

Industrial Unrest Arouses Interest in British Vote

LONDON, May 23 (P)—An atmosphere of industrial unrest pulled Britain's election campaign out of the doldrums tonight and injected a new factor in Thursday's voting for a new 630-member House of Commons.

Behind closed doors, both Conservative and Labor headquarters planned last minute campaign moves. Victory for either side means the right to govern Britain for the next five years.

Socialistic Laborites, sensing they were running behind, searched feverishly for a new issue.

Leftwing Laborite Aneurin Bevan contended in recent speeches the Conservative government has encouraged "a policy of grab by big business" and this philosophy has worked its way into the ranks of the workers. The Labor moderates have taken up Bevan's theme.

Standard Editorial

Lord Beaverbrook's Evening Standard gave the Conservative answer in an editorial that said:

"This is a dangerous line for the Socialists to adopt. On the one hand they condemn the strikes as damaging to the nation's economy, while on the other they justify them as the inevitable result of Tory policy. And they hint that these disputes would never take place if the Socialists were in power . . .

"By seeking to exploit the strikes, by playing the election game, the Socialists will harm no one but themselves. They will certainly not deceive the electors."

Accuse Tories

While the Conservatives were implying that Labor was hitting below the belt on this issue, Laborites accused the Tories of committing a foul on another point.

Usually mild-mannered Clement Attlee, the Laborite leader, said with a waspish edge to his voice that the Conservatives had come up with an election stunt that is "one of the dirtiest things ever put out" bogus ration books.

Speaking to factory workers in his own district on London's East Side, Attlee held up one of the books and charged the Conservatives were trying to panic housewives into believing that if Labor won the election the old rationing and food queues would come back.

Eng College Post Given to Holderman

Dr. Kenneth L. Holderman, professor and director of engineering extension, has been named assistant dean in the College of Engineering and Architecture. He will continue also as professor and director of engineering extension.

Doctor Holderman, a native of Pittsburgh, graduated from the University in 1931 with a bachelor of science degree in architecture.

He joined the faculty in 1941 with the Engineering, Science and Management Defense Training program. He was named assistant director of engineering extension in 1943, professor in 1947, and director of the program in 1948.

Historic Steeple To Be Repaired

BOSTON, May 23 (P)—Restoration of Boston's Old North Church steeple—toppled by hurricane Carol last year—will begin tomorrow morning.

It was from a window of this steeple that a lantern was hung, touching off the famous midnight ride of Paul Revere to warn the countryside during the Revolutionary War that the British were coming.

Forty-six foot white oak beams first will be set into place. After that the siding will be erected, then the spire and weather vane.

Anastasia Pleads Guilty

CAMDEN, N.J., May 23 (P)—Dapper Albert Anastasia, variously described as the leader and trigger man of the notorious New York "Murder Inc." mob, changed his mind in Federal Court today and pleaded guilty to income tax evasion.

President Chided For Participation In Coal Rites

WASHINGTON, May 23 (P)—Coal men asked President Dwight D. Eisenhower today to close the damper against any governmental participation in "last rites" for the steam locomotive.

"Plain propaganda" for the diesel and oil industries, the National Coal Assn. fumed in a telegram of protest to the White House.

"Ridiculous," Rep. Bailey, Democrat from West Virginia's coal regions, snorted in Congress.

"Why, there were 6503 steam engines in service on the railroads not later than last month," Bailey told the House. "And last year the railroads bought 16,700,000 tons of coal to run 'em."

What got all the steam up was word by the Interstate Commerce Commission that a brass bell from a "retired" steam engine will be mounted on a stone pedestal at the Commission building in memory of the steam engine's replacement by the oil burning diesel.

The bell and base were offered by the St. Louis-San Francisco railroad. The ICC accepted and a ceremony is planned for Thursday.

"They are gullible for falling for that nonsense by the oil men," Bailey said.

"The steam locomotive isn't any more dead than I am."

