

Bustamante Landslide Gives Labour Full Hold On House Of Representatives

RECORD POLLING — 42 CANDIDATES FORFEIT £50 DEPOSIT

Alexander Bustamante, gaunt Labour Leader, practically made good his boast to pack the House of Representatives with 75% of the candidates, for final election figures yesterday showed that the popular vote had returned 23 Labour nominees out of the total of 32 elected. In the case of one of the constituencies won by an Independent, it is felt that the member has a definite understanding with Labour, a fact which resulted in Mr. Bustamante's deciding not to enter any representative in the contest.

The People's National Party have gained four seats being nosed out by the Independents with five. In two seats, the preliminary returns showed such narrow margins that it is felt quite likely that the final counting may effect some changes. The first is in the constituency of Manchester Southern, where the Labour candidate, Bloomfield, was but 24 ahead of the P.N.P. nominee, Benjamin. The second is St. James South-East where Mr. McFarlane (J.L.P.) won by 43 from Mr. Lowe and an Independent.

Preliminary Returns For The Election

A record percentage of voters went to the polls with 92,700 on the lips throughout the island. Of these 85,090 or 91.5% voted. The Parties and Independents polled in the following order—The Jamaica Labour Party—13,013 or 15.2%; Independents—11,955 or 13.8%; The P.N.P.—84,042 or 23.25%; the J.D.P.—14,772 or 4.048% and other parties—3,508 or 3.61% of the total polled. It would seem significant that while Labour collected more than twice as many seats as all the others combined, Labour votes were less than half the total polled.

Of the 130 candidates who fought out the election, about 42 will forfeit the deposit of £50 required from each, as each failed to get one-eighth of the total number of votes polled in his constituency. It is considered significant that not one P.N.P. candidate is likely to thus forfeit his deposit; one Labour, four J.D.P. while as many as 34 Independents will suffer in this way. This fact is considered to be an indication that the days of "the Independent candidate" will soon be over.

The highest individual votes polled were by Mr. C. Campbell, Labour candidate for Western and North-West—11,241 out of a possible total of 24,224 in the constituency. The next highest number was polled by Dr. Lloyd, P.N.P. candidate for St. Ann Parish—8,512 over his nearest rival. Next came Campbell with a margin of 8,200 and Alexander Bustamante himself third with 6,883 votes against Ken Hill, P.N.P. in Kingston Western.

Members of the old Legislative Council suffered heavy casualties. Sirwards like Rev. Maxwell (Treasurer), E. McMillan (St. Catherine), A. B. Lowe (St. James), Terrier (Clarendon), Dr. Anderson (St. Andrew), M. Seigne (Westmoreland), E. V. Allen (St. Elizabeth), and E. V. Allen (St. Elizabeth) were rejected as candidates, although they were doing strongly. Dr. O. E. Anderson being the only one likely to forfeit his deposit.

Verich, Dr. Lloyd, Hon. H. E. Allan and Roy Lister are the only ones to win seats in the new House of Representatives. The two latter fought on independent tickets; but Verich turned over Labour and Lloyd as P.N.P. candidates.

More history by Labour. The Jamaica Labour Party will sit into the House of Representatives this first Tuesday of the Legislative Chamber in the history of the island. She is Miss Iris Collins who polled in St. James North-West 6,883 votes, more than all her opponents put together. Her counterpart Mrs. Edith Dalton-James lost by a decisive margin to E. R. D. Evans, Labour candidate, in St. Andrew, Western.

Actually the Jamaica Labour Party has returned two doctors, two lawyers, two ministers of religion, six school teachers in addition to several businessmen, planters and four members of the B. T. U.

The Leaders-worn out. Most of the candidates sat up nearly all through the night of Monday and through the early morning following. Mr. Bustamante after being advised of his victory went to the headquarters of the Party at Duke St. where he had a crowd acclaimed him. He left about five o'clock for his home on the D'Angular Road, off Waltham Park Road, where he promptly turned in for a well-needed rest.

With his departure the crowds of labourites, jubilant though they were, left the streets without any untoward incident, many of the untoward incidents slept until around 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when he woke up, dressed and gave an interview to Gleaner's staff.

"I am tired," he said, "I shall have to rest for a day or two." He revealed, however, that he would soon be setting out on tour of the constituencies which had voted Labour. "On a sort of roadwork tour," he volunteered.

When it was mentioned to him that speculation was rife as to who would be the Speaker of the New House, he refused to draw up an official statement; but he did not categorically deny that the two solicitors, E. R. D. Evans and F. A. Pixley, might be interviewed with Mr. Bustamante interested in a big "No" to the feeling that he might aspire to the Speaker's chair, which led to the remark by the reporter that the Labour Leader might himself decide to sit on the Executive Council. Rumour has it that he would endeavour to take with him the Hon. H. E. Allan, P.C., who is said to have strong Labour leanings. Attempts to get an interview with the P.N.P. leader, Mr. N. W. Manley, failed. It transpired that Mr. Manley who had sat up until daylight had been so worn out that he had to be carried to his bed. His election activities and lack of sleep had, too, could not find the energy to rouse himself until early evening.

