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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

About the weather tomorrow -- election day one of the heads of the Weather Bureau called me awhile ago and told me the only ~~xxx~~ unfavorable prospects are in the South, and the Southwest; snow flurries in the mountains of Arizona. No matter how many stay away from the polls in the South, the score ther will be about the same. For the middle Atlantic States, New England, the valleys of the Ohio and the Mississippi, the Great Planins and the Wockies, cool weather with clear skies is the prognostication in the regions where the voting will be crucial.

As for the campaign, it's all over but the voting -- and a few last-minute speeches that will have little affect. By now the voters have made up their mihds. And apparently in no uncertain fashion Here in New York State, the betting is not whether Governor Dewey will re reelected, ~~xxx~~ but by how

vast a ~~8x~~ majority. Some say a half a million -- others a million.

With even Henry Wallace predicting a Dewey victory. Later he hedged by saying that he hadn't heard anyone prophesying a victory for Dewey's opponent. Today, in an eleventy-hour effort, the Democrats brought the Leftish Senator Claude Pepper of Florida into New York. In one speech Pepper told a crowd of fur workers that if they voted for Dewey, they would be turning their backs on the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. Said Pepper: "The spiritual eyes of this great saviour and emancipator will be looking inside the ballot boxes tomorrow to see how you mark your ballots."

Elsewhere throughout the country, nearly everyone -- except the Democratic National Chairman -- is predicting that the Republicans will get control of the Lower House, and maybe -- maybe the Senate too.

However, Democratic National Chairman Hannegan put his prophesy in these words: "the Democratic party will be returned to its majority status in both Houses



of the Congress, but its majority will be increased over the Twenty-ninth Congress."

Well, national chairmen are supposed to talk that way!

## LABOR FOLLOW ELECTION

~~Organized~~ Organized labor will be following *the*  
election returns with <sup>great</sup> interest all over the country,  
but, in four states with particular anxiety. Four states  
have amendments or laws submitted to the voters, for  
*some* ~~labor~~ *leaders have* no liking. In Massachusetts, for  
instance, a new statute would compel unions to file with  
the state government the names and salaries of their  
officers, <sup>also</sup> assessments, dues, fees, receipts and  
— *file this* expenditures, every year, ~~that is~~, if the voters approve.

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South Dakota has a proposed amendment which will  
forbid the closed shop, the union shop, <sup>and even forbid</sup> ~~union~~ maintenance  
of membership. By the way, I slipped up the other day  
when I said that maintenance of membership forced  
workers to join the union. It does not. It simply  
means that if an employer has a union contract, all the  
workers must decide by a certain date whether they want



to join the union or not. Those who do join of their own free will, must remain in the union so long as they are employed there. Nobody is forced to join the union by a maintenance of membership clause.

*At any rate, it's*  
~~very~~ up to the voters of South Dakota whether even "membership maintenance" will be permitted in that state. But, union leaders are not *greatly concerned* ~~so anxious~~ about South Dakota, because the voters there, in the past, have been slow to amend their state constitution.

~~But~~ In Nebraska it is another story. There a ~~very~~ *labor* sweeping amendment is before the voters. It would forbid anybody ~~to~~ being refused employment either because he belongs to a union or does not belong, or if he has resigned or *been* ~~was~~ expelled by the union. *And,* It would prohibit any employer or organization from entering into contracts of any sort to ~~deny~~ *deny* employment because of union membership. What is more, this amendment has an enabling

clause. If the people vote yes, the state legislature does not have to take any further action to make it a law. *It just becomes one, forthwith.*

*And,* a similar amendment is up in Arizona. The word *betting* seems to *be* that these amendments *are likely to* ~~will~~ be carried in both Nebraska and Arizona.

In California, a proposition is before the voters to establish a fair employment practices commission, just like the one in which the Dewey administration of New York led the way.



The United Nations today took up the matter of trusteeships. We used to call them mandates in the days of the League of Nations. The debate had hardly gotten underway when, as expected, it became exciting. Britain's great elder statesman, Premier Smuts of South Africa, led with a plea that Southwest Africa, formerly German, be admitted to the Union of South Africa. General Smuts knew he was pleading a lost 'cause because, it's a foregone conclusion that the whole Soviet bloc will oppose the idea, also many of the Latin-American nations, India, and various other countries.

The opposition of Russia and her bloc was foreshadowed last week when Molotov, speaking to the General Assembly, pointed out that the big powers holding mandates have taken no steps whatsoever for converting them to trusteeships. And this drew a fiery reply today, from Ivor Thomas of Great Britain, at a meeting of the Trusteeship Committee. He said that the British delegation was astonished to learn that

Molotov was so ill-informed. That so far as Great Britain is concerned, every step has been taken.

Premier Smuts, speaking for South Africa, also stated that the British definitely had taken steps, that is, in the case of Africa.

