

ASSIE LABORITES VOTED OUT

In The Daily News

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As these words are written (about mid-morning) it appears that Australia has turned thumbs down on ANY MORE socialism.

It isn't a walk-away. With the count not yet complete, the opposition has won—or "as good as won," according to a dispatch from Sydney—64 seats in the Australian lower house of 134 voting representatives. The ruling Labor party, which has been in power for eight years, has won (or "as good as won") 50 seats. Seven seats still remain in doubt.

But those results, if confirmed when all the votes are in, will throw the socialists out of power. Thus Australia follows New Zealand in the trend to the right that has appeared in the ENGLISH-SPEAKING countries of the South Pacific.

AFTER hearing the results of the New Zealand election last week, Robert Gordon Menzies, leader of the Australian Liberal party (chief opponent of the Labor party) commented: "The socialists were brought to power in New Zealand, Australia and Great Britain, in that order. This dramatic result (meaning the return to the right shown in New Zealand) seems a happy omen that they will go out in the same order."

I CAN'T quite agree with that, all the way through. Australia and New Zealand are still young, still rich in natural resources, still full of hope for the future. Their people can't avoid the feeling that if their affairs are handled wisely great achievement lies ahead of them. They have already a very high standard of living, and as they look around them they are justified in believing that hard work and increased production will bring them increasing rewards in the way of STILL higher standards of comfort.

Britain is OLD. Her resources are dwindling. The colonial way of life, upon which the bulk of her greatness was founded, is on its way out. One of the clearest trends in the present-day world is that NO people wants to be boosed by SOME OTHER PEOPLE. They may be willing to be led around by dictators or demagogues OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING, but when it comes to kow-towing to ANOTHER PEOPLE they balk. You can see that trend all over Asia, as well as elsewhere in the world.

We must agree that in years, at least, Britain is old. It is hard to teach an old dog new tricks. As her colonies and her dependencies fade away from her, Britain will have to learn new tricks if she is to hold her place in the sun.

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Bill of Rights Danger Cited

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10 (AP)—Growing disrespect for the courts is one of the main dangers confronting America's bill of rights today, says Roscoe Pound, dean emeritus of the Harvard law school. But he told a group of editors and publishers yesterday. "So long as the constitution is upheld by independent courts as the supreme law of the land, and the guarantees of the bill of rights are not frittered away or don't lose their hold on the people by spurious interpretation, freedom of the press and freedom of speech are secure." The cult of force, through which states dictators might try to extend guarantees that they "can do it better" for the people, is another threat to the bill of rights, Pound remarked.

Masonic Funeral For Johnson

ALTURAS—Final rites for Sheriff Glyne Melvin Johnson of Modoc county, killed by the accidental blast of a 12-gauge shotgun here early Friday morning, will be held Monday at 2 p. m. from the Adin church.

Burial will be in the family plot. The Masonic lodge will have charge of funeral services and Veterans of Foreign Wars will serve at the graveside.

Tragedy Sheriff Johnson was killed instantly as he pulled the gun from his car parked in the driveway of the Modoc county courthouse. His death was mourned by scores of friends who had known the officer since his youth. Pall bearers at the services were not named early today but will come from members of the Modoc county official family, Kerr Mortuary is in charge.

Sheriff Johnson was born December 27, 1894 in Lassen county and would have been 55 years of age on his next birthday. His parents were John and Della Palmer Johnson, pioneer residents of Northern California where the officer spent the greater portion of his life. For many years he was with the United States forest service as ranger and elected Modoc county sheriff in 1940.

Veteran A veteran of both World Wars, Sheriff Johnson was with the army in the first war, and enlisted in the Seabees in World War II, member of Company A, 14th battalion, USN. The wife Lois, and one son Eugene, both of Alturas, survive. One

Nationalist China Holds Tiny Areas

HONG KONG, Dec. 10 (AP)—The Chinese Nationalists lost all but three meager fingertip holds on China proper today. And they were ready to give up one of those—newly abandoned Chengtu—just as soon as they could complete its evacuation.

The other two are Sichang, in Sikang province—virtually surrounded and worthless; and the Luchow peninsula opposite Hainan island. The Reds are reported preparing to attack on the peninsula to prevent Nationalists from fleeing to Hainan.

These were today's fast developments: The Nationalist garrison at Kunming—an estimated 40,000 troops—deserted and seized both that city and its province, Yunnan, for the Reds. It was a coup for former Gov. Lung Yun, onetime friend but now bitter foe of Chiang Kai-shek.

