

Tuesday evening
June 26, 1945

Dear Mother,
How are you all at
home today? I am
still sitting and waiting
around over here.

The English are all
excited these days over
the general election
scheduled for July fifth.
They are surprisingly
bitter and slash and cut
with great vigor. The
chief interest centers on
the election of a new
parliament, first in ten
years. (in time of emergency
parliament may be extended
over a five year normal
term by the prime minister).

There are three leading
parties contesting the
election. The National
Party alias Conservative

or Tory is fighting for
the old way of life with
Churchill as their leader.
The Socialists or Labourites
are fighting for nationalization
with Atlee, Laski, Bevin
and Morrison and the trade
unions as the spearhead.
The Liberals are fighting
for reform, a new deal
based on the plans
of Sir William Beveridge.

Liberals and Socialists
combined under the late
great Liberal David Lloyd
George in 1939 to defeat
the Chamberlain Munich
Conservatives and Independent
Liberal Winston Churchill
formed a coalition War
Cabinet. Liberals and
Socialists walked out of
the government on V-E
Day because of differences

on reconstruction and postwar planning and thus caused the present election. It seems as if the election is still a toss up between Socialists and Conservatives with the Liberals a potent and deciding force. In American Liberals would win but here they will not touch money or big interests such as the Conservatives or attack and organize as the Socialists.

(An Englishman may vote in his home district and also, if a college graduate, for a college candidate, or, if owner of a business valued at over \$200.00, for a candidate from the district in which the business is located, not to exceed two votes.)

(An English candidate does not have to be a resident of the district he contests.).

(English Dominions New Zealand and Australia have Socialist governments; Canada has a Liberal government.).

I have been enjoying the birthday package from you. Thanks a lot. Could you please take care of Julia on her birthday for me?

Love,

Lee