

# CANDIDATES' PLEDGES

## SELWYN ELECTORATE

<b>Candidates</b>	<b>1960 Results</b>	
<b>J. K. McAlpine (National)</b>	<b>J. K. McAlpine (N.)</b>	<b>8096</b>
<b>E. L. May (Liberal)</b>	<b>J. Palmer (L.)</b>	<b>5257</b>
<b>R. H. Morton (Social Credit)</b>	<b>R. H. Morton (S.C.)</b>	<b>1042</b>
<b>F. E. Smith (Labour)</b>	<b>Majority for National</b>	<b>2839</b>

SELWYN remains substantially unchanged by the decisions of the Electoral Representation Commission. An area around Halswell and Tai Tapu has been lost to Lyttelton, while an extension in the south brings Selwyn right up to the Ashburton Borough boundary, and, in fact, takes in the racecourse and the show grounds.

The overall advantage to either of the main parties will not be of great consequence, although on 1960 figures Mr McAlpine could gain up to 100 votes.

He has made a very close study of the work and problems of all his departments and is exceptionally well-informed on their problems. His stand on the question of overseas airlines being allowed to establish services through Harewood has brought him into collision with Cr. A. R. Guthrey and others.

This clash has a piquant flavour in the light of the fact that during his days in Opposition Mr McAlpine was the most ardent and eloquent Parliamentary advocate of the eventually successful campaign to give Harewood international status.

The most interesting feature of the campaign in this electorate is the intervention of Mr E. L. May, the only Liberal candidate for a Canterbury seat. The Liberals are an unknown quantity at this stage, although it is thought they will draw support from former National and Social Credit voters rather than from Labour.

Mr McAlpine, aged 57, has a sheep farm at Craigieburn, and had a sound apprenticeship in local body work before entering political life. He was elected to the Tawera County Council at the age of 23 and was at various stages on the Lyttelton Harbour Board, the Canterbury Progress League, and the council of Canterbury University.

Mr Morton, a 51-year-old farmer, is making his third attempt to win Selwyn for Social Credit. He was born in Ireland and came to New Zealand thirty-seven years ago.

Mr Smith, a 35-year-old salesman, has been treasurer of the Riccarton branch of the Labour Party, treasurer of the Christchurch Federated Debating Societies, and a member of the Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand.

Before Mr May, who is 41 years old, became actively associated with the Liberal Party he was South Island field officer for the Foundation for the Blind. During World War II he served with the Royal New Zealand Navy in the Middle East, the Pacific, and the North Atlantic. He was for a time chief executive officer for the Liberal Party.

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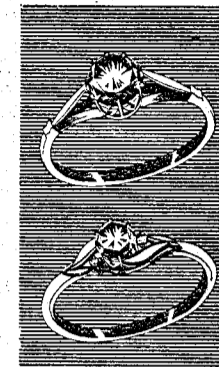
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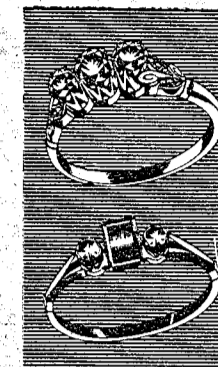
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Mr McAlpine Says—

### He Has Three Aims

As this is my seventh election campaign, perhaps I may be permitted to reminisce for a minute. I came into national politics from local body work quite unexpectedly.

As soon as I had settled down I made three resolutions and set myself an ultimate goal to achieve these during my years in Parliament.

#### More Production

I resolved to work to improve the industry closest to my heart—New Zealand farming. I have tried to increase production on my own property and in the country as a whole, with special emphasis on hill and high country.

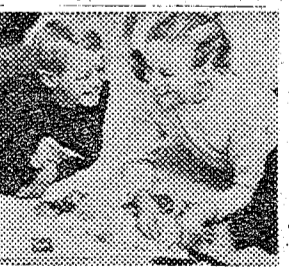
Also I have tried to promote internal transport, with special emphasis on co-ordination and supply.

I resolved to work hard to promote aviation in New Zealand (already I had flying experience), and to interest myself in promoting overseas aviation for two main reasons—ultimate export of meat and to get Harewood developed as an international airport.

#### Progress Made

I feel I have made considerable progress in all these ambitions. Hill farm production has increased greatly (including my own), and transport has been co-ordinated to some extent, especially in this last year.

Road deaths and accidents have been reduced these past three years on a 10,000 vehicle basis. Meat is already being flown overseas in limited quantities, and Harewood will be the first fully equipped international airport in New Zealand within a year or so.



Lucky children

When Michael Coombe, well-known British artist, went to the Zoo to work on one of the 40 paintings of N.Z. land birds commissioned by a leading food manufacturer, these lucky children were invited to watch. And watch they did—just as intently as the expert ornithologist who finally checked the paintings.

