

MR. WILLKIE LOOKS HIGH AND LOW.

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Life in the shelters was one of the first things Wendell Willkie wanted to see in wartime Britain. In a large Westminster shelter accompanied by Ellen Wilkinson he was soon on the best of terms with some of the London thousands who nowadays go downstairs to bed.

St. Paul's cathedral architect present Mr. Willkie with an incendiary bomb as a souvenir....Nothing if not a good mixer he had a chat with the pioneers - the men who pick up what Hitler knocks down. You might have thought that after electioneering all over America he'd want a little peace and quiet, but not Willkie.

And here is the much reported scene at the pub. Once again British Paramount was the only newsreel to get the pictures. We guessed you'd like to see how a go-getter gets a drink when he wants a few. If we did the same thing we'd be arrested.

Challenged to play darts he went to it like a baseball pitcher.

Albert Philips the pub champion, defended the honour of Britain.

(CU WILLKIE)

Willkie looked for himself before he'd believe he was beaten. After standing treats all round he went on to the next engagement.

Coming out his way was barred by autograph hunters. A man in the pub said just what everybody thinks; Wendell Willkie may be a Republican but if there's a better democrat anywhere, we'd like to meet him.

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WILLKIE TOURS LONDON.

SCENE No..23.

CU. WILLKIE: " I came to this country to get all the information I can about the condition of England at war time."

Question: "And now you found ?"

WILLKIE: "I think I have found out something about THAT..and I expect to find out more before I get back."

Question: "And what have you found out, Sir ?"

WILLKIE: "Ha ! Ha ! (Laughter)"

SCENE No. 24.

GV.WILLKIE: "With the First Lord of the Admiralty, I had about 30 or 40 minutes with him, then I was taken into different rooms & saw the methods of operations and also the various conditions on the various fronts, etc."

SCENE NO. 25.

LV WILLKIE: "I had lunch with him and before that I looked over one of your pubs."

Question: "Which one ?"

WILLKIE: "It was in Shepherd's Market, I forget the name of the pub. However, how good a pub. is that. It's a very typical local one."

Question: "How was the beer ?"

WILLKIE: "It was very good beer." (Laughter)"It was really very good and I recommend it."

WILLKIE AT PRESS CONFERENCE.

~~LV WILLKIE TALKING TO PRESSMEN~~ Before that I was at the Inns of Court and saw Sir John Simon... Lord Simon, I guess he is now Chancellor, is he? Lord Chancellor I had lunch with him and before that I looked over one of your pubs.

"Which one?"

"It was in Shepherd's Market, I forget the name of the pub. However, how good a pub is that. It's a very typical local one." "How was the beer?" "It was very good beer" (Laughter) "It really was very good. I recommend it."

GENERAL VIEW: WILLKIE TALKING TO PRESSMEN:

"I may not get these titles right, so you correct me. With the First Lord of the Admiralty, I had about 30 or 40 minutes with him, then I was taken into a different room, the methods of operations and also the various conditions on the various fronts, etc. I get there about 3 o'clock and I then pushed from over there to here. Before I was at the Inns Court with the Lords Chancellor and I had lunch with the Lord Chancellor preceding that, and preceding that."

CU. WILLKIE TALKING:

Question: "Mr. Willkie, How soon will the American people realise their fate hangs in the same balance as the British people?"

WILLKIE: "I don't want to go into those kind of questions here as I have explained to the Press many times I don't think that I should from a British place discuss those questions. I should like to discuss them when I get back to America and discuss them with full frankness and candour."

SAME LENS WILLKIE TALKING:...CU... Question Asked: Cannot Be Heard

WILLKIE: "Yes I offered to testify before the house of Foreign Affairs Committee before I came over but I could not find time before I left, I will be glad to testify when I get back I shall be glad to testify before the Senate Committee or any other Committee any place."

QUESTION HARDLY HEARD:

WILLKIE: Well obviously from the information I have obtained, the few points I have obtained, etc, etc.

SV. WILLKIE: Question: ?.....?

SV. WILLKIE: I am going to Coventry, I am going to Manchester, going to Sheffield, Nottingham I think What's that? Somebody says 'Birmingham' Birmingham, Yes I am going to Birmingham. 'Are you going to Scotland?' 'I don't expect I will get that far North' 'Are you going to Bristol?' 'Am I going to Bristol?' I think I am going to Bristol. (Laughter)

CU. WILLKIE: I came to this country to get all the information I can about the condition of England at war time (and now) you found? 'I think I have found out something about and I expect to find out more before I get back. (And What have you found Sir) (Willkie: Ha, Ha! Laughter)

QUESTION:

"In your opinion sir how did the war here stand from a point of view seen in the eyes of the American public ????"

"I am very sorry I can't answer those kinds of questions, for you as I have explained to the Press here they have been simply magnificent any time I have talked to them, if I from this vantage point begin to discuss all those questions I... (pause) I am perfectly willing for that you know anything I do or anything I saw and within the limits of of what I can consistently tell you."

SAME LENS...Did the First Lord ask you.....

WILLKIE: NO I discussed those things that were most needed.

QUESTION: (Willkie) What's that (pan to reporter) I would't think it my place to discuss in detail the things, but I am perfectly willing to answer you questions, that he discussed with me those things that were most needed.

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SAME LENS (REPORTER ASKING QUESTIONS) : Mr. Willkie may I ask are there any objections to the young people of America joining our forces, pan to Willkie: I don't want to go into the technical rules about that: (Reporter says somethin & WILLKIE:

There is a provision of Statutes about it now you know. You know I couldn't exactly define the exact position of that for you for as I said before there is a provision of statutes. PROVISIONS

(LV WILLKIE)

cu Reporter asking Question: "Mr. Willkie would your evidence be modified from what you have seen over here.

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