Mr. Abe Issa the leader of the J.D.P. is also expected to be interviewed by a reporter in the list of those that he just wanted to sleep on, so tired he was. However, he roused himself sufficiently to give a statement to the Press. Mr. Manley is expected for Monday or Tuesday, but he has having evidently decided that a statement from his Party Executive

EDWIN CHARLEY'S
Fine Old Jamaica RUMS

7th Army Smashes Across Reich Frontier

J.D.P. Determined To Work For Success Of New Constitution

A clarion call to the people of Jamaica to go forward together in the cause of freedom and democracy, was made by Mr. Abe Issa, Chairman of the Kingston and St. Andrew Parish Council of the Jamaica Democratic Party in an interview with the "Gleaner" yesterday on the question of the results of the general elections held under Universal Suffrage.

Said Mr. Issa: "The Jamaica Democratic Party have suffered defeat at the polls. We have not won a seat. Yet we are undaunted. We shall continue our fight to make a success of the New Constitution, and here and now pledge our support to work and co-operate with any group to that end, provided that they are willing to accept these basic principles—

1. That we should achieve self-government within the framework of the British Commonwealth of Nations, by a gradual and orderly process.
2. That we should aim at maintaining our traditional freedoms, in the knowledge that such freedoms demand of us the fullest respect for the human rights of others.

The election fight has welded together a body of men and women with a firm common purpose and an intelligent resolve. We placed clear-cut issues before the electorate. The electorate has rejected our candidates, but this defeat can only strengthen the Party's cohesion by the conviction that time will show that the democratic policies can be achieved only by a peaceful democratic outlook.

It was said by our Party that we fought not only for ourselves but for the Labour Party. The belief persists. No doubt the distrust of our sincerity will long persist. We are not disturbed by this. It is for us to prove our sincerity, and I feel confident that whatever may be our trials in the meantime, there lies in store for us a great reward in the opportunity to serve our country, when the electorate is satisfied that our candidates give the lie to sneers and insinuations.

TIME FOR BITTERNESS PAST
There have been times of bitterness and ill feeling during the days when our political parties vied for the support of the electorate. There is no time for bitterness now. It is a time for clear thinking and hard work, not for rancour and recriminations.

The Jamaica Labour Party has twenty-three seats in the new House. With the best intentions in the world, this great majority has its dangers and it is for us, having taken our defeat like men, to fashion an action in the House of Representatives by our criticisms and proposals so that this country will come through the five years' experiment with success.

Let me make this pledge on behalf of the Jamaica Democratic Party:—

We shall continue to serve our country to the utmost. We are determined that the new Constitution shall be a success and that we stand ready to co-operate with any group to that end. (Continued on Page 11)

Labour Leader To Boss Lower House



Alexander Bustamante, President-General of the B.T.U. and leader of the Jamaica Labour Party, who with 23 of his nominees elected is expected to boss the new House of Representatives.

Mr. Bustamante's Pledge Will Seek To Co-operate With All Parties For Good Of The People

"I told you more than once," Mr. Bustamante told the reporter, "I was definitely certain that 75 per cent of our prospective members would have won. I regret that some have lost."

"The great majority of voters in this country belong to labour which includes the small cultivators and the small businessmen who faithfully promised me throughout the campaign that they would stand beside the Labour Party and myself. They have done so. At no time did I ever entertain the slightest doubt of their sincerity. For that reason I have said a number of times that I was fighting this election with great confidence and despite the fact that I realise that I am of a highly temperamental nature, I remained absolutely calm and carried through my campaign with real and true dignity of which I am proud.

I have promised labour that my Party and myself will serve them honestly, sincerely and truly; but have always made it known to them on the public platform that the country comes first, and I do not intend to do anything in any way which would destroy any section of this country; for I realise that in any country that wishes to progress there must be Capital and Labour. While I do intend to improve the economic and social conditions of Labour in every way and form, I shall at all times, along with my colleagues investigate the possibilities of how this should be done and could be done without destruction to the country or to any section of the country.

"My Party has taken on its shoulders very grave responsibility. It should be a well-known fact that Labour today and for many years in this country, had become a part of myself and I have put their interests before mine, thereby sacrificing for them more than any man or any groups that I know of.

"No section of this country or any individual who has opposed me, SHOULD HAVE ANY FEAR that I would even attempt to do anything to hurt them. On the contrary, my Party and myself shall endeavour to prove to them that they made a mistake in opposing us. Whilst Labour of all groups, irrespective of their standing in the community can depend upon my Party and myself to do everything humanly possible to bring them greater respect and improve the economic conditions.

