

ELECTION L.T. - Delco. Thurs, May 26 - '58.

~~Almost~~^{Samp} thirty million Britons went to the polls

today. As usual, they had to contend with rain, in many places.

~~but still~~^{Nevertheless} they turned out in record ~~in~~ numbers.

The Socialists claim that the big turn out is in ~~in~~ their favor. But observers ~~are still~~^{all} predicting a Conservative ~~victory~~ landslide.

At stake are six-hundred-and-thirty seats in the House of Commons. Two men are particularly interested in the outcome - Prime Minister Anthony Eden and former ~~PM~~ Prime Minister Clement Attlee. Eden, naturally, wants to come back as leader of the Commons. While for Attlee, this appears to be his last chance. ~~since he is~~^{He is} seventy two. ~~this is probably~~^{So this may be} his last campaign. ~~And then~~^{And then} there's a ~~one~~^{who} backbencher is drawing a lot of attention - Sir Winston Churchill, ~~who~~^{who} This evening ~~he~~ drove from London to Woodford - ~~which is~~^{is} his constituency. ~~Not~~^{Not} following the election results from there. So far no one has predicted

that the labourite candidate will win the Woodford seat.

No one ever seems to dream that Britain's greatest

figure might fail to be returned to the House of Commons.

ADD TO THE ELECTION

Here's the latest -- Churchill and Eden have
both retained their seats in the Commons -- as expected.

And, the Tories have taken ^{so far} ~~five~~ ⁸ seats from the Laborites,
already.

JUGOSLAVIA

The two top men of the Kremlin are in Jugoslavia tonight. Bulganin and Khrushchev, flying into Belgrade, were met at the airport by Marshal Tito. The usual military band playing the Soviet and Yugoslav anthems. After which Khrushchev made a short speech to the Jugoslavs; saying they had been liberated in World War Two by the joint efforts of the Yugoslav and Soviet troops. No mention of us ! He claimed that Russia wants a peaceful settlement of all problems between the two countries.

What about that episode in Nineteen Forty-eight -- when Tito declared himself independent of the Kremlin? Khrushchev had an answer for that one. It seems that it was all the fault of - Beria. A safe claim - because Beria was executed in Nineteen Fifty-three.

Afterward, Khrushchev rode with Tito in the motorcade from the airport. Crowds lined the streets! They had to line them. The citizens were ordered out by the Government. But they were quiet - many of them obviously not in the mood to applaud the Russians.

Khrushchev and Bulganin are staying in a palace in Belgrade. The purpose of their visit of course is to repair the breach when Tito broke with Stalin, in Nineteen Forty-eight.

BIG FOUR

The Kremlin agrees to a Big Four conference.

The Ambassadors of Britain, France and America were called to the Soviet Foreign Ministry today - where Molotov handed them copies of ^{virtually} ~~almost~~ identical notes.

But the Russians did take the opportunity to make some propaganda. They claim that America is really opposed to the Big Four meeting-; which sounds as if they^rre laying the blame for any failure on us, even before the meeting gets under way. And they say that the talks ~~must~~ must be held in Vienna - even though the West proposes Lausanne, Switzerland.

GRUENTHER

General Gruenther visited Germany today -- for the first time since that nation became a member of Nato.

In Bonn, the ^{Nato Commander} ~~General~~ spoke before the Foreign Press

Association. He said that his command is now so strong -

that any power that might attack it, would certainly be defeated.

— what he has said before —
But General Gruenther went on to say that any

general war would be so terrible - that there would be no

~~the~~ victors. Our Nato commander, repeating what has been *said*

over and over ever
~~said so often,~~ since the invention of the atom bomb.

That French division is going to be withdrawn from ~~XX~~ Nato forces in Europe. So stated today by Premier Edgar Faure. The French need it in Algeria. Premier Faure told his news conference that reinforcements are needed at once in Algeria - to put down the so-called "Army of Allah". He added that he has already informed General Gruenther about the change. The formal statement to the NATO commander, being necessary - because Nato troops cannot be moved without Gruenther's permission.

After stating that the division will be shifted the French Premier remarked "Nato will understand this priority". And then went on to say that the defence of the West demands security in North Africa - which is one of the Strategic areas. All of which shows that a lot of trouble can be caused by a small, trained, determined band of guerillas. ~~XXXX XXXX~~ Some Nato Commanders are afraid that France may have to pull out more ~~divisions~~ divisions, in the future.

