

Two Respected English Newspapers Add Weight to Conservative Cause

By REILMAN MORIN

LONDON. (AP)—Two of Britain's most respected newspapers, the Times of London and the Manchester Guardian, swung their support to the Conservative party today in last-minute decisions before Thursday's general election.

Neither is affiliated with one of the two major parties.

In leading editorials they advanced the same reason for their decision—namely, that the Labor party and its socialist policies no longer will serve the best interests of the country.

The campaign moved into high gear in these last two days before the election. Britons awaited with considerable interest the final major speech—this afternoon—from Winston Churchill, who will again be prime minister if the Conservatives take over the government.

FINAL STABS
Major personalities in both parties headed for strategic areas to make closing appeals to voters. Both organizations sent teams of doorbell ringers from house to house, seeking support in a large number of districts classed as "doubtful" throughout the country.

The consensus of opinion still held that the Tories would win. The Times spoke with a new voice on the pros and cons of the battle. Its main editorial was captioned: "Time for a Change." Until now the old and influential journal had not taken sides. But today it said:

"If the vote goes against Mr. Attlee and his colleagues on Thursday, it will be because of the conviction that they have nothing further to contribute in this chapter, at least, to the conduct of their country's affairs."

"It is not simply that, in their election statements, bereft now of the old, exhausted remedies of six years ago, they have nothing to offer. It is the mounting impression of indecision, delay, miscalculation and error that tells against them."

After a full survey of economic conditions inside Britain, the editorial turned to the foreign scene.

OLD DOUBTS
It said the Labor ministers are "hagridden by old doubts about the place of power in world affairs." It contrasted their prestige and influence with what it called the "weight" of importance enjoyed by Churchill and Anthony Eden. The latter is expected to return to the post of foreign minister in a Conservative cabinet, a place he held during world war two.

The influence of the Times' statement today—especially since the newspaper is not identified with any political party—probably will work powerfully to the advantage of the Conservatives.

The very title of the article, "Time for a Change," expresses the feeling held by a large segment of the people. You hear it on all sides in Britain today, from men and women in all walks of life and of widely different political philosophies.

The Manchester Guardian's pronouncement may possibly be of even greater importance. It has been for many years the main voice of the Liberal party—which is a minor contender in Thursday's election. Nevertheless more than 2,600,000 people voted Liberal in 1950. Their votes, in closely-contested districts, may make all the difference between the Tory and Labor candidates.

Hence both parties have been working hard on the Liberals, each arguing that its policies come closest to liberal doctrine. The leadership of the Liberal party has given no clear-cut guidance to its members.

RUNNING OUT
Something approaching that probably came from the Guardian. It said "confidence and vitality have been running out of the Labor party. It added: "There is a point in the life of any govern-

ment at which its impetus falls off, its shop windows become empty or the goods soiled."

At the same time, the paper said for "the radically minded," the thought of a Conservative government is not very appealing either.

But, summing up, it told its readers, "the return of a Conservative government would, all things considered, probably be a psychological service to the country in its present moment of crisis."

These statements, from two influential old newspapers, emerged as the major developments today in the campaign.

The candidates in their speeches now do little more than answer each other. No new issues have been advanced, nor new means of meeting the old ones, during the past 10 days.

Ancient Murder Uncovered

HAMBURG, Germany. (AP)—A murder mystery 1500 years old is intriguing German historians.

It came to light recently when excavations in marshland on the North Sea coast uncovered the skeleton of a baby that had been killed with a blow on the head and a stab in the chest.

The remains had been concealed under the earthen floor of an ancient tribal dwelling, apparently dating back to the 5th century, on a small hill near Wilhelmshaven.



Party Liquor Fatal to 15

ATLANTA. (AP)—Fifteen Negroes died here as a result of weekend moonshine liquor parties and 18 others were hospitalized in critical condition, police reported.

Lieutenant T. T. Bullard of the detective homicide squad said four Negroes were arrested yesterday and charged with suspicion of manslaughter in connection with the poisonings.

Three of the victims died soon after reaching Grady Memorial hospital Monday morning. Victims collapsed while along streets or in alleyways, and by nightfall the procession to the hospital's emergency clinic had become steady.

"We've never seen anything like it," declared Detective J. E. Helms and W. M. Holland, veterans of the homicide squad. "They arrived so fast that hospital attendants didn't have time to complete entrance records."

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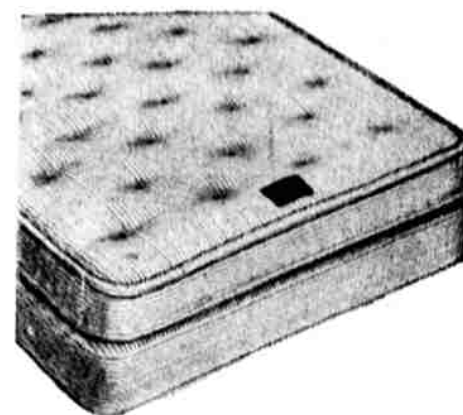
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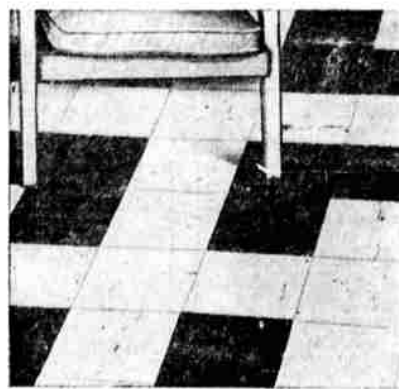
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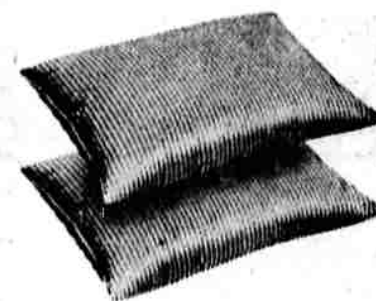
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