Planes Seized The deserters seized 12 planes at Kunming airport. Later, one of them, flown by Capt. F. E. Birkman, San Francisco, roared away under fire. Only one bullet hit it. A Sky-master of the Pacific Overseas Air Service, it carried 57 passengers to Hong Kong. Another took 20 passengers to Hong Kong.

U. S. Consul Larue Lutkins of Port Chester, N. Y., just had been given a farewell dinner by Gov. Lu Han. He was being flown to Hainan. There was no indication how many Americans were at Kunming.

A communist dispatch reported the Reds' spearhead was only six miles from Chengtu.

(But in Chengtu, radioed Associated Press Correspondent Spencer Moosa, the Nationalists stubbornly maintained the Communists were no nearer than 50 miles—at Tze-yang, to the southeast.)

(However, Moosa said, unconfirmed rumors placed the Reds only 25 miles away—on the eastern side of the Water Dragon hills. That greatly increased the suspense in Chengtu.)

(Virtually all traffic in Chengtu was military—troops withdrawing from the northwest flowing into the already jammed city. Most were afoot—but some squeezed sardine-tight into trucks.)

The imminent fall of Chengtu will mark the end of organized Nationalist resistance on the China mainland—and began an era of guerrilla warfare for them.

Stab Fatal To Governor Of Sarawak

SINGAPORE, Dec. 10 (AP)—A stab wound inflicted by a rebellious native brought death today to the British governor of Sarawak, 45-year-old Duncan G. Stewart.

Stewart died in a Singapore hospital after a seven-day fight for life. He had been stabbed December 3 while making his first visit to Sibiu, an inland center of the North Borneo crown colony to which he came only a month ago.

He had been flown to Singapore for treatment and his condition took a turn for the worse three days ago.

Stewart's wife, flown from England, was at his bedside when he died. The couple's three children still are in England.



Sheriff Glyne Melvin Johnson, Melvin, was killed in combat in the South Pacific with the United States Air Force.

Game Director Reappointed

PORTLAND, Dec. 10 (AP)—Charles A. Lockwood was unanimously reappointed state game director by the state game commission today. Lockwood's new term will be indefinite. His old term would have expired December 31.

BRISK BUILDING EUGENE, Dec. 10 (AP)—Construction in Lane county, outside of the cities, was brisk last month. Ninety-three building permits, for a valuation of \$378,000, were issued.

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Soviets Charge 'Black Plot' as U. N. Quits



A BIRD'S CHRISTMAS TREE is being decked by seventh graders at Fairhaven school as part of the county school's bird study and conservation program. Left to right, Lynn Arnold, Patsy Ison, George Bradford, Jerry Thompson and Barbara Martin. Tying a bit of bird food to the top branch is Wesley Ridgley. Bird food on the tree includes suet, bread, popcorn and other feathered friend delicacies. (See story, Page 2.)

Assembly's Work Wins High Praise

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—The United Nations assembly adjourned its 1949 session at 1:21 p. m. today after hearing Russia accuse the Western powers of a "black plot" against peace.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Jakob A. Malik sounded the "war" note in the midst of the customary round of congratulatory speeches at adjournment time. They termed the assembly's work "unsatisfactory."

The 59-nation assembly had been in session since September 20. Malik said the United States and Britain used the assembly meeting to cover up what the Russians call plans for a new war. He said Russia stands for peace and will continue to stand for peace.

Assembly president Carlos P. Romulo told the delegates he felt they could take justifiable pride in their achievements. He expressed the belief some progress in being made toward world peace despite the fact that "no startling results" are evident.

"The assembly has neither yielded to despair nor acknowledged failure," Romulo said.

U. N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie also contended the big powers have taken some positive steps toward settling their basic differences.

"We have moved forward," Lie said, "to a point where the world has reason to hope for a step-by-step resumption of real negotiations between both sides. This, in itself, would be substantial improvement over the situation that has prevailed over the past three years."

U. S. Delegate John Sherman Cooper told the assembly a remarkable degree of unity had been achieved on such measures as the "essentials of peace" resolution which was supported by 53 out of the assembly's 59 members. The Russian bloc was against it.

The last major action of the assembly was the adoption of the UN's 1950 budget of \$49,541,733, including \$5,000,000 to finance the setting up of the proposed international regime for Jerusalem approved last night.

