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THE BRITISH ELECTION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

How will the fact that the British election shows growing dissatisfaction with socialism influence voters in the United States?

Personally, we fear it will be of little effect, although time will tell. At least, the question will be extensively debated during the next few months.

Fabian socialism in Great Britain virtually has exhausted that country's economic resources and has reached the stage where it can no longer produce promised benefits. Consequently, dissatisfied voters have cut the Labor party's majority to the point of impotence.

But socialism in the United States still has vast resources from which to draw for the purpose of bribing large segments of voting populace through special privilege. While these resources last it will be difficult, we fear, to halt socialism in this country.

Perhaps our pessimism is unfounded. Many political observers find a growing fear of current trends toward deficit spending, bureaucratic extravagance, centralization of power, handouts and give-aways. It is possible that public awakening to the danger of our political policies may at least, as in Britain, reduce socialistic leadership to a position of impotence by increasing opposition strength. But we fear the voters of this country are not yet fully awakened to the dangers ahead and will not be willing to renounce socialism while handouts may be obtained freely and easily.

Britain Faces Hard Task

British people face a period of continuing austerity. Yet it is to the credit of the British voter that he has chosen this course, the hard way back, instead of drifting down the road to national suicide.

While Britain's socialists were not unseated, their position has been made so insecure that we may expect another election soon.

In Great Britain an election is required at five year intervals, but elections can be called at any time a vote of "no confidence" in the government prevails in Parliament. Thus, with seats so evenly divided, the smallest crisis can bring about another election. With evidence of a tremendous swing toward the conservative side, it is a safe assumption, we believe, that another election would put the Laborites in the minority.

Britain's Fabian socialists have been holding forth promises of a glorious Utopia. They have nationalized industries, socialized medicine and have introduced many other social innovations. In so doing they have reached the point inevitable in socialistic government, the destruction of economic surpluses, reserves, and resources. At this stage they must begin reducing benefits because no sources remain from which to draw money with which to pay those benefits. With decrease in benefits and increase in taxes, public dissatisfaction begins to grow.

Few recipients of welfare have any love or loyalty for the hand that feeds them, when that hand becomes a fist.

United States Still Has Great Resources

Our pessimism leads us to believe that while we may increase our opposition to socialism, the time has not yet come when voters will reject it.

While we can still see strawberries ahead on the illusionary lane of something-for-nothing, we travel blithely along the merry way. But when we begin to run out of strawberries, when we feel the pangs of hunger, we will be ready to do a little realistic thinking.

Certainly the rejection of socialism in countries having had more experience with it should cause us to turn back early. We should profit from their experience.

But we still have abundant resources in this country. We can continue to "soak the rich" for a few more years, drag down corporation profits and manipulate resources. Eventually, of course, we will have destroyed incentive, eliminated venture capital and placed employment under dictatorial control, as has been done in Britain. The revolt will come then, if not before.

Welfare Program Slash Planned By Washington State

OLYMPIA, Feb. 27.—(AP)—New cuts now in prospect for the state's general assistance program may slash jobless persons capable of working off the rolls without a cent, an authoritative source indicated here.

Unemployables also face a drastic cutback—a possible paring to but 35 per cent of need.

Jobless employables now receive grants sufficient to meet 60 per cent of need and unemployables 75 per cent.

The heavy slash, blamed on the drain by claimants seeking assistance during the high unemployment of the cold winter months, may go into effect April 1.

Grants in other classifications, it was indicated at a meeting of county welfare administrators and social security officials, also are scheduled to be curtailed. They, however, probably won't be cut until May 1 because of technicalities necessitated by a new cost-of-living survey and a revision of computation required by federal officials.

Covered in the latter group are such classifications as old age pensions, aid to the blind and aid to

dependent children. The first two probably will be given 100 per cent of need under the May 1 program but the need will be based on the new cost-of-living survey which shows approximately a five per cent drop in prices.

Sentence Of Ex-Nazi Marshal Is Reduced

HAMBURG, Germany, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The sentence of former German field Marshal Erck von Manstein, imprisoned on war crimes charges, was reduced from 18 to 12 years imprisonment, the British army announced Friday.

The former field marshal was sentenced last December for alleged atrocities by his German troops in Poland and Russia. At the time German newspapers almost unanimously criticized the sentence.

CUB PACK TO FEAST
Riverside cub pack No. 408 will hold its annual blue and gold dinner Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p. m. Guests will be scout commissioners Jerry Willis, Mr. Friday and Earl Ladd, principal of Riverside school. Cubs and their immediate families are invited. Parents are asked to bring a hot dish and a dessert or salad, bread and butter and table service. Coffee and punch will be furnished. A movie for cubs and their parents will follow the dinner.

