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Conservatives In England Suffer Big Election Defeat

LONDON (AP)—A shattering defeat in an election to fill a House of Commons vacancy cast gloom today over supporters of Britain's Conservative government.

The waning popularity of the Conservative rulers headed by Prime Minister Macmillan was pointed up dramatically in the north England textile city of Rochdale.

The Conservatives ran a poor third to both the opposition Labour party and the normally weak Liberals.

Final returns gave Laborite Jack McCann 22,133 votes, Liberal Ludovic Kennedy 17,003 and Conservative John Parkinson 9,827.

Conservative leaders had been reconciled in advance to loss of the election, but the magnitude of the defeat came as a surprise. In a straight Conservative-Labor fight in 1952, the Conservative candidate—who died recently—beat McCann 26,518-24,928.

Chiefs Okay School Plan

NEW YORK (AP)—Mayor Robert F. Wagner and Gov. Averell Harriman have agreed on using four existing schools to accommodate problem children in an effort to cut crime in the city's schools.

After the mayor and governor conferred for 2 1/2 hours, Harriman said he is prepared to draw up a supplemental budget providing further state aid, with an eye toward buying or leasing facilities for additional state correctional institutions.

The city now has five special schools. The new "specials" would be opened within a month in old buildings now vacant or only partially used, Wagner said. Two other special schools are planned for use next September.

Wagner said the four extra schools would be able to care for 600 to 800 students. He said it would cost the city about \$125,000 to get each of the schools in shape.

The Board of Education has suspended 644 students who had been charged with insubordination or acts of violence.

In recent weeks, a number of the city's 900 schools have been the scene of rapes, assaults, stabbings and delinquency. The incidents have involved both Negro and white students.

Among other proposals advanced at the conference, Harriman said, was a "work-activity program," whereby pupils would be permitted to work part-time during regular school hours.

Harriman said he would veto any measure which would change the state law requiring compulsory education up to the age of 17.

Students included in the mass suspensions last week will get individual hearings to help decide whether they return to a regular school, a special school, or an institution.

The outcome was no great plum since it too lost ground. Those who previously voted Conservative obviously switched to Kennedy, the Liberal, in protest against the government, a trend that has been growing in recent special parliamentary elections.

The Rochdale result, said the Conservative Daily Mail, "shows that the intervention of Liberal candidates at the next election may rob them (the Conservatives) of many seats."

The Times, nominally independent but usually pro-Conservative, said the outcome may force Macmillan to ask for a new general election before the statutory term of his government ends in 1960.

British prime ministers traditionally "go to the country" for a vote of confidence when it becomes doubtful that their policies command the support of a national majority. However, the Conservatives still have firm working control of Commons—with 342 members against 280 Laborites and 5 Liberals—and the Tory strategy has been to hang on in expectancy of an improvement.

Although the Conservatives had suffered from diminishing popular support in most of the 31 other by-elections held since 1952, they previously had lost only one parliamentary seat, in north London a year ago.

Labor Party Leader Hugh Gaitskill claimed the Rochdale result "yet another signal to the government to get out" and claimed the Conservatives have "completely lost the confidence of the people."

British Issue Rocket Claim

LONDON (AP)—The British government announced today it is developing a ballistic rocket more advanced than the Americans now possess and is designing it for launching from underground sites.

A white paper published by the Defense Ministry said this weapon "is being developed on the highest priority in close cooperation" with the United States.

The white paper said the agreement under which American intermediate range ballistic missiles will be located in Britain "will be completed shortly."

Regarding the relative strength of the West and the Soviet Union, the document said: "Russia's successful launching of artificial satellites is evidence of her remarkable progress in rocket development. But it should not be thought that this has upset the balance of military power."

BUS, FIRE TRUCK COLLIDE
GREENWOOD, Miss. (AP)—A school bus collided with a fire truck at an intersection Wednesday slightly injuring 10 children and two adults. Police said the bus entered the blind intersection on a green traffic signal and rammed the speeding fire engine in the side.



GETTING READY for "Wishing Night" is this sextet of workers, left to right, around the wishing well, Mrs. Elmer Bates, Mrs. Carlos Linville, Mrs. Robert Cuendet, Mrs. J. B. Dennis, Mrs. E. J. Boothby and Mrs. Norman Jones. "Wishing Night" is tonight at Peace Memorial Church where members and friends of the First Baptist Church will gather to use the large dining hall.

