

Conservatives Hail Election

Tories Dominate Council Contests

LONDON (U)—Conservative hopes for victory in the May 26 parliamentary elections rose Friday as the Tories chalked up substantial gains in borough council contests throughout England and Wales. But party leaders warned against overconfidence.

Results from 399 boroughs that had finished counting Friday gave the Conservatives a net gain of 310 seats. The Laborites dropped 341 seats to the Tories, Liberals and Independents.

HARD WORK AHEAD

The Labor party lost control of councils in a number of big cities, including Llandudno, Bolton, Northampton, Morley, York, Reading, Ipswich, Dudley and Walsall.

Lord Woolton, Conservative party chairman, hailed the results as encouraging but warned: "It will need sustained hard work during the next fortnight to secure a worthy victory at the general election."

Thursday's elections took place in 401 boroughs. There were more than 5,710 Conservative, Laborite, Liberal, Independent and Communist candidates in the field. The elections were fought mostly on local issues.

CHARGE INTERFERENCE

Campaigning for the May 26 contest began warming up as a Labor party leader accused the United States of interfering. The Laborites also denied Conservative claims that a Socialist victory would put Britain back on rationing.

Woodrow Wyatt, parliamentary undersecretary of state in the last Labor government, told a political rally in Sleaford President Eisenhower agreed to top-level Big Three talks with Russia only to help the Tories win on May 26.

"President Eisenhower has no faith in top-level talks," Wyatt declared. "All he is trying to do is to prevent the Labor party from winning the election."

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Neuberger, Coon Slate Power Debate

WASHINGTON (U)—Rep. Coon (R-Ore.) told Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) Friday he would be "very happy to meet you in public debate on the merits, or demerits, of any timely subject."

But he indicated he feels the question of partnership construction of John Day Dam, the merits of which Neuberger challenged him to debate, may be a moot issue by fall.

Neuberger opposes Coon's bill under which local interests would pay for power features of the Columbia River dam and receive 50-year power contracts in return. He has challenged Coon to a series of debates in Oregon this fall as to whether the proposal is in the public interest. Neuberger said Thursday he had accepted an invitation from the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce to debate Coon there.

In his formal reply Friday, Coon said:

"Senator, I want you to know that I shall be very happy to meet you in public debate on the merits, or demerits, of any timely subject. However, as seems to be your habit, you have presumptuously jumped to the conclusion that H.R. 5789 (the partnership bill) will not have become law by September."

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Ike Right About Political Cold War, Says Demo

WASHINGTON (U)—Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas said Friday "leading Republican senators" and not Democrats are waging the cold war of politics with the White House which President Eisenhower once forecast.

Johnson recalled Eisenhower's campaign statement before last fall's elections that a "cold war of partisan politics" would break out between the White House and Congress if the Democrats won control of Congress, as they did.

HAD SOMETHING

After the election, Eisenhower told a news conference the words were too strong for what he had in mind, but Johnson said Friday:

"It looks like the President had something there. Leading Republican senators are making the point that a Big Four meeting at the summit would lead to a sellout to communism."

There "may be a cold war" of politics, Johnson told newsmen, but the antagonists are Eisenhower and some Republican senators who apparently do not trust him to negotiate with the Communists.

Johnson made it clear he referred to recent speeches by GOP Senators Knowland of California, the minority leader, Bridges of New Hampshire, chairman of the Senate GOP Policy Committee, and McCarthy of Wisconsin.

ALL 3 SKEPTICAL
All three have voiced skepticism about Eisenhower's expressed willingness to attend a Big Four conference with the heads of state of British, France and Russia. They also have questioned the wisdom of trying to negotiate with Red China, as Eisenhower has said this country is willing to do.

"I think an international conference could lead to a sellout if our country is represented by stupid and unpatriotic men," Johnson said. "But I have confidence in the President."

Judicial Council

SALEM (U)—A bill creating a state judicial council was signed into law Thursday by Gov. Paul Patterson. The council, which will consist of all judges in the state, will study court procedures and make recommendations to the governor.

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American Newsmen Killed By Singapore Demonstrators

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Symonds was fatally injured at a roadblock thrown up by the government to halt the spread of Chinese terrorists. The mob dragged him from a taxicab and beat him with stones and clubs until he fell unconscious in the streets.

Fresh violence flared Friday in the wake of the rioting by 3,000 striking busmen and their supporters that raged throughout Thursday and Thursday night. Police checked the initial outbreak by firing on the mob with stun guns and tear gas grenades, but the British officers said Thursday night the demonstrators still controlled an area a mile square in one of Singapore's western suburbs.

David Marshall, chief minister in this British colony's new labor front government, said in a broadcast that the violence "closely conforms to the Communist technique in seeking to foment industrial unrest."

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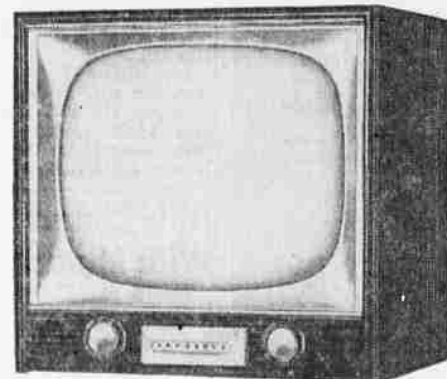
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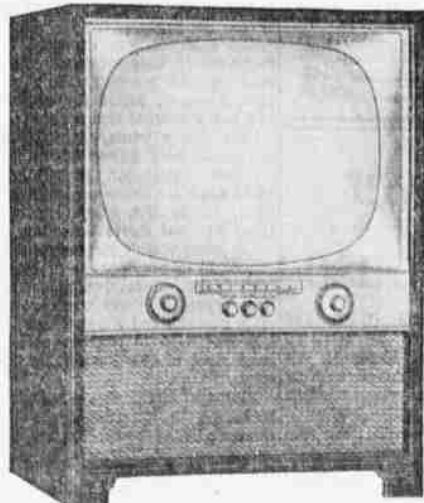
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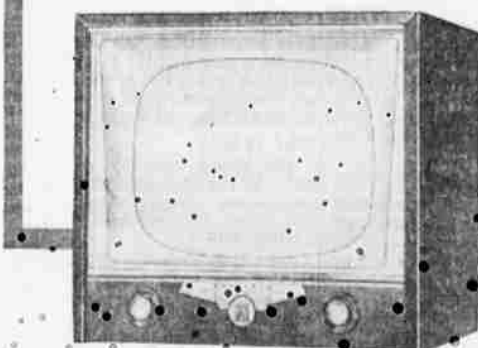
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