PRISONERS

The State Department today launched a new effort to free ²these American airmen imprisoned in Red China.

Official sources in Washington announcing that we are asking

Mao Tse Tung to send a representative to talk ^{this over, at} ~~in~~ Geneva,

Switzerland. ^{His} ~~That~~ request _^ delivered to Red officials in the

Swiss city - by ~~our~~ Consul General _^ Franklin Gowen. The

Chinese there apparently are now waiting for a reply from

^{TP} Peiping. At the same time, it's announced in Washington

that all Chinese students in this country can go home if they

want to. All of these cases have ~~be~~ now been passed on - and

we are willing to let the students go - some eighty of them.

There ^{is} ~~is~~ no word yet on how many ~~of them~~ want to return to the

land of Communism. But it's ^{hoped} ~~shoped~~ that the offer will be of

some help in getting the Americans released from their Chinese

jails.

SYMONDS

Secretary of State Dulles pledges full support in the case of the U P reporter, Gene Sumonds - who was murdered by a mob in Singapore. Dulles sent ~~at~~ a telegram to the President of the U P, Frank Bartholomew - saying that our Consul General in ~~Sing~~ Singapore has been instructed to cooperate in the forthcoming inquest.

SASTROAMIDJOJO

The Indonesian Premier with the ^{picturesque} ~~difficult~~ name -
has had his first talks with the leaders of Red China. Premier
Ali Sastroamidjojo, in secret sessions with Mao Tse Tung and
Chou En Lai.

The Peiping radio says ~~that~~ the subject of the
discussions has not been divulged. But in Tokyo, it is

~~being~~ believed that Sastroamidjojo is trying to work out ^{something} ~~an~~
^{to clear up} ~~agreement on~~ the Formosa crisis. The Indonesian Premier ^{seems}
^{to be} anxious to act as mediator ^{of the Formosa problem.} ~~in that crisis.~~

VIET NAM

The Premier of Viet Nam has ordered the troops of one rebel sect to surrender. Either that or face annihilation, by the National Army. Premier Diem sent this ultimatum to the chief of the Cao Dai sect - as he set in motion pincers movement to encircle the forty odd Cao Dai thousand^{odd} rebel soldiers south east of Saigon. Informed sources in the Viet Nam capital say Premier Diem will launch an all out attack on Saturday - if his ultimatum is rejected.

Meanwhile, reports from the Mekong tell of the Rebels banks, still retreating across that river - as Diem's troops advance.

Our new Ambassadoc to South Viet Nam has arrived in Saigon. George Reinhardt, whose first act was to issue a statement that we are giving our full support to Premier Diem.

PLANE

The India Constellation that crashed into the China Sea while enroute to the Bandung Conference was sabotaged. So stated by an official court of inquiry ~~the findings of the court, made public~~ in New Delhi.

Eight Chinese Communist delegates were killed in that accident. Peiping charged that the tragedy was deliberately engineered by American and Nationalist China - with the intention of killing Chou En Lai. The Chinese Premier, however, was not on the plane. And our State Department declares that the charge was completely ridiculous. Now, we have the judgment of the court of inquiry. It says the plane crashed after an "infernal machine" had exploded. The court states that an examination of the wreckage proves that the plane was sabotaged.

So far, there is no evidence about ~~km~~ who planted the bomb aboard the plane.

AIR FORCE

The Air Force ~~is going~~ to increase its production of atomic planes. So stated today by the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services committee -- after hearing testimony from ~~the leaders of the~~ Air Force ^{heads,} Chairman Russell of Georgia, reported what was said by Air Force Secretary ~~Harold~~ Talbott, and the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Twining.

According to Senator Russell, Talbott and Twining indicated that we would ^{step-up} ~~accelerate the~~ production of B-fifty ^{air} two jet bombers and other new aerial weapons -- ^{so we will be sure} to meet ~~the~~ ^{any} threat of Soviet air power.

Senator Russell remarked that the testimony today confirmed his impression - that we have ^{indeed} underestimated the ability of the Soviets to produce modern weapons. And he added that Congress will certainly vote all the money ~~that~~ the Air Force needs to keep ^{us well} ~~it~~ ahead of the Russians.