"I realise that not everything can be done overnight. We must cover the ground carefully and gradually. I would like to say a couple of things more. Whilst Labour, as a whole in this country has been treated badly I almost feel ashamed of the Government in the manner in which it has treated their subordinate staffs. I have never been able to understand why Government officials seem to believe that their subordinate staffs can live on so little. I might as well say that my Party and myself do not intend to follow the example set by this Government and start improving the economic and social conditions from the top, we definitely intend to improve conditions from the bottom; for it is the only way we shall ever be able to get the Government in the manner in which it has treated their subordinate staffs to the country and its people.

"The P.N.P. have done everything humanly possible to hurt my public and my irreproachable and unimpeachable character. The thing that hurts me most is that they did everything possible on their platforms and in their organ "Public Opinion" to mislead the people to believe that I stole £1,200 when the balance sheets in Spanish Town which every honest person could scan can show

Hurricane Assistance

The following official statement was sent to the Gleaner yesterday:— With reference to the news item appearing in the Press on the 14th of December, 1944, headed "Parliament votes £700,000 to aid Island", the Government of Jamaica has not received any official information on those lines. The official information which has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies by telegraph is to the effect that His Majesty's Government has agreed to render assistance to this Government for hurricane rehabilitation as follows:—

GRANTS
(a) Free grant of £196,000 for banana growers. This has already been announced in a statement published in the "Daily Gleaner" of the 27th of September, 1944, and will be on the scale set out in that notification.
(b) Grant of £30,000 under the provisions of the Colonial Development and Rehabilitation Act, 1938, for the supplement grants made by the Hurricane Relief Committee for housing to poor persons who are unable to provide adequate security for their property. These grants are applicable to poor persons only.

Total grants as at (a) and (b) above £226,000.

LOANS
(a) Loan under the provisions of the Colonial Development and Welfare Act of £275,000 for the loan to sufferers in hurricane areas for repair and reconstruction of houses damaged by hurricanes.
(b) Loan of £1,129,000 from His Majesty's Government for re-loan to sufferers for general rehabilitation in the hurricane area including general agricultural rehabilitation, banana and coconut rehabilitation, loans to fishermen, etc.

Total loans as at (a) and (b) above £2,004,000.

All loans are to be made to this Government free of interest for 20 years to enable this Government to re-loan to hurricane sufferers at a low rate of interest of 2 1/2 per cent. Loans will be made through the Agricultural Loan Banks on the terms and conditions already published.

The total assistance which this Government will receive from His Majesty's Government for hurricane assistance by way of grant and loan is £2,230,000.

Further negotiations are still proceeding with His Majesty's Government on matters of detail and a further announcement will be made when these details have been worked out.

Americans Challenge Nazis Where A Breach Would Imperil Ludwighafen

PARIS Dec. 15.—The United States Seventh Army smashed across the German frontier in the Rhine valley west of Karlsruhe. A battlefront flash from a correspondent said the Seventh Army drove into Germany from the northeastern tip of Alsace to climax the three-day push of seventeen miles northward from fallen captured Hagenau. The border crossing was apparently made somewhere in the vicinity of Lauterbourg between Bienwald forest and the Rhine and only 35 miles south of Ludwighafen in one of Germany's most important wartime industrial areas.

The First Army, which broke through the Siegfried Line three months ago today, pushed forward to within a mile of Roer river south-west of Duren and eliminated the last two enemy pockets on the sixteen-mile sector it holds jointly with the Ninth Army along the west bank of the river. The Third Army pressed deeper into Germany beyond captured Habkirchen north of Blies river and occupied Rimpling, farther east in a mile and one half advance to within three-fourth of a mile of the Reich frontier, but made little progress in its Saar bridgeheads which were pounded incessantly by enemy artillery.

Fog and haze hampered tactical air operations in the early part of the day but 40th Air Force fighter bombers, one of which is missing, attacked the left flank of the German defenders on Colonne plain east of Roer river ahead of the First and Ninth Armies and rail facilities around Euskirchen.

BIRGEL CAPTURED
The First Army captured Birgel, a mile and one half from Roer, a mile southwest of Duren and mopped up Grozenich to the north, while the Fifth Armoured Division operating immediately to the south rolled a mile and one half north to Kuffershausen, within a mile of the river. In Mönchschaar area, where General Hodges' troops are astride the Roer, their attack against the left flank of the German defenders on Colonne plain were almost halted by prepared defenses. The Germans counter-attacked at Kesternich Thursday and street fighting was reported in that town which was announced Thursday as cleared.