### Substitute for Latin Allowed

N.Z.P.A.-A.A.P. VATICAN CITY, Nov. 22. The Ecumenical Council voted yesterday to allow the full substitution of modern languages for Latin in Roman Catholic baptisms, wedding and other sacraments, British United Press reported.

The council also approved the first three chapters of a document outlining a path for Christian unity as a basis for further discussion.

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Mr May Says—

### Promises, But Few Benefits

Few people to-day recognise the increasing threat to individual freedoms, but, fortunately, the majority have realised that irresponsible promises made by the various political parties have done little to create any lasting benefit to the community as a whole. Our welfare problems, care of the aged, the sick and handicapped are far more complex to-day than ever before, our social security is rought with anomalies, those in need do not receive sufficient aid, and, of course, rely upon the bait-casting at election times.

I sincerely believe that welfare is a responsibility of citizenship and not a convenient thing for politicians to use and abuse in order to gain the Treasury benches.

The greatest protection of our liberties which we as individuals can exercise, is the ballot box, and this right should not be surrendered lightly.

Every citizen, no matter which of the parties may be supported, should vote, but do so after consideration of policy put forward by the candidates.

#### Difficulties

We, as a new party, have many difficulties and from the comments of our opponents and those who see some threat to their own little powers, it would appear to be a most serious crime to even dare to attempt such a measure as the formation of a political party, particularly when the policies threaten the egotistical balloon of those in power.

Common decency demands that we do not devote our time and energies to destruction of the past and present policies of other people who are just as entitled to their views and no doubt are as sincere, and while it may be a high ideal, I believe most New Zealanders respect "fair play" and will just as quickly reject anything opposed.

The issues are clear. What type of future do we desire?

Listed to all candidates and support those policies which will create for you and our country a prosperous future.

### New Machines For Testing Station

Two new machines installed at the Christchurch City Council's vehicle testing station in Lichfield Street will begin operating on Tuesday.

They will provide car owners with inspection cards when they arrive to have their vehicles tested. When the correct change is inserted there will be a six-second wait before the machine turns up a card.

Fill In Card After details of the card are filled in the inspection will be carried out in the customary manner.

One of the machines, for motor cycles, trailers, caravans, and mobile caravans, takes 3s 6d—a half-crown and a shilling.

The other, for other vehicles, take 5s in two half-crowns.

Similar machines have been in use at the other Christchurch testing station for some months.



Mr Morton Says—

### Money Is the Crux

Social Credit provides the only answer to to-day's economic problems, for money is the crux of the whole situation.

Only Social Credit recognises the fact that the public are required to pay back more in prices than is paid to members in the form of salaries, wages and dividends—the only source of purchasing power—and that the present system in an endeavour to remedy this defect, builds more and more unpayable debt in order to keep functioning.

#### Sound Remedy

The Social Credit philosophy is the only one with a sound and unchallengeable remedy for this disastrous state of affairs that results in ever-increasing and perpetual taxation.

Social Credit is a challenge to the money power and can succeed only to the extent that electors desire to escape from the bonds of continually increasing indebtedness, a desire that now appears to be awakening in almost all sections of the community.

#### Issue Evaded

Both National and Labour parties have made promises that would have instituted real monetary reform, yet both have evaded the issue when in a position to do something about it.

Social Crediters realise that the reason why political pledges have thus been broken is because of ignorance, and of fear of the money power.

This un-elected and dictatorial outside government must be broken if we are ever to see democracy in action and Christian conditions provided, under which it will be possible to distribute God's gifts without forever paying tribute to mammon.

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### IRAN PLANE SHOT DOWN BY RUSSIA

N.Z.P.A.-A.A.P. TEHRAN, Nov. 22. The Iran Government is strongly protesting to Russia over the shooting down of a civilian survey aeroplane by a Soviet MIG fighter on Wednesday, British United Press reported.

President Brezhnev, of Russia, who is on a State visit to Iran, is reported to have expressed his regret over the incident.

Last night Iran claimed it had established without doubt that the aeroplane had been shot down over Iranian territory at least 15 miles from the Soviet border.

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Mr Smith Says—

### Take Time Over Your Choice

To people in a country used to democracy the choice of a member of Parliament has apparently become a thing to be taken rather lightly. Although a person may read party policy in the newspapers, and see the leaders on television it is extremely important to take the time to examine the merits of the candidates as men as well as from the point of party allegiances.

#### Cultivation Needed

Democracy is an evolving thing it is moving and changing its concepts all the time. Just as you cannot have a prize garden unless you tend it carefully, so a well-run car unless you oil and grease it and fill the tank with petrol, so you cannot have a well-run democracy unless you tend it well and intensely cultivate it.

