5 PER CENT LITERATE

Indian Congress Party Seek Women Candidates

NEW DELHI (Reuters)— India's dominant Congress party has decided to put up women candidates for 15 per cent of the seats in the general election which gets under way Feb. 24.

In a bid to introduce fresh blood into the Congress ranks and to encourage wives and mothers to play their part outside the home in the social and economic development of the country, the party's leaders are seeking 500 women to run for election to the central and state legislatures.

Other parties, too, are putting up more women candidates than ever before.

BIG VOTING BLOC

Indian politicians have good reason to pin their faith on women. There are nearly 100,000,000 women on the electoral rolls. At the last election, they turned out to vote in large numbers.

There now are about 30 women in India's upper and lower houses of Parliament, and another 100 in the state legislatures.

The search for women candidates in a country where barely five per cent of the women are literate is a difficult task.

U. N. Dhebar, president of the Congress party, has laid down three main requirements for women applicants. "Integrity is the first qualification," he said. "Second, a woman candidate should possess some record of social service. And finally, she must fulfil as far as possible certain educational qualifications."

HOLD HIGH POSTS

In spite of the low literacy rate, women are coming to the fore in India. There is a woman minister of health in the central government, and there are several women ministers in the states.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru has a woman as his parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs. A woman also has recently been appointed deputy commissioner for Simla, the first woman to hold such an administrative post. Several villages have women as "headmen."

Education and social emancipation of women in India are only in the early stages. But, during the last three years the government has put through a number of reforms of the Hindu law giving women equal rights of succession with men and enabling women to divorce their husbands.

Women's education also is receiving attention under the second five-year plan which started this year. The government has ear-marked $8,400,000 to train women teachers and open more girls' schools. There are more than 8,000,000 girls now being educated.

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Many Leave UK

LONDON (Reuters) — Four times as many Britons wished to emigrate to Canada last November and December than in those two months in 1955. Chuthbert Alport, undersecretary for Commonwealth relations, said Thursday. In 1956 there were 16,000 and 15,600 applications in the two months compared with 4,150 and 3,300 in 1955.

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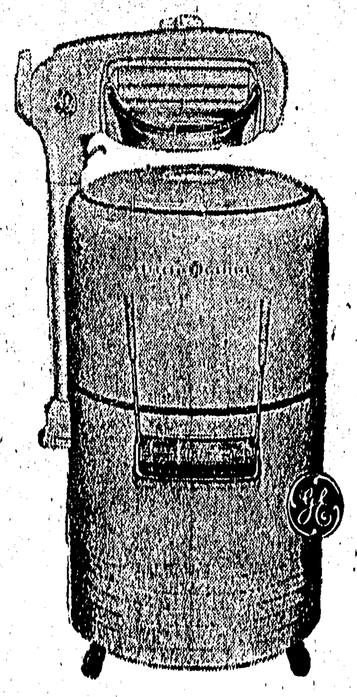

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Britons Buy Tiny Cars To Save Gas

By STERLING SLAPPEY

LONDON (AP) — Britons are convinced that everything that goes up may not come down in cost of gasoline for example.

That is the basic reason thousands are buying motor cars which get 44 to 100 miles on an imperial gallon of gasoline.

Gasoline rationing struck Britain Dec. 17 as the aftermath of the Suez Canal's blocking. With shortages, the price and tax per gallon went up. Part of the tax may come off when the canal is cleared, but few people expect prices to drop back to the 62-cent range of pre-Suez days.

As prices increased, so did sales of such baby cars imported from the continent as the Citroen 2 CV, Fiat 600, Goggomobile, Lloyd, Isetta, Janus, Heinkel, and Messerschmitt. Interest also has been increasing in Britain's own small cars—the Ford Anglia, Prefect and Squire, the small Austin, Standard and Morris Minor.

GOOD MILEAGE

A "baby car" usually seats three. A "small" car seats four to six, has four wheels, a four-cylinder engine and gets 44 to 50 miles to each imperial gallon. British dealers sell about 800 Heinkel Cabin Cruisers a month.

"The only reason we don't sell more," said a London agent, "is the shortage of shipping space from Germany where they are made."

