

LONDON

L.T. - Deleo. Friday, May 6, 1955.

In London -- all set for the election. The Queen, today -- dissolving Parliament.

~~that's~~ A necessary preliminary -- for political campaigning. Long time tradition being -- that the M P's don't start out canvassing, - in their districts, until the term of Parliament has ended. Election, May twenty sixth. So they have twenty days to make their appeals to the voters.

Public opinion polls favor the Conservative ~~Party~~ Party -- most emphatically. The latest ~~of the~~ straw vote~~s~~ indicates that Prime Minister Anthony Eden will win a majority ^{of} ~~over~~ sixty-five to seventy seats. In the Parliament that passed out today, his Conservative Party had a majority of eighteen.

In dissolving Parliament Queen Elizabeth sent along an address. ^{Read -- by} ~~the~~ officials in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. Usually, this kind of Royal speech is perfunctory. But, today, it had a timely point, [^] Connected -- with foreign policy.

Her Majesty saying:- "The ratification of the Paris agreements (for the full sovereignty of western Germany) is a matter of great satisfaction to my government. ^{They} ~~That~~ will," the Queen went on, "provide a basis on which my government hope to enter into fruitful negotiations with ^{the} Soviet Union."

Echoing -- that British desire for a top level conference between the west and Soviet Russia.

MOSCOW

Here's a dispatch from Moscow -- introduced by a note from the United Press. Which says: "Passed by Soviet Censors). The censor in Moscow -- reflecting the approval of the Kremlin.

The first paragraph ~~of the dispatch~~ reads as follows: "The Soviet Union has shifted to a new foreign policy -- of trying to ease the cold war through conciliatory diplomacy, -- while -- pressing for a meeting of the Big Four Heads of State."

The dispatch goes on to point out -- that, today, the ~~the~~ official newspaper Izvestia spoke with approval of a prediction in London. British newspapers declaring -- that Foreign Secretary Harold MacMillan will press for a meeting of the Western Chiefs of State with Soviet Premier Bulganin. The Foreign Secretary to do this -- at a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Western Big Three, in Paris, this weekend.

AUSTRIA

The negotiations in Vienna -- ran into another snag today. The point at issue -- Austrian oil ~~fields~~ fields. These, originally, were owned by western companies. But Hitler seized those oil fields in ~~19~~ Nineteen Thirty Eight. The Soviets -- controlling them since World War Two.

So what to do about them now? The Western envoys think -- they should be returned to their original owners. The Soviets want the oil to be -- nationalized.

That was the cause of the argument, today -- bringing disappointment to the Austrians, Who have been hoping that there would be a full agreement today. A treaty -- drafted. But, now, the negotiations will have to be resumed, after the weekend.

FORMOSA

The Chinese Nationalists are mining the China coast. Mine fields -- laid in waters off the Quemoy and Matsu Islands.

The Chiang Kai Shek regime on Formosa announces this -- as a defensive measure, against the threat of a Communist invasion. At the same time, those off-shore islands lie just outside the great ports of Amoy and Foochow. So mine fields -- could block those important harbors -- sealing them tight.

At the same time, the Nationalists announce -- the heaviest artillery barrage against Quemoy, since last September. Communist guns -- hurling a long bombardment.

PRISONERS

The Chinese Red cross will distribute relief parcels among Americans imprisoned in Red China. There are forty-four of them -- including the captive airmen.

The agreement was negotiated by the American Red Cross. Parcels -- to be delivered, twice a month, at the Communist border near Hongkong. The edge -- of the Iron Curtain.

INDO CHINA

In Saigon, the word is that the Emperor, Bao Dai, may return home from the French Riviera. Indicated -- by the fact that the ~~xxxx~~ absentee sovereign has sent a summons to his personal pilot. The flier -- in Saigon. The Emperor - calling him to France. Today, the pilot boarded a French airliner -- on his ~~xy~~ way. The assumption is that his task will be -- to fly Bao Dai back to Indo China. Where -- the playboy monarch will make an effort to retain his throne.

It is believed, in Saigon, that a return of Bao Dai would mean - that Premier Diem does not want to go to extremes, and sever all ties with the Emperor. A revolutionary junta in Saigon has declared -- for a Republic. But the Premier is known to be in favor of a more moderate procedure.

The reports are that the western powers have advised Premier Diem -- to retain Bao Dai as emperor.

ATOMIC

A study of "Survival Town" indicates that every human being within a mile of the blast would have been killed. ~~By~~^{By} the shock of the atomic explosion, ^{by} the flying wreckage, or by radiation. Beyond the mile limit, people could have survived -- in proper buildings and shelters.

