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Great Britain's Election Moves Into Stretch

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Last Minute Manoeuvres Anticipated

Labor Favored by Majority of Observers
LONDON — (CP) — Great Britain's general election moves into the stretch drive today.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said that his Labor regime was discussing steps with the United States to get economic assistance when the Marshall Plan ends in 1952. Meanwhile, both parties are bracing themselves against last-minute manoeuvres aimed at swaying the crucial on-the-fence voters between now and Thursday. This is regarded as particularly important since all political observers are agreed that the outcome will be close, that neither Labor or Conservatives will get a clear majority and that Liberals and others may have the balance of power. In fact, one popular opinion is that there will be such a situation after the election that either a coalition of some kind will be formed or another election held at an early date.

However, ten of twenty political experts in Britain forecast a Labor victory in Thursday's contest. Six see a Conservative win and four say the race is so close they will not hazard a guess. All foresee a narrow margin for whoever wins. Bookmakers odds still favor Labor. Door-to-door canvassing and speech-making has been stepped up throughout the country by the candidates seeking 625 Parliamentary seats.

Seamen Stage Bloody Battle

NEW YORK — A band of men armed with knives, clubs and at least one gun, started a bloody battle and broke up a meeting of "rank and file" of C.I.O. merchant seamen here. Constables said that 30 to 35 men battered their way into a hall where 200 members of the National Maritime Union were meeting. Four were taken to hospital. Five were held for questioning.

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Search Keeps On— Five Airmen Still Sought

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Search for five members of the crew of the United States Army B-36 which was ditched in the darkness early last Tuesday morning as it took fire while on a flight from Alaska to Texas, turned today to tiny Ashdown Island at the joining of Whale Channel, Squally Channel and Campania Sound off the West Coast of Princess Royal Island after three of the survivors of the crashed bomber had arrived back last night from Fort Worth to help seek their still missing comrades.

Members of the original seventeen-man crew, these three had said that their companions might have landed on Ashdown rather than Princess Royal Island to which the other twelve had safely parachuted.

The Royal Canadian Air Force said that Capt. Harold Barry, pilot; Lt. Paul Gerhart, and Lt. Martin Stephens will remain on the coast to study photos of the area and pinpoint spots where they jumped and where their comrades may have landed. They will tell the order of jump, time interval etc., for computation.

Meanwhile 300 searchers are continuing an inch-by-inch search of Princess Royal Island. A low-flying plane with a loud speaker has been going over assuring any survivors who may be left alive that the search is being continued and not to give up hope.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Cloudy and mild weather was being reported from most of the province this morning. More rain is on its way for the coast tonight and tomorrow in the form of a storm now well out over the Pacific and due to reach the coast line early tomorrow. The storm will bring extensive cloudiness and some light snow to the interior tomorrow. Temperatures will remain mild in all regions tonight.

Forecast

North Coast Region—Cloudy with scattered showers of mixed snow and rain today. Overcast with intermittent rain tonight and tomorrow. A little milder. Light winds today, increasing to southeast gales (45 mph) Tuesday morning. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Port Hardy, Sandisot and Prince Rupert—35 and 42.

HOCKEY SCORES

Victoria 1, Fresno 3.
Los Angeles 2, San Francisco 6.
Vancouver 3, Tacoma 7.
Portland 3, New Westminster 3.

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Sentence Tomorrow

Robert Vogeler, Confessed American Spy, To Learn Fate
BUDAPEST — The Hungarian prosecutor, Gyula Alapi, today asked for "most severe punishment" for the American businessman, Robert A. Vogeler, and six co-defendants on trial for spying and sabotage. But he did not actually ask for the severest penalty—death. Sentence is to be passed tomorrow.

Alapi told the People's Court that Vogeler, 33-year old assistant vice-president of the International Telephone and Telegraph Co., is "a spy who lost and is unrepentant."

Vogeler confessed to the charges and said that the confession was without pressure. He is reported to have said that he was well treated while in custody and in court.

Main Break Drops Water

Break of a main on the waterfront near the dry dock during the week-end caused a six foot loss in the water level in Acropolis Hill reservoir. Before the break the level, gaining at the rate of a foot daily since the recent milder weather, had been up to 11 1/2 feet of the normal 12 feet level. Following the stopping of the break, the gain was resumed again today.

BEST CANADIAN TENNIS PLAYERS

MONTREAL — Henri Rochon of Montreal was named top male player by the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association today. Lorne Main of Vancouver is second. Jim Macken of Montreal third and Walt Stohlberg of Vancouver fourth.

INSURANCE FUND FOR PUBLIC WORKS

OTTAWA — Parliamentary action to open Canada's largest treasure board—the six billion Unemployment Insurance Fund—to finance public works is now being considered. Before the fund could be touched, the consent of contributing employers would be required.

Father of Norman Baker Passes Away

Father of Norman Baker, proprietor of the Civic Centre dining room and a visitor in Prince Rupert last year when he made many friends, Percy Jack Baker passed away last night in Salt Lake City. Deceased was born at Stoke-on-Trent, England, in 1889 and is survived by four sons, the oldest being Mr. Baker of this city and three others being resident in the United States.

Sitka Publishes Daily Newspaper

SITKA — The first daily newspaper in the history of the one time Russian capital of Alaska, is now publishing. It is the Sentinel and will appear five days every week.