A three-or four-wheeler, the Cruiser will carry two adults and two children 100 miles on each imperial gallon. It costs $1,144 in Britain.

The British-made Austin A39 "small" car is in heavy demand. It cost $1,514 and gets 40 to 50 miles on an imperial gallon.

Two Fords growing in popularity are the Prefect and Anglia. Their 44 miles-a-gallon capabilities are their top selling attractions.

THIS TRANSPORT department vessel No. 54 is tied up at a caisson wharf in lower Hudson Bay after being used for work on the Mid-Canada Line construction in the area. Navigation was kept open later than usual in Hudson Bay this year by use of ice-breakers. The DOT 54 is a converted LCT, (landing craft tanks) one of two LCT's used in work on the Mid-Canada Line construction job. (CP Photo)

Icy-Breaker Helps Extend Season For Supplying Arctic DEW-Line Posts

OTTAWA (CP)—The ice-breaker N. B. McLean steamed into the Gulf of St. Lawrence late last November, towing a crippled freighter, the Arctic Prowler.

The ice-breaker had led the Halifax-based freighter 1,900 miles out of ice-clogged Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait—towing it the last 1,400 miles after it developed engine trouble.

When the McLean docked at its home port, Quebec, it had finished a five-month tour of duty in Arctic waters, covering 13,000 miles, maintaining navigation for ships like the Arctic Prowler on important military work.

The Prowler was one of 49 commercial vessels supplying strategic materials to the men building DEW (Distant Early Warning) and the Mid-Canada radar lines, the warning networks sponsored by the Canadian and United States governments.

NEW TRAFFIC PEAK

Details of the operation which boosted shipping traffic in Hudson Bay to a record high in 1956 have just become known with the lifting of federal government security restrictions.

The McLean, together with its sisters of the department of transport's marine services, the Saurel and d'Iberville, helped extend the Arctic shipping season six weeks past the official closing date, Oct. 15, when commercial insurance ceased on the route to and from Churchill, Man.

More than 45,000 tons of vital cargo was landed from the commercial supply vessels and two large government ships during the operation. Forty smaller landing craft were used for the ship-to-shore transfer.

When storm-whipped waters made it impossible for days at a time for landing craft to get close to the supply ships, helicopters aboard the d'Iberville and the department's general supply ship, the C. D. Howe, carried the load.

Earlier in the season the government ship Edward Cornwallis placed special aids to navigation in the bay to guide the supply flotilla, including anchor buoys, channel markers and radar reflectors.

Besides regular ice patrol, the government vessels carried out special duties such as the McLean's rescue of the Arctic Prowler and supply trips to isolated settlements in the far north.

Several ships were involved in "Operation Nors '56," carrying annual supplies to joint Canadian - United States Arctic weather stations at Eureka and Resolute Bay in the Queen Elizabeth Islands.

The supply ship Howe also landed about 1,000 tons at 30 settlements during her Eastern Arctic patrol.

Captain Wilfred Dufour of the N. B. McLean reported after his return trip with the Arctic Prowler in tow that ice formed earlier in the Hudson Strait this winter than last.

Floes measuring up to 18 inches thick were floating into the passage as the last vessel was being escorted out. Captain Dufour reported seeing five Polar bears riding into the strait aboard a large ice pan.

Guy Mollet Government Near Record For Post-War France

PARIS (Reuters)—The government of Socialist Premier Guy Mollet is one year old today—almost a record for post-war France.

It was Feb. 1, 1956, that Mollet was voted into the premiership by the National Assembly, by a vote of 420 to 71.

The anniversary is noteworthy because it commemorates a year of unusual stability in the government of France. Only one of the 21 other post-liberation governments has lasted more than 12 months. That was a government headed by Henri Queuille which lasted one year and 25 days up to Oct. 6, 1949.

If Mollet's cabinet lasts until the end of February, he will have established the post-war longevity record. Political experts here agree he is practically certain to do it.

WANTS UNITED EUROPE

Mollet stands for fidelity to the Atlantic Pact. He has no strong feelings about the United Nations, but attaches great weight to America's attitude in international affairs. He is a staunch believer in Anglo-French co-operation.

