

POLITICAL NEWS.

Transport House, H.Q. of the Transport and General Workers Union, will soon say goodbye to Arthur Deakin (in the centre) the General Secretary of the Union. In October, when he reaches his 65th birthday, Mr. Deakin will hand the reins on to a younger man.

The late Ernest Bevin was his predecessor as General Secretary of the union which is the largest in the world. Already printing presses are turning out one million, three hundred thousand ballot forms. These are being despatched to members of the union throughout the country so that they may record their votes for the new General Secretary. There are six candidates.

Mr. Deakin and the candidates pose in the board room at Transport House. Harry Nicholas, National Secretary of the Engineering Group, Jock Tiffen, Assistant General Secretary of the Union and Bill Tudor, National Secretary of the Powerworkers Section. Charles Brandon, Regional Secretary of Number One Region, Frank Cousin, National Secretary of the Road Transport Commercial Group - and finally, Tom Hodgson the National Secretary of the General Workers Group.

Political bombshell of the year is the expulsion from the Parliamentary Labour Party of Mr. Aneurin Bevan, here with his wife, Jennie Lee. Mr. Bevan, regarded for many years as Politic's sternest and most controversial character, received this set-back after a private meeting of Labour M.Ps.

By a majority of only 29, the vote went against him.

A further blow may befall Mr. Bevan soon for the Labour Party National Executive may expel him altogether from the Party. Meanwhile he avoids the limelight at his chesham home. Bevan, whose criticism of Labour's policy, has caused this rift, will now sit as an Independent M.P. on the Opposition Benches. "Independent" seems a correct label for this fiery Welshman.

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