ATOMIS SHIP

President Eisenhower asks congress to vote money to start building an atomic-powered merchant ship. The President told of his hope for such a revolutionary vessel - when he spoke in New York last month. He said then that he had a plan for one, and that it would be sent on a cruise around the world - as a practical demonstration that we want to use atomic energy for peaceful purposes.

Today the President asked for more than twelve million dollars - to build the hull of the ship. How about the total cost? The power plant alone will cost another twenty-one million.

In other words President Eisenhower's request now is for the money to get the project started. The latest report from Washington says that some Congressmen are skeptical about the bill getting through.

The request for the funds for an atomic-powered merchant ship - was contained in a general appropriations request which totals one-hundred-and-forty million dollars. Most of this money, to be used for such things as farm loans, civil defence, and pay increases for government employees.

APPROPRIATIONS

And now here comes still later word: The House Appropriations committee today cut the President's request for funds. And it was a big reduction; twenty-one percent! But this concerned other matters. This one a bill providing for money to operate the White House, and to run a number of government agencies. Mr. Eisenhower got everything he asked for in the way of expense money, and funds for keeping up the Executive Mansion. But cuts were made by the committee in money assigned to the battle monuments commission, the foreign claims settlement commission and the President's council of economic advisors.

FOREIGN AID

The Senate foreign relations committee approves President Eisenhower's request on foreign aid. The President asked for more than three and a half billion - and the committee puts ~~in~~ its okay on that.

The vote - thirteen to two - the dissenters being Morse of Oregon and Langer of North Dakota.

The five biggest manufacturers of "Salk shots" have accepted the government's new safety standards. At first, there had been criticism of those standards - on grounds that they were impractical. But now the manufacturers announce their consent - and the hope is that now the inoculation program will be speeded up again.

Dr. Salk is ^{a part of} on the new committee, ~~considering the~~ ^{problem} ~~He~~ says that he and his colleagues are working on the problem of just which vaccines should be released. The committee ^{to} ~~will~~ submit ~~its~~ recommendations to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Sur~~ Surgeon-General ~~Dr. DeLoach~~ Scheele - who will ~~then~~ make the final decision. ~~It~~ As soon as the vaccine is okayed - it will go immediately into the program for inoculating school children in the first and second grades.

FORD


The Ford Company today offered the C I O United Auto workers a "package deal." Under its terms, the employees of the company would ~~xxx~~ receive a pay raise annually for the next five years -- besides separation pay allowances and various other benefits. Included in the deal - a stock-sharing plan, which would allow the worker to buy stock equal to ten percent of his annual pay. Ford, to contribute one-half the cost - and the employee the other half.

But this "package deal" did not mention a guaranteed annual wage. And the union turned it down.

CYCLONE

The worst cyclone in the history of Kansas. And Kansas is known as the "cyclone state". That's what they are saying out there - about this latest twister which tore a path of death and destruction across three states - Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Knocking down houses, tearing up telephone lines, leaving hundreds injured, possibly one hundred dead.

Hardest hit of all was the town of Udall, Kansas. The twister passed through Udell in exactly one minute. But during those sixty seconds, it almost leveled the town. Homes and public buildings were reduced to wreckage. One two-story building was completely turned around on its foundation. Tops of trees clipped off - as with giant shears.



ADD TO CYCLONE

Many survivors were found in a state of shock - others hysterical. Before the cyclone, Udall had a population of just over six hundred. The total ^{number} of dead there is ~~over~~ fifty ^{- or more.} ~~and the number of~~ injured, two hundred.

~~No wonder the people of the "cyclone state" are saying that this is the worst tornado that's ever hit them.~~

AMENDMENT

Did you hear about the chap at Newark, New Jersey, taking refuge in a constitutional amendment? Sounds like the same story - but it's entirely different. The difference between five and twenty-one. Olen Downey invoked - not the fifth, but the twenty-first amendment. In case you don't remember the twenty-first ~~amend~~, the court proceedings will make the matter clear. The record says that Downey was arrested ~~it~~ on the charge of drunkenness. Brought before the Judge, he said "I plead the twenty-first amendment" adding "that amendment repealed prohibition, and gave me the right to have a few drinks". That almost threw the Judge! But when he regained his judicial composure he threw out argument. But he let the defendant go - because he needed hospital treatment for a leg injury. The dispatch doesn't say, Hugh, but maybe the tipler hurt his leg while exercising his privilege - under the twenty-first amendment.