Local Church Plans Banquet

"Wishing Night," the annual Valentine banquet for members and friends of the First Baptist Church, will be held tonight, Thursday, at 6:30 in the dining hall of Peace Memorial Church, 4431 South Sixth Street. Space in the First Baptist Church is not adequate for the dinner which is expected to draw a large number of divers.

Speaker for the dinner will be John Brannon, graduate student at Oregon State College, director of the Baptist Student Union on the campus. He spoke at a recent Baptist Student Union meeting in Seattle and will bring an inspiring message.

The theme of Wishing Night will be carried out in table decorations, including a golden moon, sanctuary tapers, blue angel hair and silver stars. A wishing well at the banquet hall entrance will be ready to catch "wishing pennies."

Members of the program committee for the banquet are Mrs. George Casey, chairman; Mrs. E. J. Boothby, Mrs. O. H. Baker, and Mrs. Norman McKeenan. Members of the decorations committee are Mrs. Elmer Bates, chairman; Mrs. Robert Cuendet, Mrs. Carlos Linville, Mrs. Norman Jones, Mrs. J. B. Dennis, and Mrs. E. J. Boothby. The publicity committee members are Rosemary Harvey, chairman, and Norman Harvey, Rodney Larson is general chairman, George Casey is in charge of food arrangements. The ticket committee members are Conrad Hildebrand, chairman, Bill Bates, Katy Warren, Judy Robinson, Ivon Cuendet, Beulah Welch, and Rodney Larson.

'Overworld' Problem Aired

LOS ANGELES (AP)—As if the underworld weren't enough of a problem, Dist. Atty. William B. McKesson has come up with something new to worry about.

"The overworld," McKesson explained at a Crime Prevention Week luncheon, "is a sinister segment of society seeking special favors because of wealth, position, party, influence, standing, or whom one knows."

He said it is "corruption in control of our economic life, working under a cloak of respectability, but still living off ill-begotten gains of patronage and special interest."

He cited no specific cases.

WORKER INJURED

KLAMATH AGENCY — Robert Summers of Modoc Point was treated for head and leg injuries at the Klamath Agency Clinic after a freak accident which occurred on Tuesday afternoon. Summers, a Klamath Agency employe, was inflating a giant tire of a road grader when the air pressure caused the steel rim to pop out. Summers was struck by the tire instead of the rim.

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Paisley Man Dies In Wreck

LAKEVIEW — Vancil Morgan, 69, of Paisley, died shortly after a car-truck accident which occurred at 10 p.m. on Wednesday on Highway 395 about one-half mile north of the Lakeview city limits. His body was taken to the Ousley-Osterman Funeral Home here and officers noted back and head injuries.

Morgan and his son, Grover Morgan, about 45, were returning home when their car struck the rear of a pickup truck driven by Arthur Newcombe, who lives north of Lakeview. Newcombe is in Lakeview Hospital where his condition is not considered serious. His 12-year-old son, who was a passenger in the pickup, was uninjured.

In reconstructing the accident, it appeared that Newcombe's pickup ran out of gas and he pulled off the highway to refuel from an auxiliary can he carried in the truck. The pickup was hit as he pulled back onto the highway. Neither the car nor the pickup overturned, officers said.

Grover Morgan was taken to Lakeview Hospital but refused to stay and officers expect to question him to determine whether he or his father was driving.

State Police Officer Nick Barry is continuing the investigation along with Tom Elliott, Lake County sheriff and Neil Friday, night city police officer who received the first call. The disaster car responded to the call and Dr. William Strieby of Lakeview followed and was on the scene within a few moments after the alarm was received.

Vancil Morgan is survived by his widow at Paisley and grown children, including one son, Floyd, at Lakeview.

Oregon Weather

Western Oregon — Increasing cloudiness Thursday night. Occasional rain Friday. Low Thursday night 35-45; warmer Friday with high 48-58. Southerly coastal winds 15-30 miles an hour.

Eastern Oregon — Partly cloudy Thursday night with low 22-32. Increasing cloudiness Friday with chance of showers during evening. High Friday 36-46.

Baker and vicinity — Partial clearing through Friday. Low Thursday night 22-28; high Friday 40-45.

Grants Pass and vicinity — Partly cloudy Thursday night. Some light rain Friday. Low Thursday night 32-37; high Friday 50-55.