Close Call For 'Chuting Santa Claus

PORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Dec. 10 (AP)—Santa Claus parachuted into town today, got hung up in high tension wires and was rescued as hundreds of kids wept and cheered.

There were Oohs and Ahs as Santa hit the silk over the edge of Stranahan field in mid-city but the happy outcries became yells of concern as the red-suited visitor, caught in a brisk wind, was blown into power lines.

The field was jammed with several thousand kids and their parents, horrified children saw Santa swing hard against a utility pole as the chute tangled, then dangled helplessly 45 feet above the ground.

Jack Niles, 22, the chutist, was shaken up but unhurt. His descent knocked radio station WFTL-WGOR (FM) off the air for a time, but miraculously none of the electricity struck Santa.

"Mommy, Santa Claus is trapped," was screamed by hundreds of young throats.

Fire department ladder trucks were called, but before they arrived John W. Bell, a utility lineman watching the event, quickly shinned up a pole in borrowed clippers.

Bell fashioned a line over crossbars, swung it over to Santa Claus who unharnessed his parachute. A ladder meantime was placed under him and the not-so-jolly St. Nick lowered himself and scrambled down to the arms of a mob of anxious youngsters.

Santa Claus climbed aboard a truck, told the kids over a loud speaker that "All's well now," began to pass out candy.

Famine Threatens Maryland Village

SHALLMAR, Md., Dec. 10 (AP)—The shadow of famine hung over this small coal mining town today. Its major industry, the Wolf Den mine, has been shut down since last March and now the food shelves are all but bare.

The plight of the community, home of some 50 families, was brought to light yesterday by its school principal, J. Paul Andrick.

"Without a great amount of help from the outside," he said, "these people cannot hope to survive the winter."

Andrick said he learned about the situation when he looked in on the family of a girl student whom he sent home because she was faint from hunger. He found that the family "had literally lived on apples for two weeks."

Change At another home a mother of seven told of feeding her family on bread, potatoes and beans for a similar period, then added, "today for a change we had cabbage for supper."

During the hunting season miners took up their guns and brought back four deer, sharing the game with destitute neighbors.

One of the neighbors said, "I never cared much for venison, but it was the first fresh meat in this house in three months."

The owner of the mine, H. A. Marshall, said from a hospital bed in nearby Cumberland, Md., he plans to resume operations but doesn't know when. He is recovering from a minor ailment.

Lack of Orders He explained the mine was closed because orders fell off. Western Maryland coal is generally regarded as inferior to that produced in neighboring West Virginia fields, and often it is so difficult to mine that small Maryland operators cannot compete with prices offered by large scale companies.

About 90 Shallmar miners were thrown on relief when the mine closed down, but unemployment compensation payments ran out after six months for most of them. War veterans and fraternal organizations from nearby communities have been collecting relief supplies and the county commissioners have raised funds to provide lunches for the school children.

But, Andrick said, "conditions may get worse before they get better."

More Firms Turn In Chest Funds

The Klamath County Community Chest is continuing to add Goal Busters and Hard Hitters to its list, and Chet Hamaker, this year's campaign chairman is better off by one hat as a result of a challenge put out by George Flanagan, campaign chairman of the Jackson County Chest.

The closing date of Jackson County Chest was moved ahead one week, from November 30 to December 7, because of a slow start. A check with Chest officials in Medford showed them with 73 per cent of their goal and Klamath had 86 per cent of their goal. More money is expected for both Chests.

New Busters Goal Busters added in the past week are, California Pacific Utilities, F. L. Somers, Hauger Motor Co., Klamath Lumber and Box Co., Eastside Electric, LaPointes, and Town Club.

Hard Hitters are many and include Leach Service Co., Klamath Machinery Co., The Gun Store, Anita Frocks, Ashley Chevrolet, Castleberry's, Chilcote and Smith, Dilmot Motors, The Diner, Leon's, Lorenz Co., Lucas Furniture, Motor Investment Co., G. C. Motley, Howard R. Perrin, Piggy Wigly, Puckett and Scherer Lumber Co., Reliable Cleaners, Sari's Restaurant, Shell Oil Co., Smith Bates Printing Co., Waggoner Drug, and The Winema hotel.

Tulelake Youth Seriously Ill

TULELAKE — Michael Pedersen, 15-year-old son of Chief of Police O. E. Pedersen and Mrs. Pedersen was rushed to Good Samaritan hospital in Portland Saturday for medical treatment. His condition is considered serious.

