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The first Commonwealth force to take over the Buckingham Palace Guard for 24 hours was Australian. Whether they knew they were being watched by their Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, or were doing what comes naturally, the troops from down under had nothing to fear from comparison with the Grenadier Guards they relieved. By the way, Mr. Menzies is here for five weeks, attending the Commonwealth Conference after the Coronation. To man all the sentry posts at the Palace requires a guard of 54. The men have been chosen from the Australian Coronation contingent. Some of them have fought with the Commonwealth division in Korea. It was all very expertly done; just as well because at Coronation time there's a mighty lot of good ~~soldiers~~ critics in London; yes, suh.

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For the next 24 hours the Palace was in good hands. Woe betide anybody trying to steal those ashes.