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EUROPE Sensational Rebuff for U.S.

GREECE'S HUGE LEFT SWING

Electoral Trick Backfires

THE Left-wing E.D.A., backed by the illegal Communist Party has more than doubled its strength in the Greek general election, to win second place and become the official opposition party.

In a sensational success it polled 926,299 votes (24.4 per cent) against 1,559,997 polled by the National Radical Union, led by former Premier K. Karamanlis. The Liberals have dropped to third place, polling 787,061, about 19 per cent. Fourth came the

Progressives of Mr. Markezinis with 404,050 votes and last, the Populists (Extreme Right Wing) with 112,380 votes.

By gaining second place E.D.A. will share with the National Radical Union the bonus of approximately 80-100 seats which the new electoral law offers to the two parties which secure the biggest number of votes.

This electoral law—called "re-inforced proportional representa-

tion" was manufactured a few days before the outgoing Parliament was dissolved, by the then two major parties—the Radicals of Mr. Karamanlis and the Liberals.

THEIR MISTAKE

Both these parties—which are the main instruments of American domination of Greece—were convinced that they would secure first and second place at last Sunday's election and thus get the 80-100 seats' bonus, at the expense of the other parties, especially of E.D.A.

The E.D.A. has 78 seats against 173 for the Radicals and 36 for the Liberals. E.D.A. had only 18 seats in the last Parliament.

The Radicals and the Liberals never expected that E.D.A., which at the 1952 election polled just over 10 per cent of the total, would increase its vote enough to have any chance to win the bonus seats. They were very mistaken.

The policy of national independence and neutrality, and support for the freedom of Cyprus, put forward by E.D.A., its uncompromising opposition to the establishment of U.S. nuclear bases on Greek soil, its demand for general amnesty, for the lifting of the ban on the outlawed Communist Party, and for a 50 per cent. increase of wages and pensions have clearly received a tremendous response.

BIGGEST VICTORY

That is why E.D.A. increased its vote from 180,000 (without the women voting) in 1952 to 926,000 (with the women voting) in this election.

This is the biggest-ever electoral victory gained by the Left in Greece.

E.D.A. now becomes the official Opposition and from this position will be able to fight even more vigorously for its progressive policies, and hope to win over in the not too distant future the majority of the Greek people.

HUNGARY: Soviet Intervention was Correct—Gomulka

THE Polish United Workers' Party leader, Mr. Gomulka, said in Budapest last week: "We regard as correct and necessary the decisions taken by the Soviet Union to give help to the forces of Socialism in Hungary."

"It was an international obligation on the part of the Soviet Union to act in the interests of the Hungarian people, peace and all Socialist States," he told a 4,000-strong meeting in an indoor sport stadium.

"It was an utterly tragic thing that there could have been misled people on the side of the counter-revolution, people who thought they were fighting for a good cause," he said. Mr. Gomulka yesterday ended his visit to Hungary.

WEST GERMANY Nazis Legal, Communists Banned

The old Nazi Party is legal again in Adenauer's West Germany.

The Bill for the repeal of occupation law which has now been put before the Bundestag for enactment incorporates a provision annulling the allied decision on the disbandment of the Hitler National-Socialist Party and all its organisations. The Bundestag has already examined the Bill and has not found "anything reprehensible" in it.

The Frankfurter Rundschau says: "The National Socialist Party with all its organisations, in contrast to the Communist Party of Germany, is now no longer under a ban."

"Thus, thirteen years after, the Nazis have again won a noticeable victory."

MIDDLE EAST

Arabs in Revolt Against U.S. Domination

THE upsurge of the liberation movement throughout the Middle East which has followed the adoption by Egypt of a policy of independence from imperialist domination was making things

difficult for the West throughout that area last week.

In Lebanon American-puppet premier Chamoun was fighting for survival against a people's resistance movement determined to get him out.

Further south Britain was in what Mr. Aneurin Bevan described in the House of Commons as "little less than a state of war" against the tiny Yemen. Yemen's crime was that it had displeased Britain by supporting the people of neighbouring Aden in their demand that Britain permit them to join the United Arab Republic.

Only in Iran did the West have cause for self-satisfaction.

There, in spite of world-wide protests, an army firing squad executed Khosrow Rouzbeh, one of the leaders of the illegal Tudeh (Communist) Party. Last month two other Tudeh leaders, sentenced by the same court-martial, were shot.

AMERICA The
Vote that Meant
3 Years

One vote in the nine-man U.S. Supreme Court has meant three years more in jail for American Communist leaders Henry Winston and Gil Green. By five votes to four the court confirmed the heavy sentence imposed upon them for "contempt of court" when they jumped their bail.

This three years was added to the five years they are already serving under the anti-communist law. They were convicted on indictments which, in subsequent appeals, the supreme court has held to be invalid, but these appeals have not assisted them for the point was not taken in their own case.