In The Middle—As Usual



In the Day's News

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days for the Republican party can't even be compared with what exists in Britain. The roots are different.

Our Republican party had its origins in true and sincere liberalism. The issue that brought the Republican party into existence was the issue of human slavery. There can be no deeper or more fundamental issue than that. Next after human slavery in the creed of the founders of the Republican party came preservation of the Union.

The Republicans steered our ship of state through the stormy waters of the Civil war and kept it on an even keel through the troubled reconstruction period that followed. It lost the confidence of the common run of people only AFTER IT HAD REMAINED IN POWER SO LONG that exercise of practically absolute power had dulled its perceptions and brought about the abuses that always follow when too much power is held in too few hands too long.

In Britain, the Tories have no such background. They are the party of the aristocracy and the upper classes. One of their fundamental tenets is the idea that people of this sort are BORN to rule. On top of that, in this election the Tories were fuzzy. They didn't feel that they dared to go all out against Socialism. So they said to the voters merely that if elected they would go no farther in socialistic directions and would undertake to BUSINESS-MANAGE the present degree of British Socialism so that it could be made to yield more returns in the way of social benefits to the nation's people.

That is a rather colorless issue. It doesn't give people much to get their teeth into.

YET—After five years of rather swiftly marching Socialism, the British people as a whole are so little satisfied with its fruits that vast numbers of them are willing to forget their hereditary prejudices against the Tories and vote the Conservative ticket in preference to the straight Labor ticket.

These people simply HAVE to include many Britains who in 1945 voted to have a go at Socialism in a big way.

THAT, it seems to me, is significant. It goes back to the practical reasoning that the proof of the pudding is the eating thereof. After five years of eating Socialist pudding a LOT of Britainers have changed their minds about it.

That leaves in our minds this thought: Maybe we won't like Socialism after we get deep enough into it, as the British have, to find out what it is really like.

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between 6:15 and 7 p. m., if you have not received your News-Review.

Ask for Harold Mobley



During pleasant years in the country we have come to realize some of the problems of a district, and the time and unselfish service the district school board gives to the community.

In town the running of a school is such a different matter so far as the voter is concerned. One pays one's taxes; at election time one listens to the politics and the promises of the candidates, and then votes for the one honestly believed best for the school board.

Come opening day of school there will be a teacher in each room, the rooms will be cleaned daily, properly equipped . . . as if the voter by his tax rubbed Aladdin's lamp. But in the country—it's different.

In the country the school board is made up of neighbors, all busy people, who give their time as needed, and philosophically know that whatever they do will not please everybody. When the powers that be say the school must have some changes made—or there will not be the usual money forthcoming, the school board must go hither and thither and get figures

Adult Education Group Enlarges

PHILADELPHIA.—(AP)—The Junto, a non-profit school for adults, has announced acquisition of a major part of the \$30 million Levittown (N.Y.) home development on Long Island, 25 miles from New York City.

Junto Attorney Edward S. Morris said the school hopes to use income from the 4,000 homes it is acquiring in the deal to spread its adult education work. It offers courses in subjects ranging from

antiques and archery to farming and architecture.

The deal, disclosed yesterday, actually was completed Dec. 27 when Junto officials borrowed \$1,500,000 from the Fidelity - Philadelphia Trust Co. This was paid to Levitt & Sons, builders of the Nassau county development. A stock transfer and a federal housing authority mortgage of about \$25 million completed the deal.

The Levittown homes were built to sell for \$7,900 each, or to rent for \$65 monthly. Real Estate men estimate the Junto will net about \$75,000 yearly from the investment. Junto is a Spanish term used to

designate an assembly, council or organization. The Junto claims to be the largest school of its kind in the world. It'll organize a class in any subject if asked.

together for the voters to consider at a meeting. They must steer a course between the Scylla of over-zealousness to give the children all possible improvements, and the Charybdis of exorbitant demands upon the district pocket-book.

They must solemnly decide how many times they can expect the young janitor to clean the floor for the money allotted him in the budget—and then find somebody else when it seems too many to said young janitor. They must listen to the ones who say: "If it was good enough for us, it's good enough for our children"; also the ones who say, "we ought to do this—and that—and the other!"

The school board finds, as does the housewife and the businessman, that two and two make four in a budget and no amount of wishing will make it anything else.

