

(In London tonight a spokesman for the Conservative party said: "If this trend continues, a Conservative government will be returned with a substantial majority.") This - in spite of the fact ~~that~~ ^{— and it's still the same —} that the Labor Party had, at that hour, elected more M P's than the Conservatives. The figure ^{now is} ~~sixty-one~~ ^{Laborites} ~~to seventy~~. But where they had majorities, the figures were smaller. Prime Minister Attlee was re-elected ^{in his own "riding"} but by a reduced majority. ^{with} ~~Moreover~~ the returns ^{so} ~~far~~ ^{were} chiefly from ^{the} industrial ~~majority~~ cities, where the Labor Party is strongest.

The catch in the British election returns tonight is that only about half of the districts ^{have been} will ~~be~~ counted - the other half ^{to} ~~will~~ be tabulated tomorrow - ~~and~~ - these ~~are~~ mostly in the rural areas, which are mainly Conservative.

The Laborites though ahead in the totals ^{tonight} were losing seats in Parliament, not many - but a significant number. At one A.M. London time, they had lost ^{12,} ~~seats~~, while the Conservatives had gained

11. ~~the~~ The Liberals - One. There were clear indications that the Liberal vote, for no place else to go in many sections, was turning to the Conservatives - throwing the balance of power.

The more general picture was that Winston Churchill's party was polling a greater share of the popular vote than in the election of Nineteen Fifty. That election was so close, ~~it was~~ almost a tie, Labor having the tiniest majority. So any appreciable swing of the popular vote ^{in this election} ~~is likely to tilt~~ the scales in favor of the Conservatives. *And that's what happened today.*

~~At Two A.M. Labor had one hundred and fifty, one seats in Parliament, the Conservatives one hundred and fiftyXXXXXXXXXXXX compared with the Nineteen Fifty election, Labor had lost eleven.~~

In the recent Parliament, the Labor majority was six.

So you see - that majority ^{already been} ~~was~~ wiped out and the Conservative strongholds haven't yet been heard from. There seems no doubt but what Churchill and his colleagues are going in with a majority

A more than 30 seats in Parliament,

London, ^{tonite} turned out with ~~the~~ wild scenes of

gaiety, as the trend became apparent. In the Strand, In Trafalgar

Square, ~~in~~ Piccadilly Circus, ^{Leicester Square, Shaftesbury} ~~huge crowds gathered~~

we, Marble Arch, huge crowds gathered
and watched the election figures on the screens.

They saw ~~how~~ how much better the Churchill Conservatives

were doing in this election than the last one, and the

~~crowds~~ ^{crowds} broke out and chanted: ~~or~~ "We want Winnie! We want

Winnie!" ~~At Churchill's residence a popular~~

~~edition:~~
The great Winston Churchill to
be Prime Minister again!

EISENHOWER

Today's issue of the New York Herald Tribune stirred up a lot of interest - and so did the Paris edition of that paper. Both, on their front pages, featured the announcement that, the Herald - Tribune comes out for - Eisenhower. That long-time Republican newspaper declares itself in favor of General Ike, as G O P candidate for the Presidency.

Over here queries were put immediately to Governor Dewey of New York, the number one Eisenhower supporter. Also - to Senator Taft of Ohio, who is out campaigning for the Republican nomination. Both said - "no comment."

In Paris, the stir was among people connected with the General's West European Army, American officers, foreign officers. They were particularly interested in the editorial statement that mentions - "the drawing to a close of his present assignment in Europe." Which might seem to hint a retirement of General Ike from the West European Command.

So quick inquiries were made. At Eisenhower

headquarters in Paris, the reply was a stiff declaration as follows: "There is no change contemplated in General Eisenhower's military status, about which this headquarters has been informed."

Newsman tried to get hold of the General himself - but were told he is on vacation in Scotland. In London, the United Press put in a phone call to the Scottish Castle, where he has been stopping. There the reply was that Eisenhower was away - "shooting" - in the highlands.

There seemed no way to communicate with him, out on some Scottish moor or highland crag. But, anyway, his reply would probably be - no comment.

VATICAN APPOINTMENT

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President Truman insists that the nomination of an Ambassador to the Vatican does not, in any way, conflict with the basic American principle of ~~the~~ separation of Church and State. At his news conference today, he said he was fully aware of the tempest of Protestant criticism sweeping the country - a storm still in full violence today. But he argued that nearly all the great nations of the world have diplomatic representatives at the Vatican, and he thinks it will serve the cause of peace - if we, too are represented.

So when Congress convenes, he will press the nomination of General Mark Clark.) He told the newsmen that this country must thresh out the issue- and, in the words of the dispatch, "get it off our chests."

IRAN

The news from Teheran is that the number one Iranian expert on the nationalization of oil has left by plane -- for Washington. Karem Hassiba, together with three other officials, is on his way to consult with Premier Mossadegh, on possible new negotiations for a settlement of the oil dispute. The Premier has been consulting with Secretary of State Dean Acheson, and it appears that progress is being made -- as would be indicated by the coming of the Iranian expert on the nationalization of oil.

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KOREA-TRUCE

At U N armistice headquarters, they are waiting for ~~an~~ a reply to a proposal made at the first sessions of the truce talks, newly resumed. (The U N offer is described as an opportunity for "horse-trading."

We offer to exchange two hundred square miles of territory in East Korea, for a similar area in West Korea) The point of it is that, over in the East, the U N forces are well above the Thirty-Eighth Parallel - while, in the west, the Reds hold a sector below the Parallel, south Korean territory. The purpose of the exchange would be to take over the remaining bit of South Korea, while giving concessions at the other side of the battlefield.

