

PLAN FOR 7 MORE DIVISIONS

Extra Battalion More

THE War Office is now considering final plans which, if approved by the Cabinet, will restore a second Regular battalion to each infantry line regiment.

The plans carried fully into effect will result in 64 more infantry battalions, or the equivalent of seven divisions, within the next two years. All infantry regiments were reduced in the spring of 1948 to a one-battalion basis under Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery's scheme of Army reorganisation.

Urgent Need

That scheme also did away with the old regimental depot system and in return divided Britain into areas in which all recruits joined an Army Basic Training Unit and were liable to be drafted into any regiment which belonged to their area. The scheme had many critics at the time.

At the beginning of last year, the urgent need to expand the Regular Army in Germany caused the abandonment of the Basic Training Unit, and the Regular battalions who were employed on such duties were reassembled into fighting divisions. The depot system was also reinstated.

County Pride

Now with figures for Regular recruitment considerably up on those of two years ago, and with a two-year period of service for National Servicemen, almost every Regular infantry battalion is up to or over strength.

At the moment, surplus recruits for any one regiment are being drafted from its depot to a battalion of another regiment in its group which may be under strength.

This is hated by the men concerned and before long all Regular battalions will have more than their full complement.

The revival of a second battalion, the War Office is convinced, would not only absorb this surplus, but be an incentive to county recruiting and regimental tradition as well as slowly building up fresh operational divisions.

—L.E.S.

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Labour Weathers Crises

BY ALLAN HARVEY

LONDON, May. Britain's next general election has been so long anticipated and so long delayed that political comment is beginning to lose some of its bite.

There is no longer any novelty in the spectacle of a Labour Government clinging to power by a few parliamentary votes. Commentators who once cried "election" at each recurring Cabinet crisis, only to see Labour ride safely through the storm, now wonder whether the Government has a spare life.

The split in Labour ranks caused by resignation of Labour Minister Aneurin Bevan and two of his colleagues has produced a situation in which 50 or 60 of the 300-odd Labour members in Parliament oppose some of the Government's chief policies. Not all of these support Bevan, who resigned largely on a platform of "fair shares in re-armament," but all are critical of the Government on various grounds.

Thus they are sometimes in a difficult position. They are determined to keep the Conservatives out, so they must vote for the Government even when they have just said they don't like its policy. There are two main views on the current controversy. One theory is that conflict and differences of opinion are the life-blood of Socialism and that the party will emerge from its ordeal refreshed and strengthened. The other is that the party has run out of new ideas and is slowly breaking into fragments.

"Bevanism" Puzzle

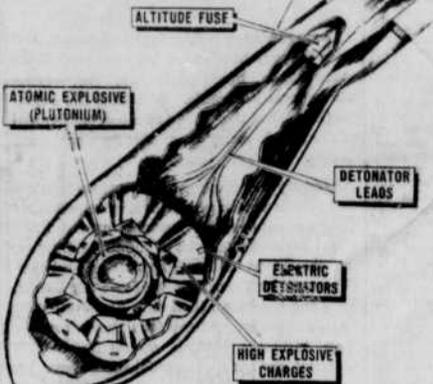
A. J. Cummings, veteran Liberal critic, says it is painfully obvious that unless the party breach is closed the Labour movement in Britain will be in danger of disintegration. Most independent commentators consider the underlying reason for the present weakness is Labour's inability, conditioned by its history, to look upon re-armament as something that must have priority in a world dominated by an "armed idea."

Opinions differ as to the extent to which "Bevanism" has been swallowed by the rank and file. Some observers think his adherents form a section more notable for noise than numbers, but the anti-Labour Daily Express says Bevan commands an army "which grows daily in strength."

Bevan himself continues to get a bad press. The Conservative Daily Telegraph notes that he bitterly attacked the Government in his resignation speech while he now tells his audiences he has "no word of reproach" against his former colleagues.

The Conservative Yorkshire Post attacks Bevan for allegedly trying to make it appear his resignation had the effect of obtaining a bigger subsidy allocation from the United States. If so, said the Post, it would like to see the minister responsible for meat production try the same trick.—(C.P.)

IT EXPLODES IN THE AIR — AND THIS IS HOW



THIS is a reconstruction of the Mark II. atom bomb, compiled from the evidence of spy David Greenglass. When the bomb falls to within 2,000 ft. of the ground, the fuse fires the detonators which set off its shaped charge of high explosive. The blast from these is concentrated inward, compressing the sphere of plutonium—the atomic explosive—into a solid ball. The atoms in the compressed plutonium then split automatically, setting free energy as overwhelming heat.