KENYA: Pritt may not be Available for Trial

It is not yet certain if Mr. D. N. Pritt, Q.C., who defended Jomo Kenyatta, will be able to appear for Tom Mboya and the other African leaders who are facing charges of incitement in Kenya.

Mr. Pritt is at present appearing for the Communist-led government of the Indian state of Kerala in the Indian Supreme Court against an appeal by the Kerala Catholic Church against the validity of the state Education law which is aimed at bringing schools under government control.

CHILE FOLLOWS ARGENTINE AND BRAZIL—Lifts Communist Ban

THE Chilean Chamber of Deputies has voted to revoke the regulations for the "Protection of Democracy," which have made the Communist Party illegal in that country since 1948.

It is expected that the Senate will take the same stand and the Communist Party will be legal once more.

This is the third progressive development of this kind in the Latin American scene in the past few weeks.

A week ago the Argentine Communist Party paper La Hora was permitted to publish and two weeks previously Luiz Carlos Prestes, leader of the Brazilian Communist Party, hunted by the police for ten years, came back into public life.

It is expected that the Brazilian Communist Party will be able to function legally again.

ASIA

... AND LAOS LOOKS LEFT TOO

The independent kingdom of Laos, established—together with Cambodia and North and South Viet-Nam—as an independent state when the French were driven from what was then Indo-China (see map), held its first national election last week.

The Neo Leo Haksat—some say that that is Laotian for Communist Party—won a landslide victory, with 12 out of 21 seats. It is led by Prince Souphanavong, probably the only prince in the world at the head of a left-wing party.

Until now, Laos, like Viet-Nam, has been divided into a northern and a southern sector, each with its own government. And just as in Viet-Nam there was a communist government in the north and an anti-communist government in the South.

Last November the leaders of the two sectors, amidst the rejoicing of the whole of Laos, agreed to form one single government. The 39 member parliament of the South was to be increased in size to 51, and the country's first national election would be for the extra twenty seats. (A by-election caused by the death of a southern member brought the tally to 21.)

With 8 supporters in the existing parliament to add to its 12 M.P.s, the Neo Lao Haksat is the biggest party. It has the support also of a number of independents and small groupings and is therefore almost certain to be the leading force in a new coalition government.





At the Alexandra Peri-Urban Areas offices long queues of men wait to take out permits.

Alexandra Bombshell: Permit System in Full Swing Tempers Snap in Long Queues

JOHANNESBURG.
ALEXANDRA Township, a freehold township for the last 41 years, has been hit like a bomb by the new permit system introduced by the Peri-Urban Health Board which recently took over the control of the township. Thousands of residents now live in fear that they will be thrown out of the township.

After a "warning" raid for permits by the police last week, hordes of people have been queuing for permits. The workers have been sending their wives to obtain permits for them.

Last Saturday, when most of the men were not at work, a throng of about two thousand people gathered at the Health Board offices from the early hours of the morning, to obtain permits, but it was clear that the four officials could not possibly cope with the queues.

PEOPLE FURIOUS

The people are furious. Tempers snapped at one stage and the crowd surged forward towards the officials. "We are being raided for permits

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but when we get here we get no permits," people were saying. Although many stood in the queue from 5 a.m. the offices were only opened at 8.45 a.m. At that rate it would take days before some people were served. More officials should be engaged to do the work, the people say.

Moreover many feared to part with their passes when they send other members of their families to get permits for them. They could at any time be arrested for not having their passes on them when they come to town.

The "screening" procedure is intended to exclude from the township all those not resident there before 1951. To prove the length of residence they have to produce rent receipts dating back to 1951 or the testimony of the landlord.

People falling in the above group are then given permits to reside in Alexandra as long as they are employed.

Those who came to the township after 1951 are given "R.E." (refused entry) endorsements, and they've got to go.

People given permanent residential permits are those complying with the provisions of the notorious Section 10 of the Urban Areas Act.

PROPERTY THREATENED

The landlords themselves are finding their position increasingly untenable.

If large numbers of tenants are to be removed from the township it stands to reason that many landlords will be unable to meet their obligations to the money-lenders to whom their properties are heavily bonded. Those thus affected are

SYMPATHY

The South African Coloured People's Organisation extends its deepest sympathy to the Ally family on the death of Mr. Ally last week-end.

bound to sell their properties to the Government. Once again African property rights will be undermined.

Many traders are not sure what their position is going to be. Already a man who has been trading in the township for six years has been told to go to the Native Commissioner at Sibasa where he was born. He does not know whether he is required to get his permit from there or he is being endorsed out of Alexandra Township.

"WORLD'S PEOPLES HAVE REJECTED WHITE SUPREMACY"

—J. N. SINGH

DURBAN.

