SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS
of Main Street and the World

Churchill Wins British Election; Civilian Group Proposes UMT Plan

CHURCHILL—For the second time in his life Winston Churchill has become Prime Minister of Great Britain. As a result, many U. S. officials are predicting closer Anglo-American relations than existed under the Labor government of Clement Attlee.

Churchill's election, however, gains importance from the home towners point of view for a number of possible conflicts in Anglo-American relations that may result and not from possible closer ties. Britain's new Prime Minister has long wanted a meeting of top western leaders with Premier Stalin, but President Truman has opposed such a move ever since the Potsdam conference in 1945.

CHURCHILL
The winner and new Prime Minister who said during World War II, "I did not become Prime Minister to liquidate the British empire."

Churchill, who once said he did not become Prime Minister of Great Britain to see the empire dissolved, is expected to take a firm stand on the Suez and Sudan problem. In fact, he could defend the empire system with such tenacity that it could become a point of conflict between Washington and London.

On the other side of the ledger, Churchill is believed in full harmony with the U. S. policy in Europe—a strong joint defense, constantly increasing economic and political unity, the close association of Britain with the European continent as well as the United States and the Commonwealth.

UMT PROGRAM—The National Security Training Commission, a five-man civilian group formed last June after congress had approved the broad idea of universal military training, has made a report to congress that will reach into every home and family in the nation.

Briefly, the commission has recommended a UMT program that could involve 800,000 youths annually and cost more than $4 billion in the first year. Every youth upon reaching 18 would get six months of training, then for the next seven and a half years be in a reserve component if the plan was put in operation.

The commission had this to say about world conditions and the future: "The clear prospect is that the present generation must live in danger for many years" and therefore should "learn to live with danger calmly and confidently".

Because today's military technology permits an enemy to strike directly at the United States by sea or air, "the American people must be prepared, like their forebearers who pushed the frontier westward, to meet a savage and deadly attack at any moment."

KOREA—Peace talks are underway again in Korea and rumors circulate that this time they will not collapse. However, the man on Main Street still has the feeling that you can't do business with the Communists and expect little of the negotiations.

Politely, but firmly, United Nations representatives have told the Communists they refuse to swap hard-won ground for peace in Korea. The Reds insist on a buffer zone 15 miles wide along the 38th parallel.

The possibility remains that the Allies may make minor adjustments in the present battle line that would be acceptable to the Communists. An unusual note was sounded when Communist correspondents, who usually have little to say to UN correspondents, expressed optimism: "I feel certain a few miles are not going to hold up an agreement," one is reported to have said.

POLITICS—Frank E. McKinney, Indianapolis businessman, was scheduled for the job of Democratic national chairman, replacing William M. Boyle, Jr., who recently resigned while under fire by senate investigators.

McKinney reported he had "agreed to accept" the $35,000-a-year job and would dispose of his interests in a pipeline company which is seeking a government certificate to get 100,000 tons of scarce steel. He will retain his radio and banking interests.

In his announcement that he had agreed to accept the job, McKinney said: "I'll state here and now that so long as I am national chairman, no company which I am affiliated with or interested in will ever enter the doors of a government bureau or agency seeking favors or considerations of any type or character."

IRAN CRISIS—Rumors persisted during recent days that an agreement in the British-Iranian oil dispute was near, with the United States playing an important part in the negotiations.

It was rumored the agreement would provide: (1) British marketing of Iranian oil, which would be purchased at an agreed wholesale rate and sold in consumer areas at prices sufficient to assure Britain of a reasonable profit: (2) Compensation for British properties already seized by Iranians: (3) An agreement to assure success of Iranian production, probably providing for a "neutral" manager under Iranian government control.

ATOMIC EXPLOSION
The typical column and mushroom of an atomic bomb explosion rises high above earth at Nevada test site, some 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nev. This shot was made from a point on Mt. Charleston 40 miles away.

FARM ACCIDENTS—The corn harvest is in full swing in the midwest and the farm accident rate will climb accordingly. Last year in Nebraska, for instance, the cornpicker toll was two lives, 194 fingers, 18 hands, 10 arms, one leg, four toes and two feet.

The National Safety Council estimated that farm accident deaths are being recorded at the rate of 48 a day, or 17,520 a year; disabling injuries now total 1,500,000 a year. The economic loss caused by farm accidents is estimated at $1 billion a year.

BIGGER CROPS—Although the government will not publish their production guides for 1952 until mid-December, agriculture experts predict the government will ask for bigger crops. The big push will probably be for higher yields per acre, rather than greater acreage.

The simple reason for the expected production increase is the upsurge in the number of people to feed and clothe. Since the 151 million U. S. nose-count of early 1950, census officials figure there's been a 4 million increase.

CHEAPER PORK

Record Hog Crop Indicates Cheap Pork

The greatest number of hogs to be marketed in seven years will flood livestock centers in the next few months and will result in a big drop in pork prices across the retail counter, producers report.

This year's pig crop of almost 106 million head is the largest for any year in "peace-time" and is second only to 1943's staggering record of 121 million.

The increasing number of animals going to market has already caused a considerable price slide. In July hogs were bringing $23.95 a hundred pounds at the Chicago market. Last month the price was down to $19.75. One official of a big packing firm predicts that prices may slide to $17 or $18 per hundred by the middle of November or early December.

THE WASHINGTON Merry-Go-Round
BY DREW PEARSON

Vatican Appointment

REPUBLICAN pundits have now had time to take careful soundings on the President's appointment of Gen. Mark Clark to the Vatican and have concluded that politically it will do the Democrats more harm than good.

