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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Day With Churchill

LONDON—I went out to see something of Winston Churchill's half-day tour of his own constituency — Woodford, which lies on the north-eastern suburbs of the great metropolis.

It was an English October day at its best—warm enough to take tea outdoors, which I did in Loughton. The stores were jam-packed with buyers. Windows showed evidence of falling prices, especially in some lines of dry-goods.

A placard announced that the famous actress Jose Collins, would appear tonight in some local hall. (Yes, the same Jose who used to star in 1915 in "Maid of the Mountains.")

A green car with a loudspeaker came along roaring that the Communists would hold an outdoor meeting. Then another whizzed by saying the great man, Churchill himself, was about due.

HIS MOTOR CAVALCADE SWEEPED by Mr. and Mrs. Churchill in an open light blue car. Nobody cheered (as the papers next day said they did "everywhere"). But everybody waved and smiled, and the grand old man gave them his famous V sign.

Twenty-six Communists fell in like soldiers behind the motorcade. None was working class, all were obviously imported into the constituency. They looked self-conscious carrying their placards: "Don't trade British lads for Yankee money."

THE FAMOUS MAN SPOKE IN the High School sharp at seven. The place was packed out by 6:30. Many hundreds stood outside.

Mr. Churchill was more relaxed than at Liverpool, where he read almost every word he said. Here in his own riding he talked as if to friends. When the old gentleman started I wondered whether he had had "one too many" at the tea interval, for he seemed to have difficulty articulating. But his words, once said, carried real punch.

His main line was in reply to Mr. Attlee's challenge to know whether he, Churchill, would have gone to war to try to keep our oil men in Persia. He replied that under proper British handling of the crisis there would never have been need to go to war.

He dealt with the new Labor Party slogan:

"Whose finger do you want on the trigger—Churchill or Attlee's?" He said that he did not want anybody's finger on the trigger—but if we had to have one, it had better be one that did not fumble.

He declared quite frankly that if World War Three started, it would be by decision of "the Russians, the Americans, or the UN organization."

Britain, he said wistfully, no longer had her old-time power. This he regretted, above all, because if Britain still did have that power it would be used, as it always had been, to keep world peace, not break it.

MR. CHURCHILL TALKED A BIT about the social services, and claimed his wartime government had really initiated those for which the Socialists now took all the credit.

His whole set speech took only 20 minutes. Then the chairman threw the meeting open for questions. They came right from the floor. One or two of them were obvious "plants"—that is, asked by pre-warned Tory workers to give Mr. Churchill the chance to hit key points. But most of them were free and unstaged.

One asked: what about the coal crisis? Mr. Churchill answered that the first thing his government would do would be to have a good look around.

Another asked: would Mr. Churchill favor large grants for cancer treatment. The answer: "The question is very pertinent, and in the way it is asked, speaks for itself." Try and figure that one. I couldn't.

Another asked: Did Mr. Churchill think a Tory victory would mean a wave of strikes? Mr. Churchill answered: No, he didn't think for a minute the trade unions would play politics in this way.

ONE MAN ASKED: DID MR. Churchill favor more Big Three meetings with Stalin and the U.S. President? The answer was: Yes. They couldn't do harm, and might do good, and had (Continued on page 4)

Report from Parliament

By E. T. APPLEWHITE, M.P.

Once again, as your representative, I am back in Ottawa and again I shall try to send to your newspaper a little weekly column of items and events which I hope may be of interest. I have been here only a few days as yet but I hope already had some heartening news of our district—not the least of

which is the evident intention of the C.N.R. to proceed as fast as possible with the major station and yard improvements at Burns Lake.

There has been very little parliamentary activity as yet for we adjourned over the two days of Their Royal Highnesses' visit. I know that the daily papers and the CBC have given the Royal Tour a very full coverage, so all I am going to say here is that Her Royal Highness, Princess Elizabeth, is absolutely and entirely charming. You will read some rather fudgesounding articles about her—but I assure you, they are no exaggeration.

In so far as the new session of Parliament is concerned, all we have had at the time of writing this, is the Speech from the Throne. After hearing the speech read by His Excellency the Governor-General, my immediate reaction was: "Gosh, we'll be here for two years." It

pensions to all eligible persons. This measure for the well-being of our senior citizens is designed to complete the program of old age security announced by the government at the session earlier in this present year when legislation was enacted to provide for a federal contribution to assistance to persons between the ages of 65 and 70.

Through the courtesy of V. C. Phelan, Director, Canada Branch, International Labor Office, I have received a book entitled: "Lasting Peace the I.L.O. Way." This short book is intended to serve as a popular introduction to the International Labor Organization. You can get a free copy from the I.L.O., 95 Rideau Street, Ottawa. Get one, you will find it worthwhile. David A. Morse, Director-Gen-

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learn what is being done to remedy these conditions. It has been a great pleasure to come back here and see Members and Ministers of the Government. Everyone, from the Premier down, seems anxious to work at the counter-attack—and I think Mr. St. Laurent is going to see to it that the Session does just that.

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Labor And Socialism

SOCIALISM'S test at the coming election in Britain after six years' control of the government recalls the vastly different career of socialism in the United States. While labor in Britain adopted socialism and put it into power, American labor unionism generally gave it little support.

Much socialistic legislation, either in a welfare or public-ownership sense, has been put on the books and into practice through political action, often with CIO and AFL support, but the major labor organizations in the United States have resisted urgings to form a Labor Party with socialization as its platform.

Socialism was brought over from Europe when the American labor movement was taking shape. Its promoters sought to use organized labor to advance their doctrine. Leaders of trade unionism, notably Samuel Gompers, founder of the American Federation of Labor, insisted that under the free enterprise system of the United States workers could do better for themselves by mobilizing and controlling economic power than by centering on legislative power.

Get Back—Alive!

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA during the hunting season people may well ask, "When is a dead deer not a deer?" and get the reply, "When it's a dead hunter!"

Over the last few years many people have died because they were mistaken for deer, moose, or other big game that over-zealous hunters have thought they saw moving in the bushes.

Don't shoot until you see what kind of animal you are shooting at. If you really have to, you can always buy your meat at the local butcher shop and let that deer go until next year. A meat charge is always better than a manslaughter charge!

Not to mistake the quarry — that may possibly be easy. But what about being mistaken for the quarry?

Every hunter has certain responsibilities; for instance, when in the woods wear red—it may be poor camouflage but it is good conservation. Whenever possible don't place yourself in such a position as to be mistaken for an animal; the other fellow is just as eager as you to get that deer. Don't climb trees unless it is an emergency. You wouldn't be the first to be mistaken for a bear!

With respect to equipment there is a saying about the unloaded gun that killed, but what about the loaded gun? More than one hunter has been killed or wounded by his own loaded gun. Who would think of carrying a cocked, loaded gun while climbing a tree or log? But it has been done! Carry the gun so that if you happen to stumble the lead goes into the ground, not you or your partner's body.

A hunting trip is a vacation, so take it easy. For health and hunting judgment it is most unwise to overindulge. Alcohol and gunpowder just don't mix!

Instigator or victim, there is no glory in becoming just another statistic on a Game Warden's report.

It will do no harm to really think about the National Safety Council reminder that the life you save may be your own. Of course, it is important to have fun, and it is important to get game, but it is much more important to get back—alive.

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