

Macmillan's Conservatives to Return To Power, Political Polls Indicate

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London — (UPI) — If polls, political writers and the man-in-the-street are correct, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's Conservatives will return to power this Thursday with a drastically reduced majority in the House of Commons.

This is the most generally-accepted outcome of the Oct. 8 general election, the fifth in Britain since the end of the war.

But there are many who believe Hugh Gaitskell and the Labor party might win, with 20 or 30 seats to spare. No one, not even the most Tory (Conservative) newspapers, is predicting that the

Conservatives will increase the majority of 60 they now have in the House of Commons.

Close Election Seen

There are some who believe the election will be so close that neither the Conservatives nor the Laborites will have a large enough majority to govern and that a new election will have to be called within a year.

Britain must go to the polls to choose a new House of Commons every five years. The present Parliament was elected in 1955. Macmillan, who has been Prime Minister since January, 1957, announced

the current election Sept. 8. On paper, at the time, the Conservative chances of an overwhelming win seemed excellent. The public opinion polls gave them enough edge to win a majority of some 120 seats.

The economy was booming, the international scene was quiet, the atmosphere appeared to be one of "why change?"

But the picture has altered in the last three weeks. **Lead Whittled Down**

The Conservative lead in the British Gallup poll has been whittled down. Labor has had the campaigning initiative from the beginning. The political writer of the strongly Conservative "Daily Mail" said at the end of last week he believed Labor would win.

The "why" of the pro-Labor swing (if the polls can be believed) is difficult to answer. But these factors have played a part:

—No one political party has won three elections in a row in Britain for more than 100 years. The Conservatives are trying to do it now. Some experts have reported a feeling that some voters believe it is "time for a change."

In addition, the Labor constituency organization, equivalent to the ward system of American politics, has been rejuvenated and revitalized. This was a result of their defeat in 1955. The Conservatives, on the other hand, have lacked hard political preparation in some of their constituencies, according to many observers.

—A lot of unrelated facts appear to have been working against the Conservatives.

The 1956 Suez invasion, Cyprus, the riots in Nyasaland, the deaths of Africans in Kenya's Hola detention camp, may have cost the Conservatives independent votes.

Promises Made

The Laborites have promised to increase old-age pensions and abolish the sales tax on household goods and clothes. The pension issue in particular has been one of the biggest campaign battles, and most observers agree that labor

has, as a result, put the Tories on the defensive on this matter.

—The tiny, ineffective but still-alive-and-kicking liberal party has entered more than 200 candidates in key constituencies. By tradition, a vote for a liberal has meant a vote taken from the conservatives. There is the possibility, some observers feel, that the liberals could drain off just enough conservative votes in enough constituencies to give

labor the edge.

—Labor propaganda has seemed more effective. The laborites have made brilliant use of television and radio. There are now more than twice the number of television sets in Britain as there were in 1955. Labor's viewpoint is thus reaching into more homes.

Edge in Polls

Yet despite all this, the Conservatives still have the edge in public opinion polls.

Their campaign slogans have been "you've never had it so good," and "why let labor ruin it?"

Many say that the national prosperity may give the Conservatives the win.

At any rate, the election will turn on the more than 100 so-called "marginal" seats. These are constituencies where the present MP, labor or conservative, won last time with a minority of 3,000 votes or less.

Salem Radio Station Man's Estate \$236,782

Dallas, Ore. — (UPI) — Glenn E. McCormick, Salem radio station owner who died June 23 of injuries suffered in a highway crash, left an estate of \$236,782, it was revealed today.

McCormick owned Station KSLM here and also had a half interest in a station at Merred, Calif.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As this is written, Russia's Mr. K and Red China's Mr. M are in a heavy conference in Peiping. What they are talking about is locked in the deepest secrecy. Mr. K is supposed to be trying to convince Mr. M that this is no time for war drums and scalp dances.

On the home front, the steel strike drags on . . . and so do the negotiations. The steel barons are reported to have offered more wages in return for less rocking chair pay. The expectation is that the offer will be declined.

