

L.T. - Delco. Monday, Jan. 2, 1956.

This was election day in France. Five-hundred-forty-four seats in the National Assembly - to be filled. And there were nearly six thousand candidates - of eighteen different parties. Which certainly should have been enough to confuse the French voters.

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The total vote was a record-breaker. The registration two million more voters than before. Of which ^{an unusually} ~~every~~ high percentage cast their ballots today. Of a total registration, fifty-four percent - are women. So the speculation is - what does it all mean?

One thing appears to be certain - that the Communists will increase their representation in the National Assembly. Because - of a split in the moderate parties. The feud - between Premier ~~Edmond~~ Faure and his predecessor, Mendes-France.

In addition to the voting in Metropolitan France, this was election day in the French Colonial possessions. Which elect fifty deputies in the National Assembly.

In French Equatorial Africa, there's one candidate who has been dead for thirteen years. The Prophet Matswa - who founded a weird sect. He died in Nineteen-Forty-Two but his followers won't believe it. They consider him immortal - and think he remains alive.

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He is their candidate for the National Assembly in Paris, and they *keep right on voting* ~~are going to vote~~ for the long deceased Prophet Matswa.

FRANCE (figures) *insert* -

Early returns show the moderate parties running strongly -- the Catholic Popular Republicans -- fifty-five thousand. Socialists - twenty thousand -- radicals - eighteen thousand. Communists twenty four thousand.

The anti tax agitators entered by Poujade - twelve thousand -- which is a strong showing in these fragmentary figures.

NORTH AFRICA FOLLOW FRANCE

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It might have been election day in French North African possessions, but a lot of people were saying it with bullets, not ballots. The French Commander reports heavy fighting in the mountains of Morocco. Troops, backed by tanks and war planes - in clashes with anti-French insurgents. Reports are that a hundred rebels were killed in the last three days.

Similar battles in Algeria - which is legally, a part of metropolitan France. French troops - versus the fanatics of the ^{so-called} "army of Allah."
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CHINA

London has a report - that Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek is negotiating with the Chinese Reds. Today, the Daily Herald, newspaper of the Labor Party, states: "Information reaching London suggests - that secret negotiations between China and Peiping were ~~re~~ opened some weeks ago."

The British Foreign Office says - it has no knowledge of this. But ^{high} official ~~quarters~~ in London admit - they do not rule out the possibility.

The London Daily Herald goes on to say that Chiang Kai Shek is worried. Believing that world opinion is against him - and there ^{even} may be a switch of American policy.

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So he thinks of negotiating a peace agreement with the Communist regime on the mainland.

Reports of all this feature a colorful character in the Far East - General Morris Cohen ~~is~~ called - "two-gun" Cohen. Long associated with the Chinese Nationalists. The Daily Herald report says - "Two-Gun" Cohen passed through Hong Kong,

on his way from Chiang Kai Shek's headquarters on Formosa,
Bound - for Peiping, the Red Capital. Presumably - on a
trip to negotiate. "Two Gun" ~~was~~ quoted as declaring:-

"I may be able to bring about a better understanding between
the Nationalists and the Communists."

*"Two Gun" Cohen -
Far Eastern negotiator extraordinary!*

PALESTINE

The government of Israel is extending - the military draft. Prime Minister Ben Gurion stating - that the two year term of military service will be lengthened by another year. Which, of course, will give Israel - a larger standing army.

At the same time, Ben Gurion again - defended the policy of "retaliation". He justified the attack on Syrian gun posts above the Sea of Galilee, ^{on} November Twenty Seventh, ~~th~~, In which - an estimated ~~for~~ fifty Syrians were killed. Ben Gurion - presenting figures to prove the extent of Arab attacks on Israel. Saying - that, in the past five years, armed Egyptian bands have caused eight-hundred-eighty-four Israeli casualties.

The Prime Minister put the situation between Israel and the Arabs in these words: "In this confused, crazy, electrified atmosphere, any spark in any quarter - may ignite a conflagration of unforeseeable extent[†] and results. We shall," Ben Gurion added, "have been grievously at fault - if we are not prepared for any eventuality."

At the same time, he called earnestly for peace.