He is one of the strongest partisans of a united Europe, and is determined to get the common market and Euratom atomic pool treaties completed within the next two months if he can remain in office that long. The political odds are that he may just do it.

Mollet, 51, is about as like the popular idea of a typical Frenchman as a mountaineer's boot is like a dancing shoe. Nothing about him suggests the Latin type. He is a fair-haired, blue-eyed Norman born in Flers, Normandy.

He has a northern rather than a Mediterranean temperament. He is a powerful debater but speaks practically without gestures of any kind. His tone is usually dry and matter-of-fact.

Geologist Off To Investigate Possible Volcano

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Dr. David Baird, provincial government geologist left here Thursday for the village of Francois on the south coast to investigate what might be a volcano.

Steam began pouring from a hilltop there last weekend, and residents reported heat waves swept down from the hill. They wired Fisheries Minister J. T. Cheeseman to ask for an explanation.

Dr. Baird was sent to Francois on Mr. Cheeseman's request. Earth tremors on the east coast were reported about the time the hill began misbehaving.

HISTORIC CHURCH

HALIFAX (CP)—St. Matthew's United Church here marked its 207th anniversary. The original church stood on a plot of land granted in 1749, now occupied by a trust company, and the present church dates from 1859.

DIGNIFIED SWANS in Stanley Park at Vancouver have their swimming area restricted since part of their pond froze. The fountain still flows but cold weather freezes part of the spray as it falls. The prolonged cold wave in British Columbia caused the layoff of nearly 4,000 workers in the province's lumber industry. (CP Photo).

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Correct Timing Difference In Making Contract

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The club suit arrangement in this hand comes along quite frequently—four to the ace-10 opposite four to the jack.

Mr. Dale led the jack of hearts against the three no trump contract and Mr. Abel won with the king in dummy. He saw that he had two quick winners in spades, three in hearts and two in diamonds—a total of seven outside the club suit. He needed to develop two tricks in clubs . . . How would you go about it?

Not like Mr. Abel did, I hope. He led a small club from dummy at trick two and finessed the 10 spot. This lost to the lone king and now, since Mr. Masters still held Q 9 8 over dummy's jack, there was no chance to win more than one club.

The correct play in this situation is to cash the ace first and then to lead a small card toward the jack. Of course you have to be able to "afford" the safety play by saving sufficient stoppers in the other suits as Mr. Abel did in this deal.

Using the play suggested, the ace would have picked up the king and the jack would have lost on the next trick to Mr. Masters' queen. However, this would have set up Mr. Abel's 10 as a winner and he would have made his contract.

The lay pou ldwabey.

The play would have been just as successful if the defenders' club holdings had been reversed.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
Mr. Champion
♠ A 8 4 2
♥ K 8 2
♦ A 6
♣ J 6 5 2

WEST
Mr. Dale
♠ J 9 3
♥ J 10 9 4 3
♦ Q J 7 5
♣ K

EAST
Mr. Masters
♠ Q 10 7 5
♥ 6 5
♦ 9 8 4
♣ Q 9 8 7

SOUTH
Mr. Abel
♠ K 6
♥ A Q 7
♦ K 10 3 2
♣ A 10 4 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

In that case Mr. Masters would have had the lone king and it would have fallen under the ace. A following lead toward dummy's jack would have made sure of one more winner.

When one defender has a low singleton and the other has four cards including king and queen, the ace first is still the right play.

You will simply win the first and fourth tricks in the suit instead of the first and third.

In fact, you can take two club tricks by this play against all five clubs in either opponent's hand. Try it.

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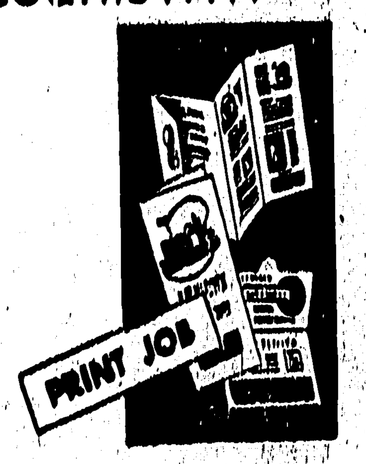

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