Along with which, (we continue to demand an armistice line bases^d on the war front, not the Thirty Eighth Parallel. And - propose a buffer zone two and a half miles all the way across Korea.)

No one expects the Reds to give a flat reply of yes or no. They'll come back with a counter-proposition, ~~of their own~~ horse-trading.

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The Red Air Force, based on the Manchurian sanctuary, struck three times into Korea today - continuing the battle of jets. Eighty enemy fighters made aggressive thrusts to stop allied assaults against Red military centers, ~~and~~ especially - the ⁱⁿ railroad, ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~area~~.

American flyers declare that ^{the Reds now are} ~~they are~~ using their "first team." Meaning, their ~~new~~ best pilots. These are called - of "instructor calibre." It is believed that Russian instructors are with ^{the} Chinese and Korean Reds, ~~and~~ ^{the} American airmen ^{again} ~~have been~~ hearing the enemy in the air talk ⁱⁿ Russian, by radio. ~~So you see the hint in the statement by the Americans that the enemy pilots are of "instructor calibre."~~

But the smashing of the railroads went on today, ^{and} a battle of jets was fought, one M I G damaged - none of our planes hit. Meanwhile, the fighter bombers, down on the deck, were destroying nine locomotives, and damaging Nineteen others.

JEEPS

There's indignant protest against a Texas court decision, defaming - the jeep. In a lawsuit, involving one of those military ^{saddle jumpers,} ~~buggies~~, the Supreme Court of Texas officially described the jeep in these words: "A rugged, uncouth vehicle, without beauty of line or body, with no suggestion of comfort, and obviously intended for hard service rather than pleasure."

Which may sound okay, but listen to Barney Roos of ^{the} Willys-Overland ^{Company,} which turned out more than three-hundred-and-fifty thousand jeeps in the Second World War. "The jeep isn't uncouth!" roars Barney Roos. "It's a thing of art!" As authority for which he cites new York's Museum of Modern Art. He quotes that institution of futurism as declaring: "The jeep is one of ~~it~~ the few genuine expressions of machine art." It is as lovely and graceful as a modernistic painting, or Goya's Dutchess of Alba?

FLAG

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From Denver we have a solution of the mystery of - the Soviet flag. Denver is observing United Nations week. So, all the flags of the U N countries are flying. Last year on a similar occasion, some Denverites tore down the Red flag, and trampled it in the mud. The metropolis of Colorado didn't want another international incident like that - so, this year two cops were assigned to stand on guard and protect the hammer and sickle emblem.

Nevertheless, down it came, ripped and slashed with a knife ← this time. Today the Soviet banner was up again - repaired with pins and a few stitches.

But what about the two policemen stationed on guard? They were supposed to protect the hammer and sickle. Where were they - when the flag-ripping was done?

Answer - they were guarding two other flags. They were half a block away - but you can hardly blame the cops. They were protecting the banners of White Russia and the Ukraine. Both are pretty much the same

as the Moscow Soviet flag.

Today, one of the officers growled: "I saw this Red flag with a hammer and sickle half a block away, and I thought it must be the Russian flag.

Nobody told us there were three Russian flags there."

All a Denver laugh, recalling the famous fact that Soviet ^{Russia managed to get for themselves} ~~Russia~~ got three votes in the Nations.

EX-QUEEN

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Today an exiled Queen went home - but it was to that eternal home. Of all the exiled monarchs, she was perhaps the most exiled of all - former Queen Amelie of Portugal. She died at Versailles, at the age of eighty-six, in a villa overlooking the fabulous palace of Louis the Fourteenth - symbol of the ~~gix~~ glory of Kings in days gone by.

She was born in exile, a granddaughter of Louis Phillippe, who was driven from the throne of France by the Revolution of Eighteen Forty-Eight. She grew up at Twickenham, ^{in England -} made a royal marriage, and became Queen of Portugal.

In Nineteen Eight, her husband and elder son were murdered by assassins. Two years later her other son was driven from the throne. Sent into exile - and so was she.

The long years passed, and former Queen Amelie of Portugal was almost forgotten. But she lived on, with her memories - and pictures. She had a portrait gallery of ill-fated royalty. Her ~~grandmother~~

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grandfather, King Louis Phillippe of France. Her husband and son, the King and crown prince, murdered. Even Louis and Sixteenth of France - a collateral ancestor who perished on the guillotine during the French revolution. Amid tragic memories and pictures, she lived at Versailles - and gazed out at the ~~the~~ Palace of Louis the Fourteenth.

Half a dozen years ago, Portugal invited her back - having forgotten its former hatred of royalty. She returned, stayed ~~in~~ two weeks - but that was all. She went back to Versailles - back to the exile to which she had been born.

ELIZABETH

In western Canada, Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh have been having an experience of what is called - roughing it. Tonight they are ending a three-day vacation - time off from the burdens of the ^{- highly successful} royal tour, the public appearances, the official greeters, the crowds. At Qualicum Beach, British Columbia, they've been wandering through Canadian woods, and living in a log cabin - roughing it in the primitive way of the northern wilderness.

The Log Cabin, Eagle Crest Lodge, cost three hundred thousand dollars to build. London's Buckingham Palace is ^{reported to be} somewhat [^] less lavish and sumptuous. In that three hundred thousand dollar Eagle Crest Lodge, the heiress to the crown and her husband have learned what some people mean over ^{here, Nelson,} ~~in here~~ when they talk about - roughing it in a log cabin. - ~~roughing it in a log cabin~~

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