Taking it for granted that Israel would win in a war against the Arabs, he declared! "We know that, after our victory in round one - a second round is possible. And, after our victory in the second round - a third round may come. ~~And~~ ^{with} ~~there is~~ no end to the business.

"We believe" he summarized, "that the maintenance of peace is preferable - even to victory."

Meanwhile, Israel, today charged - that Egyptian jet fighters penetrated Israeli territory along the border of the Gaza strip. And - that Egyptian soldiers on the ground fired at Israelis - in that same area. ^{will} - no casualties.

BRITAIN

There was a quick change in Britain today - in the matter of British firms exporting surplus British armament.

Recently, it was disclosed - that obsolete military equipment was being shipped to Egypt. So, over the weekend, the London government - slapped on a ban. Unless - private exporters could give a guarantee that the surplus weapons would not be used in an arms race.

Then, today, suddenly, the ban was called off.

The cancellation coming - in a policy declaration from Sir Anthony Eden. According to a new ruling, Private exporters are permitted to purchase amounts of surplus arms. But a guarantee will be required from any ~~forig~~ foreign government purchasing such surplus. The ~~For~~ Foreign government - called upon to give assurances that the weapons will not be used in an arms race.

Sounds odd. Why would Egypt, for example, be buying military equipment? Except - for an arms race?

Meanwhile, the British Labor Party today, issued a

call to Soviet Russia. Asking Moscow - to join in efforts
to maintain peace ~~in~~ between Israel and the Arab states.

housewife - distinguished for promoting savings in the poor
districts in Yorkshire. Humble folk - on the Queen's Honor's

list.

BRITAIN

It's always interesting to look at the British honor^s list at the New Year. And this year we find a prominent New Yorker named - a commander of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth.

Rudolf Bing - manager of the Metropolitan Opera House. Well, Rudolf Bing was born in Vienna, and is now an impresario in New York, but most of his career was in Britain -- where he directed music and opera for years.

Another name on the Queen's ~~Honor~~^s list - British Ballerina Margot Fonteyn. Who becomes - a dame of the British Empire. Feminine equivalent of Knighthood. Now to be called - Dame Margot.

Agatha Christie, the detective story writer - a commander of the British Empire. Hurray ^{for Agatha!} ~~she's~~ one of the few who can still write a first class detective story.

Others on the list include workers and housewives. Like Harry Bryan - who has been a miner for sixty-two years, and still is. And Mrs. Sarah Andrews, a sixty-five year old

ACCIDENTS

It looks as if ^{the weekend} New Year will be better than ^{the one over}

Christmas - in the matter of death on the highway. This time the probabilities are that the total will be less than had been expected. This afternoon, the National Safety Council estimated that the traffic accidents over the New Year holiday ending at midnight ^{— will} ~~would~~ come to three hundred and sixty. The ~~previous~~ prediction had ^{for} been four hundred and twenty. A saving of sixty lives.

The count - 310 now.

TRAFFIC

New York had a ^hheadline traffic accident, yesterday; and it now develops that the cops issued - a whole batch of traffic tickets. Not surprising that there should have been a lot of activity - considering the identity of the principle figure of the smash-up.

Police Commissioner Stephen Kennedy - who was on a "drive safely" campaign. Urging motorists to be careful over the New Year weekend. Commissioner Kennedy was on a traffic inspection tour. When - slam - bang.

He stopped at a traffic light - and the car behind him also stopped. But, in the rear of that one, there was another auto. The ^(brakes)~~brakes~~ of that one failed, and it slammed into the car in front. Which was hurled - smash, into the Police Commissioner's official/automobile. Commissioner Kennedy sustaining a twisted neck.

If As usual cops appeared at ~~the~~ ^{the} scene ~~you can bet the cops came swarming to~~ the scene
Not only did they give
of that ^e three-car accident. ~~They gave~~ a ticket to the driver -
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who caused it all. They ^{also} gave a ticket ~~also~~ to the driver of the car in the middle. Because he had no registration certificates and for having defective headlights. ~~In this~~ ~~flurry of traffic tickets,~~ the only one who didn't get one? ~~was~~ the Police Commissioner. ~~He~~ He got, ~~was~~ a twisted neck.