At first they feared the surprise move would win the big-city Catholic vote back to the Democratic party—a vote which, because of McCarthy's semisuccessful cry of State department Communism, was definitely slipping over to the Republican side. However, they now figure that they can easily label the Truman gesture as politics, for two reasons:

1. Although the President had talked to General Clark a couple of weeks earlier and got his consent to serve as Vatican ambassador, he did not send the appointment to the Senate until late on the last day congress was in session. Thus, GOP leaders intend to point out, Mr. Truman could not have been too serious about getting the new ambassador confirmed.

2. The further fact that General Clark, a military man, must get a special act of congress to permit him to serve, gives him a double hurdle to overcome and further postpones the date when he can take office.

Hot Potato In Ohio

Buried in the files of the senate elections committee, however, is some anti-Catholic campaign literature which has Republican strategists much more worried. This is the reason why the elections committee has been teetering back and forth trying to make up its mind about a real probe of the Ohio election.

Highlight of this campaign was a letter, dated Oct. 3, 1950, signed by Rev. F. R. Stoneburner, of Dayton, a Lutheran, and widely circulated throughout Ohio. It read:

"Dear Brethren: Please accept this letter merely as a matter of information. It should be known that Mr. Joseph Ferguson, who is running against Senator Robert A. Taft, is Roman Catholic.

"Knowing the efforts of the Roman church to get an official representative to the Vatican and its efforts to get public aid for parochial schools, I thought it equitable to pass this information on to you for what it is worth.

"Of course you know that our congressman, Edward Breen, is Roman Catholic and that he favors public aid for parochial schools.

"It is a mistaken public idea that Governor Frank Lausche is Roman Catholic. He was raised in an orthodox church. His family goes to a Methodist church. He has never been a Roman Catholic. These are the facts as I have been able to ascertain them.

"For the authenticity of this letter, contact the Lutheran pastor in your community or Rev. F. R. Stoneburner, 201 Commercial St., Dayton, O.

"If you wish the members of your congregation to receive copies of this letter, please send such list to Post Office Box No. 224, Greenville, O."

Gillette Worries

When Taft first demanded a probe of his campaign, the Senate elections sub-committee voted 4 to 1 for it, including the two Republican members, Mrs. Smith of Maine and Hendrickson of New Jersey. The only man who voted against it was timid Senator Gillette of Iowa, Democrat.

However, when the elections committee picked Robert Murphy, an experienced investigator and a Catholic, as its counsel, Rep. Clarence Brown of Ohio, a Taft leader, blocked the appointment. He would not let a special bill okaying Murphy get through the house.

For weeks now the Ohio probe has hung fire. Committee investigators in Ohio have reported that Taft forces officially chalked up $2,066,592.14 as their total expenditure, but a sampling has revealed additional amounts spent by county and city groups. One Taft organization, "Labor's League for Taft," was organized not by labor but by J. Eugene Carr, ex-president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and a radio executive.

With a full year passed since Taft's election, harassed and harried Chairman Gillette finally set Nov. 19 as the hearing date.

Washington Pipeline

A mere clerk at the Army hospital in Tokyo rides back and forth to work every day in a Navy Limousine. She is Mollie Joy, daughter of Adm. Turner Joy, chief U.N. truce negotiator . . . Senator Benton of Connecticut is one man who never listens to the radio. As an advertising executive, he invented some of radio's first techniques, including applause by a live audience.

World's Biggest Tree

While California's Big Trees (Sequoia gigantea) have no peer as a species either in bulk or age, there is a single tree that outranks even the biggest sequoia in diameter and may surpass it in age.

The botannical colossus is the Tule cypress of Santa Maria del Tule, six miles from Oaxaca in southern Mexico. It is a Taxiodium mucronatum, the same cypress as those in Chapultepec Park in Mexico City. Thousands of years old, yet still green and vigorous, the Tule tree's plump, rounded shape suggests an old oak rather than the usual slim cypress. "El Tule," as it is called, is so massive that 28 people, touching fingertips of outstretched arms, barely can encircle it.

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Bullets and Bolos

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To get quick and satisfying relief from coughs due to colds, mix this recipe in your kitchen.

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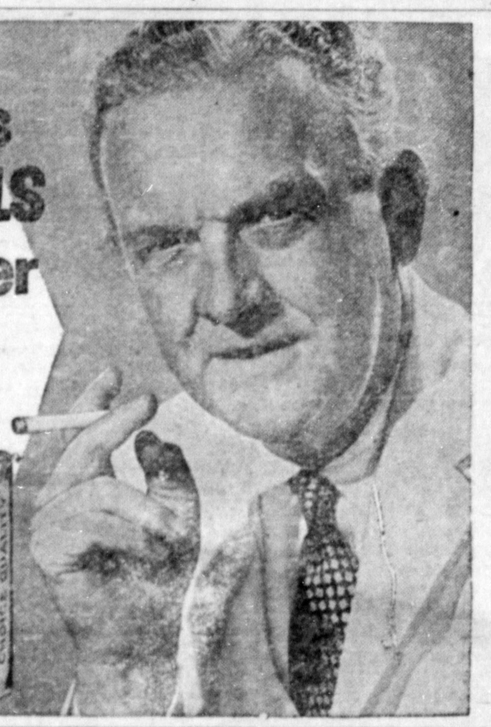

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