Wable Sentence Upheld

HARRISBURG, May 23 (P)—The State Supreme Court ruled today the jury was "well justified" in convicting John Wesley Wable as "the Phantom Slayer of the Pennsylvania Turnpike." The court upheld the death sentence imposed on Wable.

Leader Asks Senate to Raise Worker's Compensation

HARRISBURG, May 23 (P)—Gov. Leader tonight asked the Legislature to increase maximum weekly workmen's compensation benefits from \$32.50 to \$37.50. He said the increase could be handled by a 15 per cent increase in employers' insurance rates.

These payments to workers injured on the job, now limited to 700 weeks under any circumstances, would be lifelong or permanent disability under the Leader proposal.

Companion legislation introduced in the House also would broaden considerably the scope of occupational diseases subject to benefits. They are now limited principally to anthracosilicosis (Miner's asthma) and asbestosis.

The governor said all occupational diseases peculiar to industry should be compensable.

"The new workmen's compensation act, when made into law, will mark another great step forward in legislation designed to improve the conditions of all working men and women in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," said Leader in his message to the lawmakers.

POWs Appeal to U.N.

NEW DELHI, India, May 23 (P)—Life in neutral India has palled on 43 Koreans who were prisoners of war when the Korean War ended. They appealed to the United Nations today to speed their resettlement in Latin America or allow them to return to South Korea.

They also asked protection from "political pressure to return us to North Korea or Red China." Indian officials denied the group had been subjected to any such pressure.

Since March 1953
The former prisoners have been in India since March, 1953, when they were brought from the Korean neutral zone with Indian army units on the repatriation teams. They wanted to live in neither North nor South Korea.

Eighty-two Koreans in all were brought here and housed in barracks, but 32 elected to settle in India. The remaining 50 have

been waiting for two years for permits to migrate to other countries and all but seven of this group joined in the appeal to the U.N.

They signed a letter addressed to U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and delivered to the U.N. office in New Delhi for forwarding.

Leader was Jailed
They complained that their leader, Ji Ki Cheol, a former major, was jailed at an Indian military base when they refused to submit to military discipline and

sought to appeal directly to Prime Minister Nehru.

Indian military officers said the leader was detained after the group "became restive" over lack of action to move them to Latin America.

The letter said that at first the Koreans had received comparatively mild treatment, but the Indian attitude turned harsh when the prospect of their transfer to another neutral nation became vague. They asked that the U.N. intervene to keep India to her pledge to treat them as civilians.

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True U.S. Air Strength Demanded by Democrats

WASHINGTON, May 23 (P)—Senate Democrats put on new pressure today to get what Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson termed the "true story" of how American air power stacks up against Russia's.

British Dock Strikes Cripple Four Big Ports

LONDON, May 23 (P)—Striking dockers crippled Britain's four biggest ports today in a bitter interunion feud for bargaining rights on the nation's waterfronts. The Labor party's chances in Thursday's parliamentary election were not enhanced thereby.

Food ships began to pile up in the Thames Estuary and government officials warned the nation's vital export trade would be crippled if the strike continues.

More than 18,000 longshoremen quit work at London, Manchester, Hull and the twin Mersey ports of Liverpool and Birkenhead. A handful of others came out at smaller ports up and down the country.

Another 30,000 remained on the job, but with working teams split up many gangs were unable to cope with their normal jobs.

Prime Minister Anthony Eden kept in touch with the strike developments at his country home at Chequers, as government officials worked feverishly to head off a second election week strike—a threatened walkout next weekend of 70,000 railway engineers and firemen seeking higher pay rates.

Since then there have been what Johnson called "a new rash of confusing statements." He said "there should be clarification as to what is the true story."

West Virginian Gives Warning

A West Virginia editor told the annual Pennsylvania Press Conference that the best contribution toward strengthening the American press "is what we do individually with our own papers."

Brooks Cottle, editor of the Morgantown Post said that "we can make that contribution only if we back off a little, toss away our preconceptions and self-satisfactions, see ourselves for what we are and resolve to do the better job of which we are capable."



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