London Express Service

Churches Develop Friendship Links Among Doukhobors

NELSON, British Columbia, May. Strange, haunting Russian music has been drifting through the valleys of the West Kootenays in the interior of British Columbia. It is part of a link of friendship and understanding that various groups are trying to forge between the Doukhobors and other Canadians.

The Doukhobors emigrated to Canada in 1895 from Russia to escape persecution there. Early history of the sect is obscure, but it got its name in 1875, the word "Doukhobor" meaning "spirit-wrestlers." They recognized only the authority of the spirit, "dwelling within each man."

In recent years a radical branch of the sect, known as the Sons of Freedom, clashed with the orthodox Doukhobors on many occasions, with some rioting and burning of school property. Many served sentences in Canadian jails.

John Verigin, leader of the 10,000 orthodox Doukhobors, said they had been misunderstood when they declined to swear allegiance to the King. He said this was not intended as a mark of disrespect, because the Doukhobors admired the King and what he stood for. But they could swear allegiance only to God.

At one meeting held in Trail, B.C., Verigin told of the sect's history. In Canada, friction had increased, and some Doukhobors had turned to violence, he said. The orthodox Doukhobors had suffered as much, if not more, than anyone because of this violence. They had also suffered the accusations of their fellow-Canadians who attributed the riots and burnings to all Doukhobors instead of to the Radical wing.

Stress Co-Operation

Very Rev. T. L. Leadbetter, the Anglican Dean of Kootenay, said the Doukhobors and other Canadians had been drawn apart by negative attitudes. The "pride and arrogance" of Canadians of Anglo-Saxon origin had resulted in peoples of other extractions taking a back seat and adopting the attitude "we will stay out of the community."

At another service at Nelson, B.C., Emmett Gully of the American Friends' (Quakers) Service Committee said that when he arrived in the district several months before, he had found "a wall of misunderstanding" between the Doukhobors and other Canadians.

But these new meetings had done a great deal to break down this wall. "We think of problems to be solved on the other side of the world, when actually it is right at home that friendship is most needed," he added.

The service at Trail was typical. There the Doukhobors sang their native Russian hymns and folk songs. Later they sang English hymns. The women wore their traditional white costumes.—(C.P.)

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Samson Wastes Away

LONDON. A "modern Samson" who usually eats four pounds of meat in one sitting, said today he is wasting away on Britain's skimpy rations. In Israel, strong-man Samson Konechuk said, he is officially allowed rations for four people.

He told International News Service his "main meal at home usually consists of five bowls of soup, four pounds of meat, eight pounds of bread, two quarts of milk and "quite a few" vegetables. He said he usually tops this off with 12 or 15 apples.

In England — where Samson is demonstrating his feats of strength to raise funds for the Zion Orphanage of Jerusalem — the 300-lb. giant is allowed only the 10-cent a week meat ration.

To supplement this, Samson has "snacks" of two or three whole roast chickens, sold off the ration.

Afraid of Mice

Samson's favourite stunt is to bend a 300-lb. bar of iron across his head with five people hanging on each end of the bar.

He can also twist a 72 inches long iron bar, 15 inches thick, into a spring, and says four horses cannot pull him off a two-foot square space.

Samson—billed as the "strongest man in the world"—will visit the United States after his British tour. His manager Joseph Baharav, said he might make a picture in Hollywood.

Long-haired Samson said he had no "delish" trouble. "I am not married," he explained, "and all my women friends like my long hair."

Samson, 42, was born in Poland. He stands 6 feet 4 inches in his Biblical robes and measures five feet around the chest.

During the war he was imprisoned by the Nazis. He went to Israel five years ago.

The twentieth century Samson admitted to one weakness. He said he is "scared to death" of mice. —I.N.S.

TO STUDY JET AIRCRAFT METHODS

WEISBADEN, May 17. Eighteen allied observers from nine European air forces will leave here by air for Korea tomorrow to study the latest methods of using jet aircraft against ground forces.

The group will spend a month in the Far East on the invitation of Lieut. General Lauris Norstad, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Air Forces in Central Europe. It will fly by way of the United States and Japan. The group will include two pilots, each from Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and Turkey. —Reuter.

DENIES REPORT

WASHINGTON, May 17. The State Department today denied a report that Jacob Malik, Russia's chief United Nations delegate, had told Warren Austin, a United States delegate, that the Korean War could be settled by direct Soviet-American talks.

The Department's spokesman said at a news conference that Malik and Austin had not discussed the Korean situation. —Reuter.

SENIOR COMPETITION

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