

# Mr. Pym's Pre-election Brief to Tory Association

## WARMEST DAY BRINGS OUT THE POPULATION

### Choristers Told of 1892 Event

MEMORIES of school and college life in Cambridge more than 70 years ago were recalled by Ald. F. J. Priest, president of the St. John's Old Choristers Association, when he spoke at the annual dinner in the College Hall on Saturday.

His memory was of 1892 when, he said, two oarsmen only were in the Lady Margaret boat as it appeared in the last procession after the May races. In the other seats in the boat were ominous notices "sent down". One wonders what deed they had done to be sent down at the end of term," said Mr. Priest.

**BOOST**  
Mr. Priest said he would like to see a boost given to membership of the association.

There were at least 130 men in Cambridge who ought to be with them that evening, he said. Mr. Priest paid tribute to the Dean, Rev. J. S. Bezzant, who is retiring at the end of the present term.

The Dean had left his mark on the college in many ways, said Mr. Priest, and his outstanding exposition of truly Christian philosophy in Chapel would long be remembered.

Mr. Bezzant, who presided remarked that he would not be leaving St. John's "which has done me the honour of electing me a Fellow."

**PLEASURE**  
He would, however, be sorry to lay down his responsibility as Dean and would say that he had found increasing pleasure in being associated with Mr. George Guest in his work with the choir.

Events and personalities of the choir school of 40 years ago were recalled by another speaker, Mr. A. Reynolds, who is now Mayor-designate of Watford.

Mr. G. H. Guest, organist and treasurer of choristers at St. John's, said he was very proud of the present choir. He said he had a good deal of singing in other cathedrals. He also mentioned broadcasting appointments and such year made for two recordings.

FREEDOM and the challenge of the future will be the chief issues on which the election will be fought, said Mr. Francis Pym, Conservative M.P. for Cambridgeshire, at the annual meeting of the Cambridgeshire Conservative and Unionist Association in Cambridge on Saturday.

The first freedom was the freedom to defend ourselves, he said. It was vital that electors should have that issue right. The second was that people should have maximum freedom at home to live their own lives in their own way.

Because the Conservatives had achieved so much, said Mr. Pym, and because they had studied the present and future more carefully than any other Party, he had absolute confidence that they had the best and most realistic policy to face the challenge of the future.

**TAKEN FOR GRANTED**  
He said people nowadays tended to take the achievements of the Government and local authorities for granted. "It used to be true that when a new school was built in an area people were enthusiastic. But now neighbouring areas wonder why there is not one in their area and those it is to serve sometimes say 'about time too,'" said Mr. Pym.

The Conservatives would have to contend with this attitude at the next election.

He spoke of the Government's achievements in building roads, schools, hospitals and houses. In Cambridgeshire, he said, there were programmes for houses, schools, and roads, and Addenbrooke's Hospital was being extended.

Mr. Pym praised Mr. Harold Macmillan's leadership and went on to say that Sir Alec Douglas-Home had exceptional qualities too.

"Sir Alec is also a farmer," said Mr. Pym, "and that is important for this constituency." Sir Alec took a personal interest in the farmers' Price Review, he said.

The association was well prepared for the election, he said. It would have been prepared if the election was in June, but the Prime Minister's decision to hold the election in October was welcome.

A much more buoyant financial position was reported by the treasurer, Mr. H. P. Board. He said there was an excess of income over expenditure of £257 11s. Last



Eight-year-old Jo Poulton, of Grantchester Street, Cambridge, receives a kiss from her pet lamb "Whisky" at the Pets' Party and Show at the Perse Boys' Preparatory School, Cambridge, on Saturday.

With the temperature in the mid-60's yesterday, Cambridge residents, undergraduates and tourists were soaking up the sun during the warmest day so far this year. At the Mill Pond (top), the young set were out in force, and the more energetic punted down the river past King's College (bottom).

## If Labour Lose Split May Follow—Tory MP

MR. HAROLD WILSON, according to a recent biography, thinks he his home and dry. Mr. Dudley Smith, Conservative Member of Parliament for Brentford and Chiswick, told the Cambridge University Conservative Association yesterday.

But, said Mr. Smith, if Labour lose the next election, Mr. Wilson will be out. The left wing will react by saying he did not bring enough of their viewpoint before the public.

The party might then split into two wings, the right wing eventually linking up with the Liberals to form another party. In any case nationalisation would have to be dropped.

Mr. Smith said the image of Mr. Wilson on television was different from the politician himself.

"Mr. Wilson sees himself in a presidential role. I think that rather like President Kennedy he would like to gather a brains trust round him."

**HIGHER CALIBRE**  
But, said Mr. Smith, if a radical party were going to achieve success it would need a leader of higher calibre than Mr. Wilson.

Why did the Labour leader resign with Aneurin Bevan, but shortly afterwards agree to take Bevan's place as a member of the Shadow Cabinet?

He said he did it for the good of the party.

"He has used that phrase many times in support of his actions." Mr. Smith said he thought it quite reprehensible when Mr. Wilson challenged Hugh Gaitskell for the party leadership. "Although he said again that he did it for the interests of the Labour Party," Mr. Smith continued.

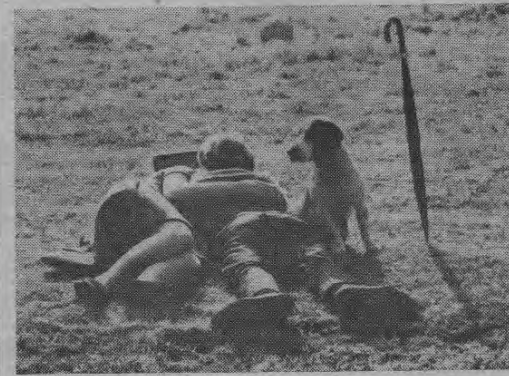
**NO PRESSURE**  
Admittedly when Mr. Wilson became head of the Labour Party he did not put a foot wrong for the first eight or nine months, and had never really done so since.

"But he has never been under pressure," said Mr. Smith. "I am quite certain he would never stand up to pressure as effectively as Gaitskell," he said. "He was lucky to take over at the top of the market."

As a possible Prime Minister, Mr. Wilson's views were extremely left wing — and some, very advanced left wing. Mr. Wilson was a sincere socialist, but his motivation was entirely political rather than that of a statesman.



A change from the routine of record requests was introduced to the Cambridge United football ground at half-time on Saturday when a Scottish pipe band entertained the spectators.



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