

# The Advertiser

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## "TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY" — 31 CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS

### Moving Appeal To Stalin

By WINSTON CHURCHILL

President Truman's first political act which concerned us was to take up the Polish question from the point where it stood when Roosevelt died, only 48 hours earlier.

He admitted that Stalin's attitude was not very hopeful, but felt we should "have another go."

The joint message was sent on the 15th [of April, 1945].

ON APRIL 23, Mr. Stettinius and Mr. Eden had an hour and a quarter's discussion [in Washington] with Molotov over Poland.

"I took a very bad view," wrote Eden to me, "of tonight's meeting with Molotov. He could see no sign of any attention having been given to your joint message with the President."

"Seeking as I do, I replied on the 24th, a lasting friendship with the Russian people. I am sure this can only be founded upon their recognition of Anglo-American strength. My appreciation is that the President is not to be bullied by the Soviets."

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## Six Noted Soloists To Tour

SYDNEY, Nov. 23.

The engagement of six noted celebrity soloists for concert tours during the 1954 Australian season was announced tonight by the general manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission (Mr. C. J. Moses).

Mr. Moses said that the artists would be:—

• British pianist Solomon, who would arrive in April and tour all States

• Leading oboe player Leon Goossens, who would arrive in April and would tour all States except Tasmania

• Violinist Isaac Stern, who would be here in May and would appear in all States

• Antonie Dermota, principal tenor of the Vienna State Opera who would begin an all-States tour in September

• Bela Sikl, Hungarian-born pianist and now a naturalised Swiss, who would start an all-States tour in July

• Young Australian pianist Richard Farrell, who would arrive next month and would begin a tour of all States except WA in February

## THE NEWSPAPERS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

By the Chairman of Advertiser Newspapers Ltd.

The "Mail" last Saturday published a statement which calls for some comment. Ordinarily, items of this nature would pass unnoticed, as they are of small concern to the public.

However, as this item seemed to suggest that while News Ltd. was a wholly South Australian owned company, Advertiser Newspapers Ltd. was somehow dominated from outside the State, it is as well to get the record straight.

Here are the facts.

"The Advertiser" was purchased in 1929 from the late Sir Keith Murdoch.

The Advertiser was then a syndicate headed by the late Sir Keith Murdoch.

The Herald & Weekly Times Ltd. of which Sir Keith Murdoch was then Managing Director, invested some of its reserves in the venture. It owns a large block of the ordinary shares, but not a majority.

The remaining shares have been widely dispersed among something like 1,300 shareholders.

The chairman of directors of Herald & Weekly Times Ltd (Mr. H. D. Giddy) occupies a seat on the Board of Advertiser Newspapers Ltd. and has a seat on the Board of Herald & Weekly Times Ltd.

We are the two mysterious "directors from Melbourne" referred to by the "Mail". They are the directors of Herald & Weekly Times Ltd. and of the "Advertiser".

All of these facts are irrelevant to the present proposal. They are related only because the "Mail" has sought to suggest something sinister in a groundless and untrue statement.

There are now two Sunday newspapers published in South Australia, and the public will eventually decide which it prefers.

The "Sunday Advertiser" did not claim that it would start with a circulation of 120,000. It had a circulation of 120,000 the day it started, and it is believed that it will reach a circulation of 120,000 by the end of the year.

The "Mail" has issued a certificate for the first two issues after "The Sunday Advertiser" appeared when many people were taken both by the "Mail" and the "Sunday Advertiser".

After five weeks, we can say that we are gratified with the measure of support we have had as a newspaper in the field, and that we face the future with the greatest confidence.

We are certain the public is concerned only with the quality of the newspapers which serve it. We shall hope, by giving superior service, to win public support.

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MADE NO BONES ABOUT IT.—Chap swinging from the next branch wants to know: Who's been making a monkey out of us?

That Pittdown skull hoax is not the first of its kind. Some years ago anatomist Sir Colin MacKenzie found what he took to be a prehistoric skull in the Northern Territory. Archaeologists were just getting nicely warmed to the subject when it was proved that the skull belonged to no one more prehistoric than an old station labourer who had been digging for a piece of wood before a practical joker had put it into the fork of a tree and thrown out dark hints about its antiquity.

Incidentally, polite mention of address for the Pittdown man is Eonanthe, 19th century poet John Fawcett. "Bliss be the tie that binds" was the poet's own name.

Fashion experts seem to take that the rule particularly forcibly in the neck. English models are marketing consultant Lloyd Jones is the second victim. Other was Mr. George Richardson, a model of a representative, whose hunting stock worn by him at the hotel in June 1953, was refused.