"SOUTH Africans generally and students in particular should give a clear answer to the most burning issue of the day in international affairs—that of Peace. It is a practical and urgent problem and no matter where the suggestion for peace comes from it should not be dismissed as propaganda. Race arrogance and race division bear within them the seeds of a world conflagration as the majority of the countries and peoples of the world have rejected the theory of white supremacy," stated Mr. J. N. Singh, banned Vice-President of the Natal Indian Congress, when he addressed a multi-Racial students' meeting in Pietermaritzburg last week.

He was speaking at a symposium on "Africa in a Changing World," to mark the opening of the annual Natal Students' Conference.

Other speakers were Mr. Alan Paton, leader of the Liberal Party, and Mr. M. F. Prestwich, a lecturer in political science at the University of Natal.

Mr. Singh said that it was the desire of the Non-White peoples to take part in the governing of their country and that numerous conferences in the past had unani-

Bloemfontein Women Fight Passes

From Morrison Senatle

BLOEMFONTEIN.

BLOEMFONTEIN women do not only fight the issue of passes but are also fighting some of the location Advisory Board members, i.e. "blockmen."

Many of the blockmen called meetings in their respective blocks in order to inform the women when to go for their passes. The women were very disappointed to hear Blockman Letele, whom they considered their representative, say: "My wife is going to take a pass," and refuse to allow the women to say a word about the passes.

At other meetings the women decided upon a deputation of protest to the Native Commissioner.

MASS MEETING

The working body of the Advisory Board, the Central Board, turned down the proposal of a mass meeting in order to hear the views of the women after they had been acquainted with the position, and that blockmen should then go to the Native Commissioner with the women's views. The Board held that the duties of blockmen are to educate the women and convince both men and women that the passes are good. If not, we will fail in our duties as leaders of the people, said one of the blockmen.

The Bloemfontein community is showing dissatisfaction with the blockmen and feel that they do not represent the people. More than 500 women from all over the location attended a meeting on May 2 where Blockman Modise reported on a notice he received from the Commissioner. He was told to tell the Commissioner that the women would hold a mass demonstration to protest against passes. Three women went to the Native Commissioner and protested to him. He said: Passes are good and the women must be educated about how good the passes are.

The women replied: There is no good in passes. We have seen how passes trouble our fathers, husbands, brothers and sons.

PERSECUTION

On May 6 members of the Special Branch went to Mrs. Matsumi who is a member of the ANC and took her to their offices where she

was questioned and finally told to go home and report back with her marriage and birth certificates and the pass against which she had protested.

Even though it has been reported that 15,000 women have taken passes, very few location women have responded to the call: passes are good.

Malpractices Exposed In Port Elizabeth

PORT ELIZABETH.

HUNDREDS of women crowded the spacious premises of the Native Administration Offices at New Brighton last week. They told the Manager of Native Affairs that they were aware of the questionable methods which his staff were using to compel the women to take out passes.

The speakers reported that in a number of cases widows were pressed to take out permits as otherwise they might lose the privilege of living in a municipal house. Tenants' cards were withheld at the offices pending the taking out of permits, and location police threatened to throw them out of the houses if they did not take passes.

But the women have continued to pay rent while the tenants' cards, which they should have as the only official document to show that they have paid their rent, are still kept in the Administration offices.

In some cases, the speakers stated, the names of the children had been struck off the tenants' cards so that they could be arrested as illegal lodgers.

When the Manager denied that there were tenants' cards in which only the man's name appeared, some were produced on the spot. At this he rose to walk away, but the women insisted that he stay and discuss his administration with them. In some cases not even the name of the wife appeared on the card. The Manager blamed the sub-managers for these irregularities, and claimed that they had been committed without his knowledge.

But as the women pressed further questions and exposed a number of other bad practices the Manager could no longer find excuses.

He said he would see to it that the women carried passes as the Government desired. The women rose in protest and told him to expect the bitterest resistance.

Racing at Clairwood

Following are High Treason's selections for Saturday:

- 1st Race:** 1. Cargo Piano; 2. Master at Arms; 3. Tenon Wise.
2nd Race: Del Mar; 2. Astalla; 3. Aqua Fortis.
3rd Race: 1. Jazir (Nap); 2. Sun-sprite; 3. Tankers Son.
4th Race: 1. Most Secret; 2. Allay; 3. Royal Vintage.
5th Race: 1. Mark Sullivan; 2. Black Rover; 3. Stan.
6th Race, Clairwood Anniversary: 1. Elector; 2. Response; 3. Mimosa.
8th Race: 1. New Dawn; 2. Great Pride or Hamelin; 3. Colditz.
9th Race: 1. Exaggerate (Nap); 2. Farizad or Judex; 3. Golden Vandal.

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