riders dropped 15 per cent.

Operating income amounted to \$850,646, which included \$35,889 for the one-cent fare hike and \$18,945 from the two-cent transfer charge, the company reported. But total income fell off \$48,070 from the same month a year ago. For the first seven months of this year, the company said, operating income totaled \$4,762,799, which amounts to \$276,225 less than the same period produced last year.

The company pointed out that its operating costs for last month had dropped from \$628,508 for last year to \$587,573 this year. Transit officials said they believed the 6.73 per cent loss in riders this year is due to group vacation policies of industries or layoffs and short work week periods.

Motorcycle Rider

Hurt in Crash With Car

Lynn Cain, 31, of Columbus, was injured when the motorcycle he was riding on U. S. 31, at the White Lick bridge, struck a car operated by Edward Janke, 55, of 4210 N. Illinois St.

Mr. Cain was being treated for an injured leg and possible internal injuries at General Hospital. His condition was reported as "fair."

Busses Clocked For Speed Limits

Drivers Step on It
To Make Up Time

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stop made it four minutes late at Bedford.

STATE POLICE try to hold busses to the speed limit. However, troopers are few in number and they charge bus drivers can spot their aerial and striped cars in the dark.

Louis Webster, Public Service Commission of Indiana tariff department assistant director, said: "We make no actual physical check on schedules submitted by bus companies. We presume the companies have made test runs or base the times on past experience, all set within legal speed limits."

"If a bus should leave late, it should arrive late, unless the running time has been set so low as to allow for make-up within legal limits," he said.

B. C. Hall, regional manager for Greyhound, said: "The road's narrowness, curves and flow of traffic are taken into consideration. The runs are set for a 30 to 34 mph average."
"We don't ask any driver to make up lost time. With us it is safety first and schedules second," Mr. Hall said.

State Board Will 'See About' Probe

Prosecutor Asks Aid
In Relief Tangle

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Dalley added, "I have decided to ask the State Board of Accounts to join in the probe. I will particularly ask the board to make a complete and thorough audit of all relief figures now in possession of the township trustee and the Marion County Auditor."

The prosecutor's probe is expected to have far-reaching effects since revelation of the poor relief irregularities came at a time when county officials, spending \$400,000 on relief food this year, are asking 40 per cent more money to spend for next year.

Budget Hearing Threatened

One possibility was that hearing on the county budget, scheduled to begin this afternoon, might be stalled until investigators arrive at some solution of the township's tangled relief mess.
"I intend to say every bit of evidence," Mr. Dalley said, "in an effort to get to the bottom of this terrible situation. No one will be spared from the spotlight of inquiry. As soon as we have arrived at a solid answer, and if the fact of the matter is that I will ask for swift indictment by the grand jury of those persons who are reportedly getting rich off helplessness, impoverished citizens on the county relief rolls," Mr. Dalley declared.

Deaf Mute Drowns

LUNENBURG, Mass., Aug. 22 (UP)—Stanley F. Flowers Jr., a 21-year-old deaf mute, drowned in Lake Whalom yesterday unable to cry for help and unobserved by a picnic party of deaf mute friends on the shore nearby.

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Roy Huggins Funeral Today

Ex-Health Inspector
Dies in Anderson

Roy Huggins, former inspector for the Indiana State Board of Health, was to be buried in Noblesville following services at 2 p. m. today in the Fisher Brothers Funeral Home, Lael, Ind.

Mr. Huggins, a former Indianapolis resident, died Saturday in the St. John Hospital, Anderson. He was 68.

Before taking the Board of Health post, he was employed many years by the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. He retired three years ago. A member of the Baptist Church, he was also a member of the Lael Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Jesters and the Madison County Shrine Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mabel, and three sisters, Mrs. Ivy Nagle, Anderson, and Mrs. Amy Dyer and Faye Houser, Indianapolis.

John H. Moore

Services for John H. Moore, lifelong resident of Marion County and former poultry raiser, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow in the Garland Funeral Home.

The Rev. M. T. Eicholz, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Cross, will officiate. Burial will be in Sutherland Park.

Mr. Moore died yesterday in his home, near Stout Road and E. 56th St. He was 77.

Surviving are a son, George F. Moore, a daughter, Mrs. Alma Parker, Indianapolis, and 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Harry Baker Rites Wednesday

Services for Harry Baker, former Indianapolis resident who died yesterday in Hines Veterans' Hospital, Chicago, after an illness of one week, will be held at 3:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Harry W. Moore Peace Chapel. Burial will follow in Memorial Park.

Mr. Baker, a native of Spencer, was a stereotyper and worked in Indianapolis before moving to Chicago 11 years ago. For the past six years he had worked in the stereotyping department of the Chicago Sun and Times.