But out of evil cometh good. Sunday's episode which occurred in the presence of the reporter, gave Mr. James a chance to voice his thoughts on our manners. "Little modesty," he finds Australians model of a model.

As others see us.—VIP who recently visited Australia had some thoughts about natives. "Australians operate on a three-way principle—Be British, live like Americans and work like Australians."

Under-trained.—Chap, who had been complaining of the absence of history plays from our stage these days, says almost next day a real life experience could have been the counterpart of one of them.

Woodville railway crossing over the Port road in his car, with a red light on the fender, and the bell clanged in no time, about a dozen cars had stopped.

Yet no train had passed yet and the lights went out. The car was silent. The waiting dozen could see.

He stopped, parked his car, picked up one of the cars and drove it to the station. He had been in a state of pleasant anticipation. On opening the parcel, he found it contained nothing more rewarding than a heap of "crayfish shells with the legend: 'You Unlucky People!'"

Yugoslav Elections.—LONDON, November 23.—First results in the Yugoslav elections, reported by Belgrade, showed that President Tito had been elected in the Beograd constituency out of 35,575 cast. There were 807 invalid votes.—AAP

As I See It By Douglas Wilkie  
Moscow Gold

Lenin used to despise gold, which to him symbolised the cruelty and oppression of "capitalist finance."

He once expressed the hope that the gold reserves of the world might ultimately be used to buy public liberties. "An appropriate fate for this metal."

Stalin, taking a more practical line, argued that Russia, surrounded by capitalist countries, must use gold as a shield against other assets. He quoted the proverb, "When you live with wolves you must howl like a wolf."

It is this historical context that Russia is today drawing on as she reserves to purchase gold. Her exchange is being used to purchase consumer goods in the West, but not for long.

Russia is believed to have the second-largest reserves, but it would be surprising if they amounted to a title of "gold ruler of the world."

Before the war the Soviet Union began a big drive to boost its gold output, but its expenditure of labor, and reverted to a steady output from its richer mines.

As the Russian annual production at about two million ounces is only 0.2 p.c. of world output, the Empire's share, 72 p.c., is a million ounces a year. This is a rather small figure, but it is a world which is producing only a million ounces a year.

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This was no answer. We had gone to Yalta with the hope that both the London and Lublin Polish Governments would be swept away and that a new Government would be formed from among the Poles of goodwill, among whom the members of Bierut's Government would be included.

But Stalin did not like this plan, and he and the Americans had agreed that there was to be no sweeping away of the Bierut Government, but that instead it should become a "new" Government, "reorganised" on a broader democratic basis.

Stalin replied in effect that he regarded the Provisional Polish Government, not as the nucleus of a future Polish Government, but simply as one of several groups equivalent to any other group of Poles. It was to be decided at Yalta.

"There," he claimed, "all three of us, including President Roosevelt, made the assumption that the Provisional Polish Government, functioning now, as it does, in Poland, was enjoying the confidence and support of the majority of the Polish people, should be the nucleus, that is to say the principal part, of a new reorganised Government of National Unity."

You evidently are not understanding the question. Stalin said: "I do not understand that Poland and the US had a common frontier with the Soviet Union. Her security was as important to Russia as that of Belgium and Greece to Great Britain."

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## Relation Of Lord Roberts Visits Adelaide

Among the many distinguished visitors to this State, probably the most unobtrusive in recent years is the "Mr. Sherston" who has been staying in Adelaide for the past week or so.

His visit unheralded this unassuming man is Brig-Jen F. Sherston, DSO, MC OBE a grand-nephew of Lord Roberts, VC, the idol of the British people for nearly 30 years as a result of his leadership in the Afghan campaign in 1879-80 and later in the South African War.

A spare vital man now in his 80's, Brig Sherston began his long military career in his school cadet corps when he got his first medal for being as he to Lord Roberts at the Coronation of Edward VII.

A classmate of the now Deputy Supreme Commander in Europe (Field Marshal Lord Montgomery), at Sandhurst, he went to the famous Bengal Lancers in India on the outbreak of the First World War. When the First World War broke out he was posted to the 4th Hussars. He was in action near Ypres when a message came saying that his father, Lord Roberts, was in the Adelaide Hills for the past week or so.

It was on this visit to the Army in France that Lord Roberts, a few days later, at St. Omer, died of contracted pneumonia and died.

Brig Sherston served during the last war as Allied Liaison Officer in Cairo. Now running a pedigree Jersey farm in the Cotswolds in England, Brig Sherston will come today to visit his daughter on his old farm in NZ.

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