The First Army captured 64 prisoners Thursday. Third Army troops captured 173 prisoners Thursday. The German 19th Army has been building up steadily for the past week or more for an offensive, ferrying across the Rhine in darkness troops and materiel, including a new type of "Jag Panther"—a 45-ton tank with an 88 millimeter gun. The attack went in with the utmost force General Weis, the German Commander of this sector, called a "counter-attack." There was slight German activity and a resumption of flybomb attacks during the night in the Ninth Army zone—Wireless & Canapress.

Reds Grasping For New Bridgeheads Into Slovakia

BUDAPEST QUIVERS UNDER SIEGE

MOSCOW, Dec. 15.—Russian flying columns of tanks and motorized infantry have engaged a German Elite force in savage battle along Ipoly river north of the Danube bend and little more than 85 miles east of the Slovakian capital of Bratislava, field dispatches said today.

This powerful thrust by elements of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army was closely co-ordinated with joint operations by the First Army and General Ivan Petrov's Fourth Army, which sought to cut off the Germans in eastern Slovakia from a chance of escape.

These Russian attacks against the strongest natural defenses still guarding the shortest invasion route to Vienna, 115 miles to the west, came while Budapest, outflanked Hungarian capital, quivered under siege. It is expected that Malinovsky is able to consolidate and reinforce his position along the Ipoly, his next great lunge forward would be aimed at reaching the immediate approaches of Bratislava and the Vienna plain.

The alarmed German Command, however, is reported here to have pushed reserves into the line to meet the thrust.

The Russian communique said Red Army troops yesterday drove forward six miles to within two miles of the rich iron and coal centre of Szendrő, ninety miles north-west of Budapest. The gains carried Russians to within nine miles of the central Slovakian frontier at two points.

The Moscow communique did not mention the Budapest battle, but a German broadcast said, "The next few days will decide whether concentrated German and Hungarian forces will be able to stop the Russians."

NEW S.S. DIVISION
A new S.S. division has been switched to the Budapest front where German counter attacks today reached a new peak of violence, a correspondent said. On one narrow sector alone the Germans threw in fifty

Members Of The House Of Representatives

Following are the results:

Constituency	Party	Member
KINGSTON	PNP	Glasspole
	J.L.P.	Pixley
	J.L.P.	Bustamante
ST. ANDREW	J.L.P.	Fagan
	J.L.P.	Newland
	J.L.P.	Evans
CLARENDON	Independent	Phillips
	J.L.P.	Linton
	P.N.P.	Black
ST. CATHERINE	J.L.P.	Rose
	J.L.P.	Henry
	J.L.P.	Lewis
ST. ANN	J.L.P.	Lloyd
	P.N.P.	Gallimore
	J.L.P.	Simmonds
MANCHESTER	PNP	Sinclair
	J.L.P.	Blomfield
	Independent	Lindo
WESTMORELAND	Independent	Evans
	Independent	Campbell
	J.L.P.	Collins
ST. JAMES	J.L.P.	McFarlane
	J.L.P.	Collins
	Independent	Alban
PORTLAND	Independent	Barrant
	J.L.P.	McPherson
	Independent	Malcolm
ST. THOMAS	Independent	Veitch
	J.L.P.	Altheson
	J.L.P.	Thelwell

Gleaner's New High Reached In Circulation

The Gleaner hit a new high mark in its circulation yesterday, reaching the large figure of 75,785 copies.

It speaks volumes for the progress of education in this country when such a large number of issues of the newspaper were circulated throughout the island, giving the results of the elections.

King Will Broadcast Message on Xmas Day
LONDON, December 15.—His Majesty the King will broadcast a Christmas message to the people of the British Empire on Christmas Day. It will be the King's seventh Christmas Day broadcast to his peoples—Wireless.

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2. It has the effect of a TONIC, because it contains Quinine, Strychnine, Phosphorus and Iron in an easily assimilated form.
3. It is an ANTISEPTIC EXPECTORANT, because it contains 21 minute grains of Creosote and Guaiacal per tablespoon dose.

Stop Press

Tokyo Radio reported the Tokyo neighbourhood has been again raided by Japanese bombers. The exact objective of this new operation it still remains unknown. However, there is not a shadow of doubt that this is an important move by the enemy to turn the tide of the Philippine battle (see Leyte Island) in his favor by extending his lines westward while maintaining his present STATUS QUO ON LEYTE. The feeling is deep that the Philippine battle is about to emerge from restricted localised fighting to a vast extensive theatre.

Allied Air Attacks

LONDON, December 15.—Most of the 650 United States bombers which flew today struck at the vital railroads at Kassel and Hannover on the way to the Western Front. Only four bombers and two out of 500 fighters which escorted them failed to return. Big bombers from bases in Italy attacked seven targets in Germany and Austria today, including the important railroads at Innsbruck.

Tonight R.A.F. Lancaster bombers carried out a concentrated attack on the Rhineland city of Ludwighafen—Wireless.