General Power Situation Good

The power situation in general is believed to be gradually improving. T. B. Black, Northern B. C. Power general manager, stated this morning. No official word from Falls River had been received by Mr. Black over the week-end and he could not make a definite statement concerning the situation there.



A PHOTOGRAPHER IN THE ROYAL FAMILY—The Marquis of Milford Haven turns photographer to snap his fiancée, Mrs. Romaine Simpson, in the drawing room of the train taking them to Washington, D.C., where they will be married February 4. The Marquis is a cousin of King George VI.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

Vancouver	
Bayonne	03 1/2
Bralorne	9.35
B. R. Con	02 1/2
B. R. X.	06
Cariboo Quartz	1.25
Congress New	20
Hedley Mascot	25
Pacific Eastern	05
Pend Oreille	5.40
Pioneer	3.45
Premier Border	03 1/2
Privateer	14
Sheep Creek	1.13
Sibak Premier	33
Taku River	12 1/2
Vananda	11
Salmon Gold	06 1/2
Spud Valley	04

BRITISH COLUMBIA AIRMAN IS KILLED

OTTAWA — Lt. Leslie Fry Peever, age 25, of Lynn Valley, British Columbia, was killed Saturday when a Firefly fighter plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean during exercises off Charleston on the east coast of South Carolina. He had taken off from the aircraft carrier Magnificent. A companion was saved.

Toronto Is Moving Up

Won From League Leading Detroit Saturday But Lost To Rangers Last Night
NEW YORK — After climbing to within three games of the league leadership by defeating the pace-making Detroit Red Wings in a hard-smashing high-slicing game at the Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto Saturday night, the Maple Leafs went to New York last night and lost 2 to 1 to the Rangers. It was Toronto's first win over Detroit on Toronto ice this winter.

Burial Held At Cedarvale

Final Rites Here And At Interior Village for Mrs. Edith Thompson
The little cemetery at Cedarvale, in which interior community deceased had for so many years made her home, was the scene of the burial on Saturday afternoon of Mrs. Edith Thompson, who passed away in Prince Rupert last Wednesday. Many friends joined with the family in the last rites. Owing to snow and ice conditions, it was impossible to hold a service in the Cedarvale Church so the obsequies were confined to the graveside. Rev. P. H. Mallett, United Church pastor at Terrace, officiated. The hymn was "Lead Me, O My Saviour, Lead". Old friends of the family acted as pallbearers.

Was As Good As Legal Marriage

CAMBRIDGE, Eng. — Justice Gordon Stable summing up a case here in which it appeared that a woman witness was known by the name of a man to whom she was not married, remarked: "The fact that the defendant and the witness have not been married has nothing to do with this case. Their association seems to have stood up as well as, if not better than a good many legal marriages."

Native Child Dies Suddenly

A seven month old native daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Johnson of Aiyansh died suddenly at 10 p. m. Friday. Dora Maged suffered cramping sniffs followed by convulsions shortly before she died although she had not previously been reported sick. M. M. Stephens, coroner, was notified of the child's death by Mrs. S. Kinley, field matron at Aiyansh. Mr. Stephens stated this morning that further information from Mrs. Kinley is being awaited which will decide whether an inquest will be held.



ERNEST BEVIN, Britain's foreign minister, and LUIGI EINAUDI, Italy's president, at a dinner given in Italy's honor at the Villa Madama, which was attended by members of the Italian cabinet. During his visit to Italy, Bevin visited with Italy's president, Luigi Einaudi, and Pope Pius XII, at Vatican City.

Final Phase Of National

Exercise Of National Force To See Invasion
K RIVER, Yukon — (CP) — Exercise of Canadians and Americans had driven the border today on the way to resist an Alaska by "enemy" (American) forces. News of all today was—that the weather after seven days of temperatures in the 40s below, had turned upward to the final phases of the exercise.

Flash

ON HONG KONG BORDER
HONG KONG — Informed foreign sources said today that Chinese Communists have massed more than 25,000 troops on the Hong Kong-China border during the last three days. They said that 41st and 42nd Communist armies, under Generals Wu Yuan-Mau and Sung Chi-Hung, are being concentrated less than five miles from the border.

ANTI-COMMUNIST REVOLT

TAPEI, Formosa — The Nationalist defence ministry announced today that 100,000 farmers had revolted in the Tungting Lake region of Hunan Province, killing many Communists. The ministry said the revolt had been marked by excessive requisitioning of rice by Chinese Communists. The revolt occurred in the main rice-growing district of China.

MINERS STAY OUT

NEW YORK — Although the most of the coal miners refused to return to work today in response to John L. Lewis' latest order, a federal judge today extended the stop strike order until March 3 in the hope that a settlement may yet be reached. New York was a dull place last night as "The Great White Way" went black with the strict curfew of all street lighting owing to increasingly critical coal shortage.

STEAMER FLAME-SWEET

COPENHAGEN — Flames swept the little Danish steamship Kronprinz Olav in force covered Kattegat Strait early today, driving 108 passengers into lifeboats for safety. All passengers, travelling from Oslo to Copenhagen aboard the 3,038-ton vessel, were picked up a short time later by the Swedish-American liner Stockholm. Only a few were injured in abandoning ship. While the passengers were ordered off, most of the ship's crew of fifty remained aboard to fight the blaze which several hours later was reported to be under control.

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