

GRAVESEND OPENS DOOR FOR RICHARD

All eyes were on Gravesend, scene of the first by-election since the municipalities land-slid Conservatives back to electoral favour. Enthusiastic opponents of Sir Richard Acland advocated ~~teen gas~~ against strikers and Tory hopes

Tory hopes
Labour Party
run high that Frank Taylor would wrest the seat from the Labour Party, in & ft by elec since to Municipalities
On polling day the Mayor wished good luck to both candidates, and from early morning the voting
booths coped with a much heavier poll than at the General Election, forty seven thousand now against forty one thousand then. The ~~elector~~ *senior voter* was ninety-three year old Miss Myhill.

Late at night they began counting the votes, *so many on* ~~and so~~ ~~heavy~~ that the result was not known till five in the morning. Since Gravesend Conservatives have held Houdenshire with a substantially increased majority, *and* *the government retained but 7 Colnough, & the majority reduced.*

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At last the votes were all counted and the Town Clerk gave the news to thousands who stayed up all night.