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The British Election . . .

As Conservatives see it, social progress versus socialization is the major issue in Britain's forthcoming general election.

"I am as much opposed to the creation of a complete socialist system as I am in favor of immense social reforms, in many of which a free British nation has long led the world," Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared in his second election broadcast. And this is the keynote of the campaign which the Conservative Party is waging against its strongest opponent, the Labor Party.

Mr. Churchill and his party colleagues are fighting in the election under a national banner. It might as well be said frankly that this is mainly a bit of election tactics, and that certainly the great mass of voters in Britain realize their choice lies between Conservatives and Socialists—with the Liberals as an alternative but hardly a major contestant.

The basis of Mr. Churchill's "four years' plan" which could be summed up in three words—food, work, homes—includes far-reaching measures of social reform.

Already drastic changes liberalizing Britain's educational system have been put on the statute books, and an advanced scheme for family allowances has been enacted into law. Conservatives pledge themselves to complete these measures by having put through a social insurance bill based on the Beveridge scheme, as well as a national health service plan, and other reforms. They, like the Socialists, undertake to maintain full employment.

Thus British Conservatives advocate a program of extensive social reforms and are prepared to intervene in business and in the daily living of the ordinary citizen to the extent necessary to achieve these reforms.

They declare themselves opposed

to controls in general, however. In particular, they oppose the Labor Party's program calling for immediate nationalization of some industries, such as transport, coal mines, and insurance, as well as ultimate nationalization of the land itself.

This issue of nationalization or not is likely to be the one upon which the election turns—not so much in its theoretical implications as in the reaction of the average man and woman voter from the effects of five years of wartime controls.

Neither party denies the necessity for continuation of a certain amount of control in view of the vast difficulties and problems still confronting the nation after the end of hostilities in Europe.

Housing alone is a tremendous problem affecting many millions of people, and Mr. Churchill in his latest broadcast declared he would not hesitate "to use wartime expedients" to meet Britain's crying need for houses to replace those destroyed by German bombs.

On the whole, however, the Conservatives contend that the enormous task of reconstruction in Britain should be left to private enterprise and controls kept to an indispensable minimum. Indeed, although Mr. Churchill and his Cabinet advocate and will, in fact, carry out almost revolutionary social reforms if elected, there is a strong minority within the ranks of the Conservative Party, including a number of members of Parliament, who are genuine Tories.

These men are convinced that social coddling of the masses is bad for the nation. This group, though it does not frame party policy, is influential enough to affect the emphasis with which it is carried out.

The result is that when it comes to applying election programs to concrete problems of reconstruction there will be a big difference, both of tone and timing, between the Conservatives and Labor.

There will be, perhaps, an even greater difference in the international sphere than on domestic issues. Mr. Churchill in his recent broadcast emphasized that "first of all we have to do our duty to the utmost in the war against Japan." Both parties are agreed on this. It is a plank in both election platforms. Yet arguments are being used on the Conservative side that it would be unwise for wartime reasons to change horses in midstream.

Changing World Strategy—

HELPING GOD'S PURPOSE PRACTICAL WAY TO LAY FOUNDATION FOR PEACE

"Today it is vital to reshape our world strategy because at least three world-wide revolutionary changes are taking place in our time," declared Prof. Basil Matthews, director of Union Theological Seminary, Vancouver, at a well-attended meeting last night in First Presbyterian Church. His subject was "The

Eternal Changing Strategy in the World." Rev. A. F. MacSweeney presided and Mrs. E. J. Smith presided at the organ to accompany a hymn.

The first revolutionary change in the world today was that whereby every civilization on earth—Asiatic, African and Western—was for the first time simultaneously undergoing change. China, for example, which had been changeless for thousands of years, was today going through five revolutions—first, political in attempting to build a democracy after an Empire; second, social, with centralizing of the individual instead of the family clan; third, economic, introducing great manufactures such as steel works and cotton factories in place of handicrafts; fourth, military, with feudalistic methods of warfare being replaced by mechanized forces such as tank and aircraft; fifth, cultural, by endeavoring to make every person literate whereas in the past only the very few could read and write.

The second world-wide revolutionary change was that of communication and transportation whereby, through radio, moving picture, the press, airplane, steamship, the whole world was becoming absolutely interdependent.

The third world change was, in the words of the Archbishop of Canterbury (William Temple), "the great new fact of our time"—that for the first time in all history the Christian community, which was called the church, was becoming deeply rooted in the life of every

nation and race on earth. Through great national and international councils in the last twenty years the church had begun to plan, think and act cooperatively as it had never done before.