Ballots Land Resounding KO To Socialism

SYDNEY, Sunday, Dec. 11 (AP)—The Australian people turned out their labor government in a general election yesterday.

The liberal-country party coalition, standing for a return to the free enterprise system as opposed to continued socialism, has won—or as good as won—64 seats in a lower house of 121 voting representatives.

The ruling labor party, which has been in power eight years, has won—or as good as won—50 seats. There is no reasonable doubt about these results, although the final count in some of them is not yet in. Seven seats remain in doubt.

(In London, the Australian News and Information bureau, an agency of the labor government, accused that labor had conceded defeat. quoted Radio Australia as saying the opposition had won at least 62 seats, and perhaps 63.)

Another Step This, Australia followed New Zealand in the British commonwealth trend to the right.

Robert Gordon Mezzies, the liberal leader, who will become prime minister, commented after hearing the New Zealand results last week: "The socialists were brought to power in New Zealand, Australia and Great Britain in that order. This dramatic result seems a happy omen that they will go out in the same order."

Great Britain must hold general elections before next July. Labor had been in the saddle 14 years in New Zealand, eight years in Australia. It has been in power in Britain since 1945.

Fed Up The best-informed political observers expressed belief that Australians are tired of controls and the trend toward more socialization, tired of rising prices — which may or may not have been the fault of the government.

A record number voted — 500,000 men and women.

The Sydney Sun summed up the election result with the heading: "Socialism Gets a Hiding g." "Laid: "Labor has been repulsed most wholeheartedly in the metropolitan areas of states ruled by labor governments (Queensland and New South Wales). These figures reflect the rebellion of Mrs. Australia, the housewife, who is fed up with restrictions, shortages and controls. In the defeat of the Chifly government is a verdict for the democratic way of life."

Clear skies but nippy weather is forecast for the horde of Christmas tree hunters expected to take off tomorrow morning for the woods to gather up the Yuletide greens.

The weatherman promised a high temperature of 38 degrees, but said the mercury would fall to 14 in early Sunday morning hours. The minimum this morning was 18 degrees.

But while sunny skies smiled down on the Klamath basin today, cold as it was, the rest of the country was not only colder, but it was blustery and snowing.

Chilly Crater At Crater Lake national park rangers shivered in the seasonal low of 13 above zero this morning. A new snowfall left 15 inches on the ground at headquarters. Official report from the rim said there was a 14-inch powder on top a 6-inch pack.

Roads are snow packed and chains required from Annie Spring to the rim. Despite the new snow, which fell from 6 p. m. on through the night, skiing is expected to be only fair.

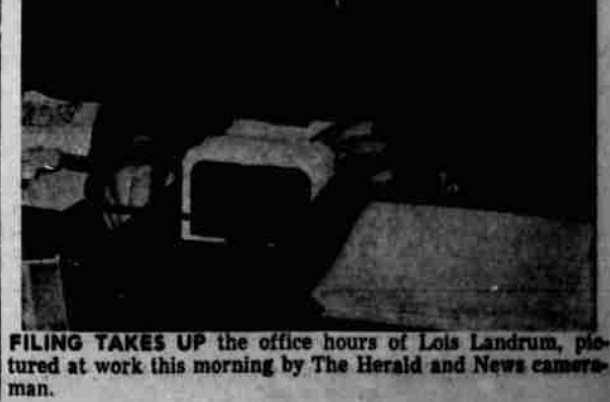
Bend was the coldest place in the state this morning with a minimum of 8 above. Lakeview had 15.

Another thin cover of snow appeared over Portland's hills this morning and several roads on the heights were glazed with ice. Frost touched much of the Willamette valley.

Tough Driving Motorists driving north into Klamath Falls early last night ran into a storm which sent a number of cars skidding off the Dorris hill. There was no report of injuries but a lot of machines had difficulty before the night was over.

At Odell lake, 21 to 25 inches of snow is reported with more than 8 inches of new, powdery snow. A light snow was reported falling this morning but skiing was excellent.

NOTED BISHOP DIES NASSAU, Bahamas, Dec. 10 (AP)—This British colony today mourned the Most Rev. Bernard Kevenhoefer, Bishop of Nassau, who died last night at the age of 80. Bishop Bernard was the first head of the Catholic church in the Bahamas to bear the title of Bishop. Funeral services will be here Tuesday.



FILING TAKES UP the office hours of Lois Landrum, pictured at work this morning by The Herald and News camera-man.

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