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LABOR PARTY NOW BLAMES CHURCHILL FOR BRITISH STRIKE

Chancellor is Bitterly As-
sailed by Ernest
Bevin

STATEMENT DENIED

Premier Enlarges on His
Broccoli Reference—Lar-
kin Buys Canvas

LONDON, April 24.—(B.U.P and
C.P. Cable.) — The British Labor
Party is waging a bitter war against
Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer.

Last week Philip Snowden, form-
er Chancellor and now a prominent
Labor leader, criticized him severely
in his attack on Britain's war debts
settlements—an attack which is still
continuing both inside the Commons
and throughout the country — and
now Ernest Bevin, who is known as
"the dockers' K.C.", has declared
that Churchill was responsible for
the general strike.

Bevin asserts that the Chancellor
brought news of the strike in the of-
fice of the Daily Mail to the Cabinet,
which thereupon dropped all peace
negotiations and made the strike ine-
vitable.

CHURCHILL'S RETORT.

Mr. Churchill has retorted that
Bevin's statements are untrue, declar-
ing he did not bring the news to the
Cabinet, but only heard it at the same
time as everyone else. He admits the
strike in the Daily Mail office showed
that the general strike had begun and
that it was impossible to continue the
negotiations; but he asserts that if
Labor did not want war it could have
called off the strike at any moment
and resumed negotiations.

Labor's antagonism to Churchill has
been growing for some time because
Labor fears his brilliance and love of
combat, and resents his dictum that
Labor is not fit to govern.

Premier Stanley Baldwin evidently
does not mind laughing with those
who will at his own reference to
broccoli. The reference bids fair to
become a classic of this general elec-
tion campaign, so far notable for the
absence of humorous color. In his
Drury Lane speech last week on the
Conservative election program the
Prime Minister as an instance of trade
revival mentioned that Cornish farm-
ers were exporting broccoli to the

continent. Liberal speakers quickly
took this up as an example of the
mountain bringing forth a mouse, and
Lloyd George gaily talked of the Union
Jack henceforth being nailed to a stalk
of broccoli.

In the same amiable frame Premier
Baldwin at the Newspaper Press Fund
dinner last evening attempted to throw
back the broccoli in an artful side re-
ference to Lloyd George's extensive
newspaper writings. The Press Fund
exists to help elderly and indigent
members of the profession. "Conceive,
gentlemen, with what pleasure I come
here, feeling that if I am able to draw
on my bank overdraft to help your
fund I may be helping Mr. Lloyd
George in his old age," said the Prime
Minister. "If I could feel I could
make it possible for him in the years
to come to have a little broccoli with
his supper I should feel I have not
lived in vain."

It was announced Lord Rothermere,
newspaper magnet, had donated \$48,-
500 to the fund. Hon. P. C. Larkin,
Canadian High Commissioner at the
fund auction paid 1,100 guineas (about
\$5,700) for a blank canvas on which
Philip de Laszlo is prepared to paint
a portrait of the purchaser or his no-
minee. Sir James Barrie donated the
manuscript of his "The Twelve Pound
Look," and it was purchased by
Gabriel Wells, of New York, for
\$11,500.