If you, the voters of Selwyn, insist on staying away from election meetings you could well to your sorrow elect a "rubber stamp" to office rather than a man in his own right.

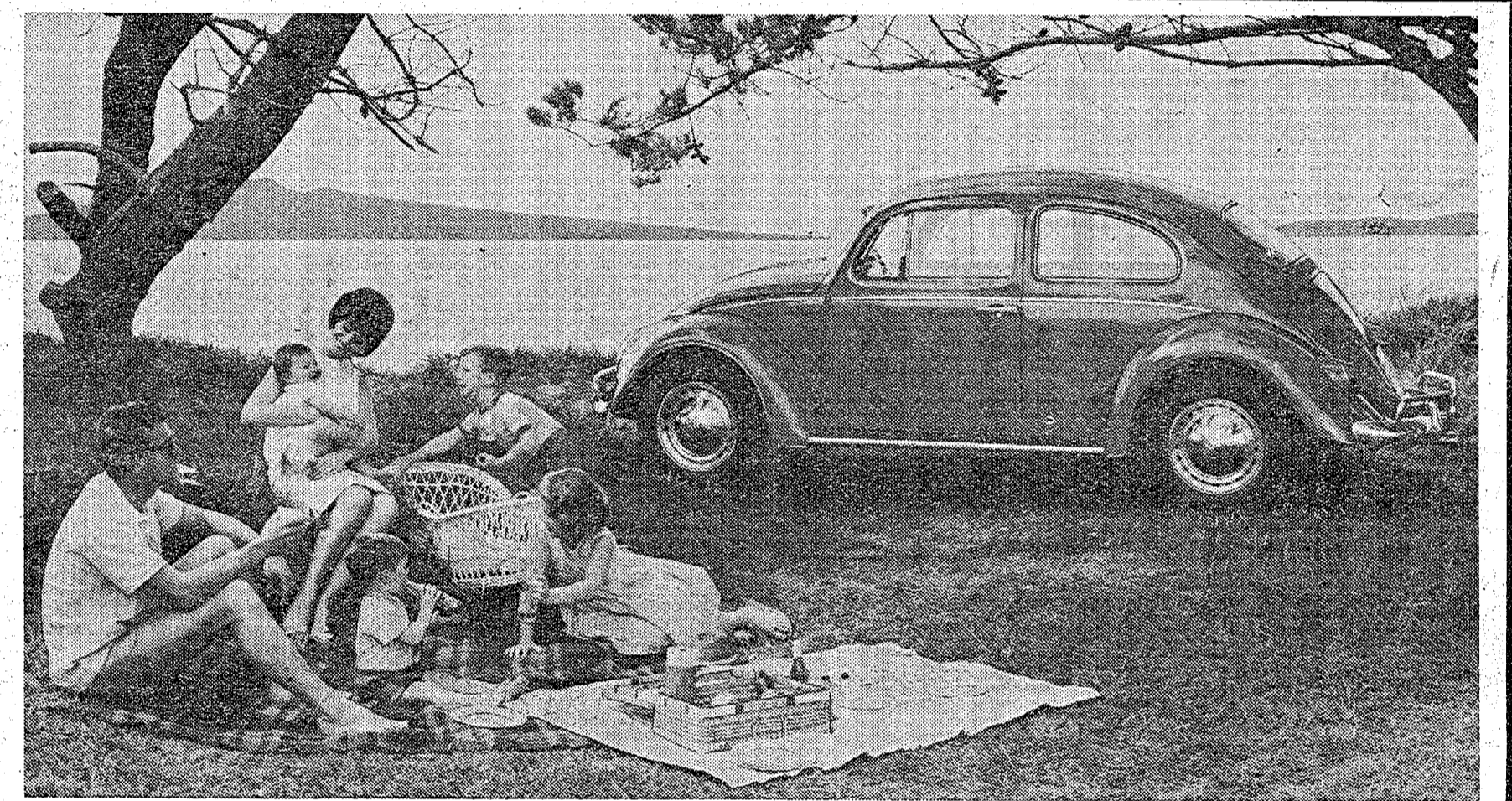
Just as you must cultivate democracy must your elected member of Parliament cultivate his electorate, and if Selwyn is at present a political wilderness through neglect then your present member must take the blame.

#### Acid Test

The acid test of a man's representation in the area must be how he has done as much as he could have done? If he has, then he passes the test as a man. If not then he is not worth electing anyway.

If I am elected I promise to work for the electorate of Selwyn. I promise to attend your functions. I will be willing to speak to any group anywhere, Parliamentary duties permitting.

This is the only way we can get to know each other and work together in the future.



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