

### Second Round Of Local UK Elections This Week

(By Fraser Wighton)

LONDON, May 4 (Reuters)—Conservative and Labor voters were out in force last week whipping up supporters for the second round of the local election battle throughout the country this week.

The Labor Party, bolstered by huge successes in the first-round election of county councils, expects to make more gains in this week's municipal polls. The Conservatives are on the defensive, saying they hold so many seats already they can't expect to make gains.

The elections, May 5 to May 13, will involve a turnover of 20,000 seats on borough, district, rural and parish councils.

At present the anti-socialist—labelled Conservatives, Independents, Ratepayers' Association candidates and others—outnumber the Socialists by between three and four to one.

But the Conservatives know their position is exposed. They claim this is due to Socialist electioneering exploiting the country's dissatisfaction with Prime Minister Churchill's six-month-old government.

The Labor Party gained 409 seats in the county elections and now holds 12 of the 62 councils against a former eight. Chief Socialist victories included a record 55 majority on London's giant county council—where the main parties had been on level terms—and capture of the council in Lancashire, key textile area with a growing unemployment problem.

Local government has seen two political swings already since the end of the war. After the 1945 national election, the Socialists capped their return to power by capturing many of the municipal councils. But by 1950 the Conservatives had won them back.

### Commonwealth Sea Cadets Grouped For First Time

LONDON (CP)—For the first time Sea Cadets representing five Commonwealth countries, including Canada, will meet together in one camp next summer as guests of the British Navy League.

Invitations have already been extended to 80 boys who will come from Australia, New Zealand, Rhodesia and South Africa, as well as Canada.

The Cadets, due to arrive in July, will spend the first two weeks of their stay at H. M. S. Osprey, the Royal Navy's torpedo anti-submarine school at Portland in Southern Dorset. There they will live and work with 40 British Cadets during an extensive program of sea training.

"In the past Canadian boys have come here and our lads have gone to Canada," said H. T. Bishop, General Secretary of the Navy League. "Never before has it been possible to bring together boys of all the corps in the Commonwealth."

Bishop believes the experiment will help foster a sense of brotherhood among the youth of the Empire in their common love of the sea.

### Eisenhower Wins In Mass. Primary

BOSTON, May 4 (AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower scooped up 27 of 28 delegates to the Republican national convention in Tuesday's Massachusetts presidential preference primary, nearly complete returns showed Wednesday.

In record-shattering balloting, Eisenhower received more than 240,000 write-in votes on the Republican ticket—138,000 more than Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio—and was second only to Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee on the Democratic side. The "write-in" result does not bind convention delegates.

It was the General's biggest primary victory, and, in figures compiled by the Associated Press, moved him up to within two of Taft on the basis of delegates pledged, favorable or committed nationally to the two leading contenders for the Republican nomination.

The Associated Press delegate table gives Eisenhower 266 delegates and Taft 268. Taft supporters claim 305 for their man.

### A Bank's Opinion Of Federal Budget

MONTREAL, May 1—The recent Federal budget reflects both realism and frustration, as this month's Bank of Montreal Business Review sees it. While it placed squarely before both public and legislators some "home truths" about the cost of defence, welfare and administration and provided for meeting these costs wholly out of revenue, it offered little in the way of tax remission for the present and held out "very slim hopes of any significant easement" in the foreseeable future. The bank also emphasizes the steepness of corporate taxes and calls for a government lead to the public in the matter of savings.

Of the surplus recorded in the year just closed, the B of M analysis comments that, "had it been produced at a rather lower level of expenditure, and therefore of taxation, it would probably have met with general approval. Indeed, the Canadian government's avoidance of deficit financing since the end of the war has commanded widespread public support at home and no little admiration abroad. But the magnitude of the Federal budget and the high rates of taxation now needed to finance it naturally raise the question whether a substantial surplus, even achieved by accident, was not an overly expensive exercise in fiscal virtue."

**Inflationary**  
The B of M adds that, though a surplus may be defended as anti-inflationary, high taxation is itself an influence on the inflationary side of the ledger, being reflected in living costs and giving rise to compensatory pay increases. Further, mounting revenues provided for the taxpayer's expense, "may tend to dull the

edge of governmental economy." Remarking on the prediction of the Minister of Finance that, for 1952, the general price level will be, at most, two per cent higher than last year and may show virtually no change, the bank warns that it is not a "foregone conclusion." Inflationary and deflationary influences are now delicately balanced, but "there are a number of pressures which, in combination, could conceivably tip the scale on the inflationary side."

Again quoting from the budget speech, the review remarks on the significance of the Minister of Finance's frankly expressed concern that "conditions make it necessary to maintain in our tax structure rates as high as this on business profits... excessive rates of tax on corporate incomes, if long maintained, can do grave damage to the economy as a whole."

**More Government Saving**  
While agreeing with the Minister of Finance's statement that "the main problem of controlling total expenditure lies... in exercising restraint upon the constant demands for additional government services," the B of M emphasizes that demands for expanding such services "do not by any means originate entirely outside of legislative halls." More often than not, programs of expenditure are "presented" by the government to the public, with no great emphasis on the implications in terms of cost.

In addition, "while administrative costs may not seem much in relation to the over-all budget, they are large enough to demand continuing and careful control," the review maintains. "Nor should defence outlays, while imperative, be for that reason exempt from scrutiny to ensure value for money spent." A public enjoined to practise the virtues of saving and thrift has a right to be assured that the government itself is showing the way in this respect."



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Following the presentation of minutes, business arising out of same was discussed. The piano committee reported that a piano for the school had been purchased and the trustees were to be consulted about providing suitable place for same. The members decided to clean the school during the Easter holidays.

Two dollars was voted for Drama Festival membership fee and the government grant of three dollars and twenty cents was received. Collection amounted to \$1.00. Two quilts made by members were auctioned by the president, netting \$14.00.

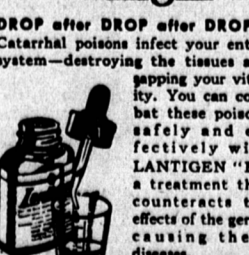
The members decided to invite a neighbouring district to put on a play and it was decided that the library executive hold a meeting in the near future. New committees were appointed as follows: School, Mrs. LePage; visiting, Miss Morrison and Mrs. J. L. LePage; entertainment, Mrs. Howard Christie and Mrs. C. D. Matheson; and refreshments, Mrs. Everett Haslam, Mrs. LePage, Mrs. Matheson and Mrs. MacGuigan.

The May meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Smith Jr., roll call to be answered by an old hat sale. Following adjournment, refreshments were served.

#### UNKNOWN REGION

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#### Two Pounds At Birth Tiny Baby Survives

MEDICINE HAT, Alta. (CP)—Baby Gary Anderson does not know it yet but he made medical history here.

Gary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Anderson of nearby Irvine, was born three months prematurely at the Medicine Hat General Hospital.

He weighed only two pounds at birth. Very few of these babies survive. He was the tiniest bit of humanity ever brought into this world alive at the hospital. "Just like a kitten" was how one nurse described the infant when he was born.

Gary spent 11 weeks in an incubator before his parents were allowed to take him home. He weighed six pounds, one ounce when he left the hospital. His parents give credit for his survival to Dr. W. G. Campbell and Mrs. C. Ross McKay, supervisor of the maternity ward. The survival of the baby is not only something of a record for Medicine Hat. Dr. Campbell is preparing the infant's case history for a medical journal as a future reference in similar cases.

#### FRENCH ISLE

The Island of Martinique in the West Indies, belonging to France, has an area of 382 square miles.

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