Federal Judge LaBuy strips DuPont of all voting rights in General Motors but overrules a government demand that DuPont dispose of its three billion dollars worth of stock in the big auto firm. What the decision means is that DuPont can keep the shares but can't vote 'em.

HMMMMMMMM. Pretty tiresome same. Like corn pone and low-on-the-hog meat for weeks at a time. (I use the term low-on-the-hog meat because the commoner . . . and earlier . . . term isn't at home in polite company, such as the readers of this newspaper.)

Let's change the menu.

UP IN DESCHUTES county, a huge migration of blackbirds is pouring in. In the Tumalo community, they are covering acres of fields. Along Crooked river, they are intermingling with the stock, apparently enjoying the association with the browsing animals. The migration is exceptionally early.

There are other omens of an early winter. Juniper berries are abundant. Hair on many animals is heavy and long. Flocks of geese are winging southward. A two-foot coat of snow has already whitened the upper slopes of the Bachelor and the pinnacles of the Three Sisters.

All this leads Bob Chandler, the gifted editor of the Bend Bulletin, to say: "Here's hoping that the birds, the animals and the berries are right. Nothing would be of

more value to this region than a good old-fashioned winter." Amen!

MORE ABOUT blackbirds: The Redding Record-Searchlight reported some time ago that immense flocks of them, arriving unseasonably early, have caused heavy damage to grain crops and have stumped Shasta county agricultural officials as to what to do about it.

Bruce Wade, Shasta county agricultural commissioner, reported at the time that "if this continues it is possible that 20 to 25 per cent of the total wheat crop will be destroyed."

A THOUGHT:

Rush the word to the department of agriculture — which is about to break the federal treasury's back trying to administer a farm program that is piling up immense and growing surpluses of wheat.

Maybe the blackbirds will solve the problem.

ONE MORE in this symposium:

Jim Welch, of the Salem Capital-Journal, takes his pen in hand to offer some advice to Oregon hunters, who have been asked this year to kill porcupines as well as deer. He says:

"This poses a problem: How to distinguish a porcupine. A deer, as every hunter knows, is about the size of a small cow or a big man who's hunched over . . . A porcupine is tiny, like a dog, a baby pig or a tomcat. When it's unexcited it bristles no more than a wire-haired terrier . . . But small children are close to the same size, too. And since the Great American Hunter gets a bad case of glaucoma the moment he grabs his 30-30 this can be pretty rough on next year's kindergarten class."

So—

Jim says—

"Don't shoot until you feel the temperature of its nose. If it's cold, it isn't Little Alfie. Then move your hand back. If it needs a shave, shoot it."

Business Groups Claimed Taking Fifth Amendment

Washington — (UPI) — Sen. Gale McGee (D-Wyo.) complained today that business groups were taking "the economic fifth amendment" at Senate hearings on unemployment problems.

McGee is a member of a special committee which Monday began a broad study of the causes of unemployment and proposals for easing its impact on the economy.

He and other committee Democrats tangled during the hearing with spokesmen for the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

Said 'Playing Games'

McGee accused George G. Hagedorn, NAM research director, of "playing games" and "ducking questions" on industrial pricing and production practices. He said Walter D. Fackler of the Chamber of Commerce was "amiably evasive" in his testimony.

"Those fellows are not interested in trying to help us get the hard core of information we need," he said.

The committee, which heard from labor and management representatives at the opening session, planned to continue the hearing today with a panel of labor economists.

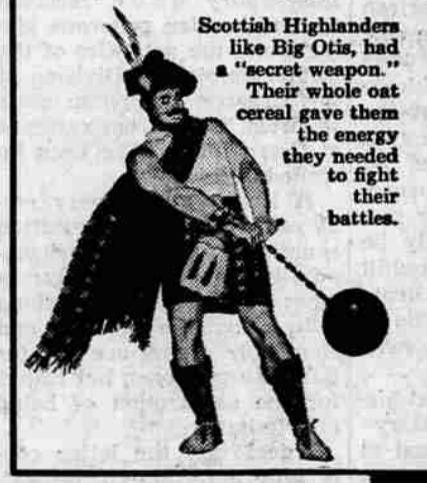
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