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Politics First

ALL POLITICAL PARTIES in Britain are now looking to their election machinery. The keenness of their scrutiny has been sharpened by the debate on devaluation. The result was much as might have been expected, with the opposition parties mustering as large a vote as there has been in this Parliament against the government.

In calmer quarters than Westminster has been these last few days, the question is being asked why, at a time of considerable national emergency, disputations party politics should be allowed to arise instead of a closing of the ranks to meet the emergency. The answer is that the classic progress of government in Britain is at work, as it must be more patiently than ever in the few months before the general election, and that the parties are doing their duty by their country, as they are entitled to see their duty, in holding themselves out as better able to run the country than are their opponents.

The spectacle may not edify the philosophic eye. But philosophy is at discount when a general election is in the offing. And Members of Parliament, whose holiday has been interrupted to debate the state and prospects of the nation after devaluation, are more concerned, looking back at the debate with the electioneering material it provided, and with the significance to be drawn from the flashing and bitter Parliamentary duel between Church and Aneurin Bevan than with the more direct economic lessons for the country's future to be drawn from it.

A sober observer of the British political scene might say that, however long this Parliament may drag on, it is now plain that its useful work is virtually ended, and that the date of the election is the question in which members are now mainly interested.

The decision is entirely a personal one for Prime Minister Attlee. He may take the views of his colleagues in the Socialist Party—not of the Cabinet as such—but must make the decision himself. And there is no knowing what he may judge it best to do. Clearly, there are various opinions in the Socialist Party as to the best time to choose. The weekly journal "Tribune" which is often said to reflect the views of Aneurin Bevan—his wife is on the editorial board—is urging "let us have the election now." And similarities of sentiment have been remarked between the article in which that is argued, and the highly charged speech that Bevan made in the House in the devaluation debate—without once mentioning the word devaluation.

The Conservatives and Liberals, since they have not to choose when to have the election, could be free to say when they would like to have it, but they do not say so for fear of giving hints to the Socialists about their own ideas of their own preparedness for battle. For the Conservatives, something may emerge from their party conference which is to be held in London on October 12—a date which the other parties have carefully noted. Election issues are beginning to take shape.



LOVE FINDS A WAY—When immigration regulations of United States and Canada prevented two Czech displaced persons who fell in love several years ago from meeting either in Canada or the United States, they solved the problem by meeting on the Maid of the Mist, excursion vessel plying the waters of the Niagara River below the falls. Kitty Kleiner left Czechoslovakia several years ago to go to the United States to study psychology. Her visa expired and she intends to become a U.S. citizen. Until she does, if she comes to Canada she may not be able to return to the U.S. Dennis Chruslansky came to Canada but until he becomes a Canadian he can't leave the country. Here the couple are shown at the wheel of the river vessel in which they arranged to meet. Capt. C. A. Koeh is at left. (CP Photo.)

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Women of the Moose met Wednesday night in the Moose Temple with senior regent, Mrs. Harold Simpson in the chair. There was a good attendance. Christmas gifts for the children of Moosehead will be brought to the next meeting.

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WHAT CAUSES RHEUMATISM?

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