This is the ~~appraisal~~^{appraisal} made by Harold Goodwin, Atomic Test Chief of the Federal Civil Defense Administration -- who, today, took newsmen for a tour of "Survival Town", or what was left of it. ^{FF} They say, the replica of a typical American town -- looked as if it had been hit by a super tornado, with all the ~~destructive~~ destructive power of nature. Instead -- of a manmade device. Houses flattened -- a scene of wreckage. Dummies, representing human beings -- ^{FF} hurled about in a grotesque way. A mile from the blast, wooden and brick houses were utterly destroyed. The best showing was made by homes constructed of concrete, which were damaged -- but could be repaired.

The summary, today, would indicate -- that the ~~xxx~~ area of deadly destruction is in a radius of one mile. Beyond that, there are chances of survival.

That's the civil defense lesson -- taught ~~xx~~ by the atomic explosion on the Nevada desert, which had been delayed so often.

VACCINE

The Surgeon General of the United States testified before a Congressional committee today - on the subject of the Salk anti-polio vaccine. The committee beginning hearings on bills calling for compulsory federal controls ~~of~~ over the distribution of the drug.

Dr. Leonard Scheele spoke about the Salk vaccine today. He said it would provide protection in a high percentage of cases.

He confirmed a count - forty-four children have developed polio, after having been vaccinated.

A tiny fraction - considering that the number of children innoculated is now between four and six million.

The Surgeon General repeated the observation that some of those innoculated may have, already, been infected with polio-virus. Before - receiving the shots.

He gave out the information that the government has stopped approving newly manufactured vaccine -- until there has been a review of safety standards.

The manufacture of the drug is not stopped. It's merely a case of checking tests, as a safeguard, before the product is distributed. ^{Dr} Dr. Scheele indicated that, after a full study has been made, the government might make ~~xxx~~ tests of all anti-polio vaccine. Instead -- of relying on tests made by manufacturers.

DAM

In Washington -- a recommendation that the Idaho Power Company be granted a license to build a dam in Hell's Canyon. The company wants to construct three dams. The recommendation ^{-pro} ~~is~~ posing an okay for one of these, The Brownlee ^{Dam,} _^ The other two -- to be decided later.

This advice comes from Federal Power Commissioner William Costello who has been acting as an examiner, ~~who has been~~ studying the project for dams in Hell's Canyon.

FARM LOANS

The Senate Sub-committee today, voted unanimously -- to cut the rate of interest on farm disaster loans. Which would reverse a decision made by the Department of Agriculture in January. The Department -- then hiking the rate from three to five percent. That stirred a protest among Democrats and Republicans. So now -- a unanimous decision by an Agriculture Sub-committee. Lowering the interest rate on farm disaster loans -- from five percent back to three percent.

GENERAL MOTORS

I'm in Denver, tonight - just in from Salt Lake City. Where, I attended the opening of -- a sort of institute of mechanical learning. Classrooms, lecture auditoriums -- equipment for the study of what makes an automobile run. I was shown around by ~~a~~ *General Motors Vice President John Gordon,* ~~John Gordon~~ who explained the purpose of this training center.

On this western trip, I had ~~xxxxxx~~ in fact, visited several others -- in Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles. And, in every case, I was impressed by what they are doing. Training mechanics in the establishments of General Motors dealers. Giving them -- mechanical education, with regular clinics. Teaching them -- all ~~xxxxxx~~ that needs to be known -- about ~~xxxxxxxx~~ repairing and servicing the various makes of General Motors automobiles. So the customer, if he brings his car in, will have the services of experts.

There are now twenty-eight General Motors training centers in this country. Two more will be

in operation by the end of the year, at Omaha and Pittsburgh. In addition there are ten in Canada. Four more in other parts of the world - including one in Mexico. Each of these General Motors training centers built and equipped at a cost of a million dollars or more.

DUKE OF WINDSOR

The Duke of Windsor was in a minor airplane accident, today. He was returning to Paris, from London. The Dutchess -- not with him. She does not accompany him on trips to England -- the former Wallis Warfield Simpson, never having been accepted by the British Royal Family.

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The British airliner, with forty-five passengers aboard was ~~xxxxxxxx~~ landing at Le Bourget airport -- when a wheel of the undercarriage collapsed. The plane, toppled over on its right wing, smashing a propeller. Passengers shaken up a bit, -- including the Duke of Windsor.

Which put it up to the British Admiral. Who called a sailor, and said: "Jones, climb up the mast, leap through the funnel, and land in the engine room."

Jones turned to the Admiral, and said: "Go do it your bloomin' self!"

"Now that," said the British Admiral, "that really is courage."

In France, they're telling the story of an American millionaire who was touring the world - in a jet plane. As they flew along, the pilot exclaimed: "Look below. That's France."

To which the American replied scornfully: "Skip the details, just mention the continents."

In Vienna, the story is about a Soviet Russian who went through the Louvre, looking - at the pictures in that fabulous museum. When he came out, a Frenchman asked him - how he liked it?

"Very good," replied the Russian. "I especially liked the Mona Lisavska. Painted by the

great Russian artist - Leonardo da Vishinsky."

National characteristics - portrayed in jokes.

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