For instance, throughout India, Burma and Ceylon all non-Roman churches were planning and carrying out educational, medical and evangelistic advances. Even in China the National Christian Council of China was at present carrying out a survey throughout Free China for a unit effort to help the country get on its feet. Even more striking was the fact of the Indian and Chinese councils getting together to prepare help for Burmese, Malayan and Filipino Christians when they became liberated from the bondage of Japan.

Prof. Matthews stressed the importance of encouraging Asiatic and African churches to self-government, self-support and self-propagation of Christianity by education, medicine and evangelism.

The speaker described interestingly how the Indian people adapted their own dramatic, musical and educational methods to the dissemination of the Gospel and its messages and purposes.

The final point which Prof. Matthews emphasized was that Jesus had lived to express the unchanging mind of God. He wanted all His children in every race to turn to Him in love and obedience. "As we help forward that purpose we do the most practical thing

VETS APPLY TO UNIVERSITY

VANCOUVER, June 26 (C)—Hundreds of applications are being received by the University of B. C. from veterans receiving discharges, Dr. Gordon Shrum, head of the extension department, has announced. Most of the applications are from R.C. A.F. officers.

to lay the foundation of world peace," he asserted.

Tonight Prof. Matthews' subject, "The Chinese Church Can Take It," will give concrete examples of how the Christians of China have stood up to the persecutions and torment of war. On Wednesday night he will tell how the Indian Christian community is developing leadership for a fine new, free and self-governing India.

Thursday afternoon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church there will be a united women's meeting when the subject of Prof. Matthews will be "What Jesus Offers to the Womanhood of Asia."

Young people and servicemen will be brought together in mass assembly at the Y.M.C.A. auditorium Friday night when the subject will be "How Can I Help to Shape the Future?" Other speaking engagements of Prof. Matthews while here include:

Gyro Club, Wednesday, luncheon—"Who Are the Real Foes of a Free, United India?" Rotary Club, Thursday, luncheon—"The Future of Southeast Asia."

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Galled cystine, the food, is manufactured at the Ashe Laboratories in London and C. R. G. Young, the director, said it comes from the sweepings from barber shops. It has been used in food sent to the starving people of Europe and the French government is producing it to give to returning French prisoners of war.

"Although any hair will do, we prefer women's hair as there is less cleaning to be done than for the men's hair from barbers' sweepings," Young said.

A research chemist, F. B. Barmoy, said the main use of cystine will probably be in medicines. It also is used as a pre-digested food injected into the blood stream.

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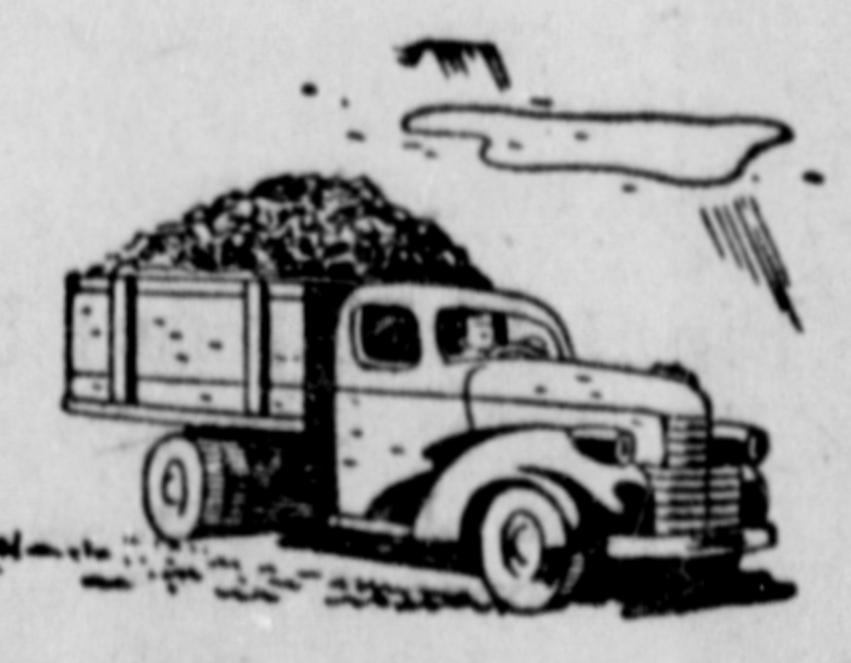
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