Then there's the poring over of applications from teachers, usually strangers, and the necessity of choosing the "right one" . . . no easy job and all the other duties of a school board in the country! But somehow or other things do work out, don't they!

Local News

Meeting Planned—The annual Camp Fire council public meeting will be held at 8 o'clock tonight, Feb. 27, at the Methodist church. Sponsors, parents, guardians and all persons interested are invited. Reports on activities of the year to be made. Social hour.

Rummage Sale—Women's Society of the First Presbyterian church is holding a rummage sale in the basement of the church March 3 and 4. Anyone having rummage for the sale may leave articles at the church basement or call 144-L or 135-Y.

Garden Dept. To Meet—The Roseburg Woman's club will meet at 2 o'clock Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Ford in Laurelwood. The topic discussion will be on slips, tuberous begonias and pruning. Members of the Woman's club interested in gardening are invited.

Meeting Announced—The Business and Professional Women's club will meet at 8 o'clock tonight, Feb. 28, at the Episcopal parish hall on East Cass street. Clyde Carstens will show colored slides of flower collection. Lee Marsh and daughter, Barbara, will provide instrumental numbers.

Party This Evening—Florence Nightingale tent No. 15, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will honor members having birthdays in January and February at a party at 8 o'clock tonight, Feb. 27, at the home of Mrs. Ruth Plumer, 1162 Military street. Potluck refreshments.

To Organize Club—Myrtle Creek will organize a Zuleima club. Daughters of the Nile Tuesday, Feb. 28, at a 12:30 o'clock potluck luncheon at the I.O.O.F. hall in Myrtle Creek. Roseburg Zuleima club members are invited and those desiring transportation are asked to meet at the Hotel Rose at 10:30 a.m.

Glide

By ELIZABETH ORR
The New Drop Shoulder
Glide residents are expressing concern over the sudden drop and shift riverward of a newly graded "shoulder" on the North Umpqua highway, just west of the bridge. Heavy rains have caused a drop in one place of about one foot.

Surest spring sign in this area is the return of great red log trucks to the roads. Logs hauled from high areas are still snow crusted when delivered to the mills. Roberts Mill, which started operation at Glide last fall, is now cutting lumber again as are several others, after long winter lay-offs.

Four-foot snow drifts, remains of the "big snow," still line parking in the neighborhood of N. E. 116th Street, in Portland, according to Marilyn Keckler, Glide, who has just returned from an inspection of her property in that location. Mrs. Keckler reports that during the worst of the storm, drifts in her yard were from 12 to 15 feet.

Mrs. Willis E. Ragland and sons, Bill and Dick, returned Saturday to Glide after spending the past week visiting Corvallis friends. Ragland is U.S. timber management officer stationed at Glide.

The Tom Noland family have again opened their North Umpqua home after spending the past fall and winter months in California and other southern states.

Glide high school teachers met Thursday evening for a season of fun and frolic in the school gym. Plans were made to invite mothers of school children to join an evening of games and sports in the near future.

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Coffee Racket Studied In N. Y.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—(AP)—A big-scale coffee stealing racket, that authorities say may have accounted in part for the recent coffee shortage in this country, has been uncovered on the New York City waterfront.

Special police investigators said \$1 million worth of unroasted coffee has been filched from the docks in the last year.

One salvage merchant was arrested Saturday, and other arrests were reported imminent. A squad of detectives—some of them masquerading as longshoremen—have been working on the case for a year.

Assistant District Attorney Louis Andreozzi said the harbor racketeers have been preying on coffee cargoes brought from Brazil to Brooklyn docks.

In unloading, he said, coffee was spilled on the docks—either deliberately or accidentally—and was swept up and sold to coffee traders at 40 percent below wholesale.

The spilled coffee cannot be resold in the U.S., Canada or Mexico because of regulations against it, but can be sold in other nations.

To cover up the missing coffee, Andreozzi said, some public weighers, insurance agents and steamship employees reported smaller weights received than actually were delivered.

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Section 110-608, OCLA 1941. "Any such person, managing agent or officer who shall with intent to evade taxation, ref., or neglect to make any return herein required and to file it with the assessor within the time specified or as extended shall be subject to a penalty of Ten Dollars \$10.00 per day of the continuance of such refusal or neglect . . ."

Household furniture, domestic fixtures, household goods and effects actually in use as such in homes and dwellings, where not used for business or commercial purposes, are exempt from taxation and should not be reported on this form. Exemption also applies to wearing apparel, watches, jewelry, and similar personal effects actually in use.

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