FOOTBALL

Tonight's dispatch from the Orange Bowl begins:


"National champion Oklahoma uncorked an oilslick offense with a neat psychological twist - to blast Maryland's *Granny* defenders."

For the "neat psychological twist", coach Bud Wilkinson matched two Oklahoma teams against each other.

The first half ended with Maryland in the lead - six to nothing. In the second half, Coach Wilkinson put in his two first ~~xx~~ teams, two elevens, ~~xxx~~ one after another. With those two competing. Which one would do the better?

Well, team number one racked up a touchdown. Then the second team came on, and matched this - with a touchdown. So that made it even-Stephen, between the two Oklahoma teams.

Later, just to make sure, Oklahoma half back Carl Dodd ran eighty-two yards for a final touchdown. *Score*, Oklahoma twenty - Maryland Six.



FOLLOW FOOTBALL

The Sugar Bowl at New Orleans was dramatized -
by interference called ~~axi~~ against Negro fullback Bobby Grier
of Ohio State. Whose scheduled appearance in the game had
caused an uproar - in Georgia. Where the Governor protested
- on the grounds of segregation.

In the first five minutes of play, a Georgia pass
was thrown - and interference was called against Grier.
As a result, Georgia Tech went on to a touchdown. Later,
Grier played well, was cheered by the New Orleans crowd.

In the Cotton Bowl, Mississippi fourteen, Texas
Christian thirteen.

The Rose Bowl game - not over yet.

ROSE BOWL

The Rose Bowl game was a thriller -- the University of California, Los Angeles -- battling Michigan State neck and neck, until the final period. ~~By the way~~ But then in the final seven seconds, Michigan State won out. Gerry Planutis -- kicking a field goal to give Michigan State a narrow success. Winning seventeen to fourteen.

DULUTH

Did you hear about the rejoicing in Duluth? ^{*because*} There's joy in Duluth, Minnesota. Last night, a

housewife saw a bear in her backyard. A few blocks from downtown Duluth, a citizen killed a wolf. And another man shot a bobcat in his garage. So Duluth - rejoices.

It's a long time tradition in the Minnesota city that, when wild animals appear within the town limits, it means - an early spring. Which they welcome - and that's not surprising, considering the cold winters they have in Minneapolis.

A bear, a wolf, a bobcat - and three cheers in Duluth.

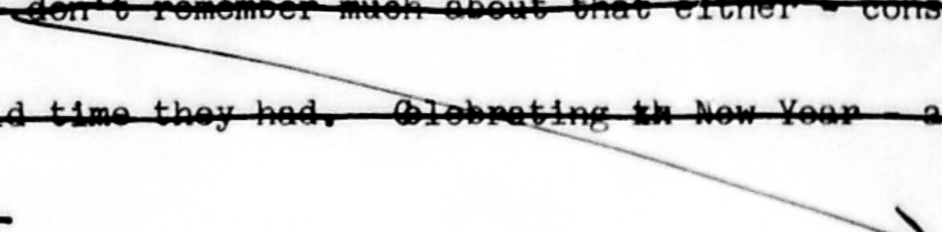
CHICAGO

Pity the poor night club owner - in Chicago. A holdup at the swank Chez Paree. The robbers getting five thousand dollars. Which doesn't bother the night club owners at all - not the money. But the bandits made off with all the tabs for the New Year celebration. The checks, the bills, which were signed by the customers.

At the Chez Paree, six hundred revelers rang the old year out, and the new year in. The prices at the Chez Paree - tops. Nothing more expensive - in Chicago.

The five thousand bucks in cash, represented - only a minor fraction of the businesss, most of the customers, a wealthy set, signed tabs - to be billed later. In their haste, grabbing the money, the robbers shovelled up - the stack of tabs and all.

So now the Chez Paree doesn't know how to bill, the customers, ~~don't remember much about that either - considering the high old time they had. Celebrating th New Year at the Chez Paree.~~



No real idea of how much each one owes. ^{TP} Probably, ~~the~~ *Henry*, the
customers don't remember much about that either. Considering
the high old time they had. Celebrating ~~the~~ *the* New Year - at the
Chez Paree.

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