



THE PRIME MINISTER'S VICTORY SMILE—London.—Standing in the doorway of No. 10 Downing Street, Sir Anthony Eden and Lady Edna acknowledge the cheers of Britishers who gave the Conservative Party a smashing victory in yesterday's election.—AP Wirephoto.

Election Festivities Over, Britons Learn Outcome

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LONDON, May 27.—Bleary-eyed Britons, recovering from election night celebrations, huddled around their radios and television sets today waiting to learn what all the excitement had been about.

Almost inevitably the final verdict would come as something of an anti-climax. This is because in the curious tradition of British politics the festivity is already over. Today the scene is rapidly resuming its normal sober aspect with every indication that nothing startling has happened to disturb the placid course of British political life.

Still, while it lasted there were a few moments of something like genuine excitement. It got under way shortly after 10 o'clock last night as the first returns from Britain's 630 election districts started pouring into headquarters. In a dozen BBC studios squads of alert experts, buoyed with benzedrine and black coffee, fiddled nervously with their slide rules and electronic brains waiting for figures to analyze.

Reporters' Comments Sought

In the meantime, something—almost anything—had to be devised to kill time. Visiting correspondents who dropped into studios were lucky to escape a session in front of the cameras. "Say just anything at all," they were urged. "Any little amusing or interesting incident that struck you during the campaign."

Commentators had reason to be desperate. Most of them would be at it right through the night and most of the next day until the final result was announced. By midnight the show was in full swing in Piccadilly and Trafalgar Square. Crowds stood in the pouring rain, holding folded newspapers over their heads, to watch results flashed on large screens. By previous election standards it was a small turnout. Disconsolate hawkers of balloons and paper hats complained bitterly that television was ruining business.

"Wish I'd Stayed Home"
"Call that a crowd?" one vendor snapped at a reporter. "It

makes me wish I'd stayed home with my own set."

Squads of blue-helmeted bobbies had no problem in keeping order. As votes for district after district flashed onto screens the crowd cheered thinly for Labor victories—and more enthusiastically for the Tories.

By 1 a.m. a kind of poker-faced optimism was beginning to invade Conservative headquarters in Abbey House where party officials greeted visitors with sandwiches, coffee and cautious predictions of victory. An official spokesman thought things were going satisfactorily.

Early indications were that the vote had been light by British standards—down an average of 7 per cent in most districts—and this was a good omen for the Tories. An even better omen: Several closely contested districts had gone to Conservatives. The town of Watford, held by Labor since the last election, had fallen to the Tories by a 1,700 majority. Two new districts in Southampton and Kirkdale were safely in Conservative hands. Although signs were encouraging, there was no hopeful talk about a landslide. Stalking stiffly toward an exit, Britain's Foreign Minister Harold Macmillan brushed off a plea for a statement from waiting newsmen. "Just say I'm hoping to go to San Francisco and let it go at that," said Mr. Macmillan. "I'll do my talking after tomorrow."

Labor Headquarters Glum
In the lobby of Labor Party headquarters in Transport House a sign by the entrance warned sternly that doors should be shut "whilst the hall is being used for public music and dancing." But there was little festivity to be found amid the glum crowd that sat in the darkened theater watching returns on one oversized television screen, clucking their tongues or gasping with disappointment as figures rolled in. It was too early, said a party spokesman, to jump to any conclusions. Salty-tongued Bessie Braddock had won easily in her Liverpool dock district. There might be other surprises in store for overconfident Tories. But a grim little spokesman admitted that the trend was not favorable.

By the flood-lit facade of Lon-

Churchill Thanks Voters And Praises Opponent

WOODFORD, England, May 27 (AP)—Winston Churchill's blue eyes glittered with something looking like tears as he stood bareheaded in a slight drizzle late last night and thanked Woodford for having sent him back to Parliament.

He first went to Parliament in 1900 and has been there almost continuously ever since.

"It has been something of a habit of a lifetime," he mumbled to a committee.

Lady Churchill, sharing his triumph, stood beside him.

A thousand persons cheered as he moved slowly into the glare of lights after the mayor of Woodford had announced that the veteran of so many political wars had won again. The vote was 25,069 to 9,261 for Arnold K. Milner, his Labor Party opponent.

