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It Happened Last Night—

## E. W. Makes Up With England

Apologizes for Remarks About British Women

By Earl Wilson

NEW YORK, Sept. 2—I saw where Cardinal Spellman and Eleanor Roosevelt made up—and I thought, "Shucks, why don't I make up with England?"

So, you English gals who I called skinny and scrawny, I get down on my creaky knees and most humbly and abjectly apologize.

I was a cad, a bounder and a louse. If you want me to, I'll write "I'm sorry" on the blackboard 500 times. Piqued at a British reporter who twitted BeBe Shopp (Miss America) about her "surplus fat," I up and wrote that English babes are "emaciated Eves, underfed, fence-railish and tooth-pickish"—and that it takes three or four of them to be as plump as an umbrella. I was kidding—but I offended some splendid food-rationed women who'd felt war too close, able to see my bulges I brought I should have zippered my kiss-back from England! The mountain of vitriolic mail I was kidding—Real nice!" she said. Q. K. I will. The English girls are voluptuous, supple and beautiful. Why 58,800 GI's married English gals?

I'm not even going to say that I was right (although of course I was), because I want to lead a movement for a "Press' Peace" between America and England.

FAMOUS British actress Lilli Palmer who is just back from England—fatter than when she went there a few weeks ago—assured me I should.

Lilli went over weighing 103. Came back a fat, rolypoly 105½. "Englishwomen are touchy," Lilli (Mrs. Rex Harrison) told me, "because they don't want anybody to think they don't eat enough."

"But they don't, do they?"

SOME English gals had a nice sense of humor about it. Josephine Seal of Norfolk, England, wrote me that if Englishmen marry American gals—as I said—it's because GIs married off all the English gals, and left them no choice.

"Skinny!" she said. "If you were writing about an American girl, you'd call her 'slim' and 'slyph-like.'"

I would too, I have!

TODAY'S BEST LAUGH: Gene Williams, interviewed for a magazine story, was asked, "What do you think of skirts?" "Oh, I like



Miss Palmer

### The Midnight Earl

WHAT'S HOT: A spokesman for the St. Louis Cards claims that President Truman has already reserved seats for the first games in the event that St. Louis wins the pennant.

George Schrafft was taken to Doctors' Hospital, where he's allowed no visitors. . . . Maurice Chevalier invested in a new European air line. . . . Singer Tony Romano visited Vic Damone backstage at the Paramount and decided he needed a Rose job like Vic's. . . . Ezzard Charles is taking up golf. . . . Frank Buck will make another movie in the spring. . . . Morey Amsterdam's caddy convertible was stolen in Forest Hills. . . . Mary Pickford's recovering from a slight case of flu. . . . Martha Raye's nightly ball of fire at the Riviera.

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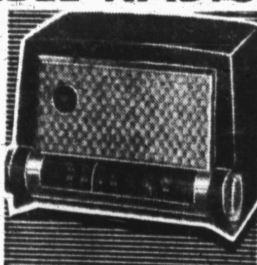
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