Surviving are his wife, Inez; eight daughters, Miss Jennylee, Miss Barbara and Miss Geneva Baker and Mrs. Marcella Vickers, all of Chicago, and Mrs. Alberta Murphy, Mrs. Lorna Shinkle, Mrs. Margaret Limbach and Mrs. Ivy McClain, all of Indianapolis; a sister, Mrs. Geneva Chapman, St. Louis, Mo.; two brothers, Fred F. Baker, Maywood, Ill., and Herbert C. Baker, Indianapolis, and six grandchildren.

William B. Daab

William B. Daab, a tool grinder of the Chevrolet Body Co., who died yesterday in Long Hospital, will be buried in Crown Hill following services at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Harry W. Moore Peace Chapel. He was 49.

Mr. Daab, who lived in 1132 N. Oakland Ave., was a native of Seymour, Ind., and lived in Indianapolis for 30 years. He had worked in the Chevrolet plant for 16 years.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Daab; a sister, Miss Chloe Daab, and a brother, Clyde J. Daab, all of Indianapolis.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANA WEATHER
Fair weather with little change in temperature will prevail tonight and tomorrow throughout most of the state as a large high-pressure area of cool, dry air continues to blanket most of the north central and eastern states. Warm southerly air meeting with the cooler air will cause some cloudiness in the Ohio-Valley region.

See Weather Map on Page 4. Temperatures in Indianapolis one year ago today: High, 91; low, 68.

EVENTS TODAY

White River Conference, United Brethren Church—Through Friday. Heights United Brethren Church. Catherine Merrill Test. Grand War Meeting—1:30 p. m. in Grand War. League Memorial Hall, 1714 E. Wash. Union St.

Indiana Scientific Club Noon Lunch Meeting—Antlers Hotel. Herron Art Institute Student's Exhibition—Antlers Hotel, through Sept. 3.

Final day of late Conventions of the following is Organizations in the Claypool Hotel: American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees. International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees & Moving Picture Machine Operators of America. International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 10 of North America. International Union of Teachers. Indiana Building Trades Council. Metal Polishers. Painters. Plumbers & Steamfitters. United International Molders & Foundry Workers Union of North America. Brotherhood of Painters. Decorators & Paperhangers of America. International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen & Helpers of America. Bricklayers, Masons & Plasterers. International Union of Marine, Ship Carriers, Builders & Commis-

International Association of Firefighters. United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America. Journeymen Barbers, Hairdressers & Cosmetologists International Union of America.

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E. W. Robinson Rites Thursday

Local Lumberman
Dies in Home at 55

Services for Edgar William Robinson, owner of the Acme Lumber & Manufacturing Co., will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday in the Woodsie Methodist Church.

The Rev. M. H. Reynolds, pastor of the church, of which he was a member, and members of the Englewood Lodge, F.A.M., will officiate. Burial will be in Washington Park.

Mr. Robinson died Saturday in his home, 2231 Southeastern Ave. He was 55.
Coming to Indianapolis from Tennessee nine years ago, Mr. Robinson started a lumber and furniture frame business in 217 S. Temple Ave., three years ago. Prior to that time, he worked six years as a machinist for the International Harvester Co.

A native of Chestnut Mounds, Tenn., Mr. Robinson was a member of the Trammel Lodge No. 436, F.A.M., West Moreland, Tenn. During World War I he served 15 months overseas with the Army.

Survivors are his wife, Thelma; four daughters, Miss Margaret A. and Miss Ruth A. Robinson, Mrs. Marietta Welch and Mrs. Wilma L. Lee; a sister, Mrs. Sallie Smith, all of Indianapolis, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Tilden Smith

Services for Mrs. Jennie L. Smith, who died yesterday in her home, 332 N. Linwood Ave., will be held at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday in Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel. Burial will be in Washington Park.

Born in Dearborn County, Mrs. Smith lived in Indianapolis 48 years. She was a member of the Grace Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Tilden Smith; a son, Ralph B. Smith, Indianapolis; a daughter, Mrs. Thelma Alvord, Taos, N. M.; a brother, Arthur M. Bruce, Birmingham, Ala., and two grandchildren.

Homer A. Holland

Services for Homer A. Holland, a millworker, who collapsed and died at his work Saturday in the Richardson Rubber Co. plant, will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow in the Voss Funeral Home, Seymour, Ind. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery there. He was 57.

Mr. Holland, who lived in 4448 Caroline Ave., had been employed by the Richardson firm for 20 years. A native of Cortland, he had lived in Indianapolis 27 years. He was a member of the Seymour Eagles Lodge and the CIO Rubber Workers' Union.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Anna Christie, Seymour, and Mrs. Nell Kenyon, Indianapolis.

George H. Chadwick

Services for George Henry Chadwick, 909 Charles St., who died Saturday after a two-month illness, will be held at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow in the J. C. Wilson Chapel of the Chimes. Burial will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. He was 62.

A native of Johnson County, Mr. Chadwick had lived most of his life in Indianapolis.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Beulah Brewster, Houston, Tex., and Mrs. Nola McKinney, Shelbyville; a son, Jesse Chadwick, Indianapolis, and three brothers, Edgar, Fred and Grover Chadwick, all of Indianapolis.