Cavein Claims Five Miners

MAN, W.Va. (AP)—The bodies of five miners crushed by a huge piece of slate were removed today from the Amherst Coal Co.'s mine at nearby Lunedale.

A sixth miner, Glenn Birtchette, was taken out alive after being buried under the 350-ton mass for 5 1/2 hours. He was hospitalized here with a fractured pelvis.

The victims were working at a coal loading machine 2 1/2 miles inside the southern West Virginia mine when the roof gave way. A seventh man at the scene, Estes Woods, walked out alive.

The dead were identified as Arthur Pennington, section foreman; Elmer Broady; Earl Johnson; James E. Rogers and William Collins.

They were trapped under a piece of slate 78 feet long, 22 feet wide and 2 to 4 feet thick.

Herbert E. Jones, executive vice president of Amherst, said the fall was a rare type. He said it happened at an intersection where bolts had been inserted in the heavy slate roof as a safety measure.

WOMAN INJURED

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, 76, of 1180 Crescent Street, is "fairly well and comfortable" Klamath Valley Hospital attendants reported Thursday. Mrs. Smith fell in a local hotel and broke her right hip yesterday afternoon. She is the mother-in-law of KFJI announcer George Callison.



THESE FOUR OREGON TECHNICAL Institute coeds, vying for the "Sweetheart of OTI," are, from the left, Sharon McCollum, Pat Wormington, Joan Dayley and Sharon Tarwater. The queen will be picked Friday night, February 14, at the eighth annual Sweetheart Ball, sponsored by Omega Epsilon Rho, a business fraternity. Choosing of the queen will be done by the public and the students. Baldy Evans' band will supply the music for the ball which will be held in the old armory from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Price is \$1.50 for men, women are admitted free, and dress is semiformal.

Plans For Klamath Falls Cleanup Campaign Told

The Cleanup-Fixup Committee of the chamber of commerce, chair-manned by Mrs. Sheldon Brumbaugh, has launched plans for the spring cleanup of the city, to be sparked by school student participation in the making of window posters and ideas for slogans.

The contest is to be conducted in the Klamath County schools with slogans to be in the office of County School Superintendent Carol Howe by February 22. Judges of the contest will be retired teachers, Mrs. Stella Bowen and Mrs. Lorena Ward, co-chairmen.

First and second prizes will be given in two divisions, the first prizes to be portable radios, the second, fountain pens. All students of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades are eligible to compete.

A poster campaign on the same subject will get under way March 3 in the city schools including both Klamath Union High School and the grade schools, to be concluded March 17.

Date for this year's cleanup of

all city lots, privately owned vacant lots, alleys, roadways, streets, home yards and any other spot where debris is gathered has been set for the weekend of April 12, weather permitting.

Balsiger Motor Company and the city will furnish trucks free of charge to haul away debris to be picked up by the workers. Pete Green, co-owner of the city dump will authorize dumping free of charge for those trucks working on the cleanup program. Plans call for a block to block attack with every resident of the city, including children old enough to help, to join the cleanup brigade.

Bob Bonney, city recreation director, has been asked to handle the cleanup of parking strips and parks; Oliver Spiker, city councilman, city-owned property and trash cans; Hal Ogle, superintendent of the Klamath Fire and Protective Association, outlying suburbs, and Fire Chief Roy Rowe, alleys. A chairman to supervise the cleaning of approaches to the city is still to be named.

Weather Table

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS	24 hours to 4:30 a. m. Thursday	Max.	Min.	Prev.
Baker	40	31	64	
Redmond	32	33	63	
Eugene	35	42	49	
Lakeview	43	32	21	
Medford	53	40	20	
Newport	56	43	121	
North Bend	61	46	95	
Pendleton	51	44	29	
Portland Airport	52	45	64	
Roseburg	56	44	44	
Salem	55	40	36	
Spokane	39	33	64	

Oregon Traffic Toll Reaches 43

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two fatal accidents Wednesday raised Oregon's traffic toll for the year to 43.

That is one death a day since Jan. 1.

Thirty-one persons died in January. Twelve persons were killed in the first 12 days of February. The latest victims were Vancil Morgan, killed in a smashup near Lakeview, and Eugene Leroy Springer, who died when his pickup truck plunged off a highway near La Grande, both Wednesday night.

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