It may mean that Mr. Bevan eventually will become party leader.

Mr. Attlee said he had no comment but "may have a statement later."

"I am discouraged, naturally, that there is a Conservative government," said Morgan Phillips, the Labor Party secretary. "We shall have to keep on our toes for we believe traditional Toryism is back in the saddle, and we believe we shall be going back to policies inimical to the people." Tom Williamson, a member of the general council of the powerful Trades Union Congress, said: "We are in a democratic system and we will work with the Conservative government, although I would not say we will be happy to do so."

During the campaign many Laborite speakers declared a Conservative victory would mean heightened industrial unrest and economic troubles.

Labor Party leaders felt the relatively low poll hurt them most. Only about 75 per cent of the 35 million qualified voters exercised their franchise, against 82.6 per cent in 1951.

Will Fulfill Trust

Sir Anthony drove to Conservative headquarters and told party workers:

"It seems that the country has said to us 'get on with the job.' We will do everything in our power to fulfill the trust of the country."

Sir Winston, who stayed in the background during the campaign, got up at 9 a.m., checked the late returns to make sure victory was sewed up, and then went out to lunch with Lady Churchill.

As the prime minister when parliament was dissolved to make way for the election, it is unnecessary for Sir Anthony to

"You have participated in one of the constitutional processes of our democracy," said Sir Winston, who resigned as Prime Minister last March.

"I must speak a word of appreciation for my opponent, Mr. Milner, who has conducted an effective campaign in the best traditions of fairness and British sportsmanship," he said.

Mr. Milner, bespectacled 44-year-old electrical engineer, stepped to the microphones to say:

"I must remind you, sir, that this was your 19th political campaign, while it was my first, and the result which we have just heard announced was not altogether unexpected by me. I may not equal your magnificent record, but I shall try again."

They shook hands.

be reappointed by the Queen. Government ministers continue in office throughout British election campaigns and retain their portfolios if their party is successful.

The new parliament will meet June 7 to swear in its members.

The result means that Sir Anthony, 57, will speak for Britain at the forthcoming meeting of Big Four leaders.

Recent signs of a thaw in the cold war apparently played a part in influencing the electorate. Sir Anthony, as Foreign Minister and then Prime Minister, was given considerable credit. A top Laborite admitted his party was hurt by these "brightened prospects for lasting peace."

Labor's cause also suffered from the lack of an issue on which to arouse the public.

Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express, strong voice on the Conservative side in this election, predicted that Mr. Attlee would lose his post as party leader as a result of the defeat. The Express foresaw a strong Bevan bid for the top socialist spot. The Bevanites long have charged the 72-year-old Attlee and his moderates with a dispiriting "me, too," policy toward the Conservatives.

All 17 Communist candidates lost their deposits of 150 pounds (\$420) each. Every candidate posts such a deposit, and loses it if he fails to get one-eighth of the total vote in his district.

Numerous of the Liberals' 110 candidates also lost their money. But on the whole the vote for the third party was running somewhat larger than in 1951.

Lord Rea, the party president, said he thought "this marks a turning point in Liberal fortunes, even though it may be a small start."

Western Parley Seen in Mid-June

PARIS, May 27 (AP)—French sources said today Secretary of State Dulles, British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan and French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay will meet several days before the United Nations 10th anniversary session at San Francisco. The anniversary session opens June 20.

It is at San Francisco that details are expected to be worked out for a meeting of the Big Four government chiefs. The three Western foreign ministers presumably will try to reach a common agreement before seeing Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

The French informants said Mr. Dulles, Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Pinay probably will hold their talks in New York or Washington.

French Premier Edgar Faure said yesterday he expected a date for the "meeting at the summit" ought to be satisfactorily arranged to take place between mid-July and the end of August.

Pontecorvo Loses British Citizenship

LONDON, May 27 (AP)—Britain formally stripped British citizenship from Atomic Scientist Bruno Pontecorvo yesterday. It called him "disloyal or disaffected" for deserting to Russia.

The Home Office, which took the step, did not amplify what it meant by "disaffected." There are several dictionary definitions, one being "traitorous."

The 42-year-old Italian-born physicist, who became a naturalized British citizen, disappeared behind the iron curtain in 1950.

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