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EVERY EVENING
EXCEPT SUNDAY

ANTHONY EDEN WINS HEARTS OF MARYLANDERS WHO PACK STATE HOUSE TO HEAR HIM

**Prolonged Cheers Greet
British Foreign Minister
In Only Scheduled
Public Appearance In
This Country; Lord
Halifax Makes Brief
Informal Talk**

Judging from the cheers he got in the State House last night, the great-great-grandson of the last royally appointed governor of Maryland would make a good run in a popular State election if he wanted to be a candidate for the same office.

The crowd liked the British Foreign Secretary and showed it warmly. Anthony Eden liked his reception, and showed it, too, waving un-Britishly in response to the prolonged cheering. While from his portrait above the speaker's rostrum in the House of Delegates chamber, Sir Robert Eden, in white wig and red coat, smiled down on the scene as if pleased to see how his descendant and the populace of the new country were taking such a shine to each other.

Refers To Revolution

As for the late unpleasantness that forced Sir Robert to leave the colony nearly 170 years ago, it was brought into the open by the British Foreign Minister tactfully, as an admission of a mistake.

"We as a people," he said, "have sought to learn by our mistakes. You were the first to teach us how!"

The good-natured laughter that greeted this remark said, in effect, "That's all right—forget it."

Not for years, perhaps never before, have so many distinguished visitors been gathered at one time in the State House.

Mr. Eden and the British Ambassador to the United States, Viscount Halifax, sat at the speaker's table with Gov. O'Connor between them and President Riles of the State Senate and Speaker Conlon of the House of Delegates on each side. In the background was stretched a huge Maryland flag, with the Robert Eden portrait taken from its usual place in the executive suite, directly above. Above, from the balcony, hung the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack.

Winant Present

John G. Winant, U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain, Lady Halifax, William Strang, British Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Robin J. Crunkank, of the British Embassy staff, Oliver C. Hardy, Mr. Eden's secretary, and Rear Admiral and Mrs. John R. Brardall, were among those seated directly in front of the speaker's desk.

When the Governor and his party arrived about ten minutes before 9, Mr. Eden turned to look

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at the Maryland flag and the portrait back of him and commented on them to Senator Riles.

Felt At Home

His opening words were, "First let me say that I feel at home here." He told how these same faces of the Calverts, which hang in the State House, looked down on him from the walls of his father's house. Later, in his informal postscript to his planned address, he admitted that as a "kid" the portraits used to scare him, when he stared up at them, little thinking he would some day stand on the soil of the colony they founded.

Mr. Eden was obviously interested in the chatter, looking around at the galleries and craning his neck to gaze at the row of faces stretching over the railing directly above him.

Gov. O'Connor, in presenting Mr. Eden, spoke of the "young, forceful governor, the people of the province of Maryland welcomed nearly two centuries ago, whose

and whose earthly remains were to be linked inseparably with the history and progress of our State."

Halifax Speaks

At the conclusion of Mr. Eden's address, Gov. O'Connor said he had prevailed upon Lord Halifax to say a few words and introduced the Ambassador as a man who had shown the good judgment to make Annapolis his first port of landing in this country. The Ambassador made a hit, too.

He said he knew if he took a secret ballot in the room, the vote would show the people "didn't want to hear another Englishman tonight." He was wrong. When he had finished Delegate Howard Ankeney from Washington county, summed up the general feeling by the comment: "He's a good talker, that fellow."

Lord Halifax spoke of the symbolism in the fact that the British Foreign Secretary was making his address to the people of the United States, via radio, through a legislature, a body "that stands for the very thing that is at issue in this war—the right to speak our minds freely one to another."

Describes Arrival

The Annapolitans present were especially interested in Lord Halifax's description of his first sight of Annapolis after the sailing on which he and Lady Halifax crossed the ocean "found its way up the Chesapeake Bay without running into anything." What impressed Lord and Lady Halifax most he said, "after your President's wonderful gesture in meeting us" was as they came through the town, their car surrounded by reporters, the town being brightly lighted and the absence of police.

Ambassador Winant who did not speak, was introduced by Governor O'Connor with the comment, "It is

apparent that governors sometimes refuse to speak after they have left off being governor."

Pass Resolution

Speaker Conlon presided and just before the House adjourned, Delegate John B. White of Prince George's county, majority floor leader, introduced a resolution on the occasion of Mr. Eden's visit, "as an example of the democratic progress in action."

More than an hour before the scheduled time for Mr. Eden's address, the crowd began arriving at the State House. State police refused admission through the basement doors to any without tickets but the door of the old State House was open to all. No one except ticket holders could enter the House of Delegates chamber, but at 9 o'clock there were about 25 vacant seats in the last rows of the gallery which faced the main door—seats from which not even a glimpse of Mr. Eden could be obtained. The crowd which filled the corridor light perfectly and after the ceremonies, they had close-up views of the smiling faces of Mr. Eden and Lord Halifax when the party went upstairs to the Governor's office.

Entertainment From

Governor O'Connor was light to visiting newspapermen last night at a dinner at Garry Hall before Mr. Eden spoke at the State House.

Thomas R. Jones, Secretary of State, represented the Governor at the dinner. About 40 newspaper men, including some representatives of British papers and press organizations, were present. In addition to such news chiefs as New York, Washington and the American Press, several others were representatives. Others attending were from the British Ministry of Information.