British Delegate Ivor Thomas also pointed out today that the Russian delegation had had every opportunity to read the drafts of British trusteeship agreements that had been drawn up for Tanganyika, Togoland and the Cameroons. That these drafts had been circulated among all the interested governments. He then went on to say that the Soviet government had addressed no comments whatever to the British government concerning these texts. So, evidently, they have lain ~~unacknowledged~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ in a pigeonhole in Moscow for almost ten months. And he also said that the only contribution ~~in~~ the Soviet government has made towards establishing a trusteeship system has been to prevent any examination of these texts. That the United Kingdom



proposed a committee for the purpose, but the Soviet Union opposed it.

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And while ~~xxx~~ General Assembly ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ sparred ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ today without coming to grips on any issue, the main business of international affairs was being worked out by the Big Four -- the Foreign Ministers of France, Great Britain, Russia, and the United States.

After an all day meeting <sup>high up</sup> in New York's Waldorf-Astoria <sup>Towers</sup> ~~Hotel~~, they agreed tonight to hear final pleas from Italy and Yugoslavia for changes in the proposed peace treaty including the future of Trieste.

The atmosphere during the long sessions was ~~-- or so we are told --~~ cordial, but the wide differences between Russia and the Western Allies were apparent to all present, with the French in particular indicating some concern at the prospects of bitter disputes ahead.

Around an oval table on the thirty-seventh floor of the hotel, <sup>in the Lucius Boomer apartment,</sup> Secretary of State Byrnes, Russian Foreign Minister Molotov, British Foreign Secretary Bevin, and the French Representative, Maurice De Murville ~~went~~



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~~proceed~~ <sup>task - which is,</sup>  
~~busily ahead~~ with their ~~work of writing~~ final peace  
treaties for Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, and  
Finland.

But even as the Big Four met, they were handed  
a note from the Italian Government <sup>asking for better</sup> ~~demanding better peace~~  
terms for Italy and a plebiscite in areas now claimed  
by Yugoslavia. Italy's note said that the treaty as  
it now stands, ~~violates the principles of the Italian~~  
~~Charter~~, fails to recognize Italy's part in the war after  
Mussolini, deprives her unrightly of all her colonies,  
and <sup>threatens</sup> ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ <sup>to wreck her economy.</sup>

Then and there the Foreign Ministers took their  
accustomed sides, Molotov insisting that Yugoslavia  
should get from Italy twice as much in reparations as  
Greece got, <sup>with</sup> Byrnes saying that Yugoslavia should not  
get ~~xxx~~ even as much as Greece, <sup>and</sup> with the French and the  
<sup>British</sup> ~~English~~ supporting Byrnes.

<sup>As to</sup> ~~Then, how about~~ the question of Italian  
minorities, <sup>in</sup> the areas ceded to Yugoslavia? The Americans  
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want to force Yugoslavia to guarantee those Italians basic human rights.

Molotov at first put up an argument, then said he had no objection provided Yugoslavia's constitution was mentioned in the proposal. Under the new constitution of Marshall Tito's communistic state, the rights of all minorities are guaranteed.

Today's meeting of the Big Four ended on that note, ended in a friendly xx atmosphere although the old East-West disagreements were plainly to be seen. Such is the report, each of the Four chief delegates seemed interested in getting the job done as quickly as possible. But none seemed willing to change the position he had already taken at the Paris meetings and before.



## COAL

Some fifty-six coal mines, soft coal mines, are shut down in eastern Kentucky, southern West Virginia, Tennessee and Virginia. The reason? Wildcat strikes; and they continue to spread while John L. Lewis is negotiating with Interior Secretary Krug for a new contract. This cuts down production by fifty thousand tons of soft coal per day. But observers point out that there is nothing so unusual in this, because a few wildcat strikes always happen whenever the union starts negotiating for a new contract.

## CYCLOTRON

And here's another item about power. The University of California's new cyclotron underwent a successful test run today, producing two-hundred-million electron volt deuterons with as much energy as cosmic rays. That's the way it's described in the new item from Berkeley. And we are told that after the performance, Dr. Ernest Lawrence, Head of the University's Radiation Department, declared that the energy unleashed was ten times more powerful than any ever produced. /The test was so successful that the cyclotron will be placed in immediate operation without further experiments.



## COLUMBIANS

A dispatch from Atlanta, Georgia, brings a story of a new organization obviously intended to rival the Ku Klux Klan. Its founder calls it The Columbians Incorporated. And he makes no bones about his purposes. His name is Homer L. Loomis, Jr., said to be the son of a well-to-do New York attorney.

His ~~xx~~ aims, so he announces, are, first to control the United States. This he proposes to do by ~~making~~ making the Columbians all-powerful in forty-eight states. Second, he proposes to turn the U.S.A. into an American national state. And, make American a one race nation.

He said it was his sense of social justice that impelled him to start his organization. He not only left New York, but his wife and children too, to launch this movement "to save the world." He has given up drinking and smoking also.

Loomis and three others were arrested Saturday on charges of inciting a riot.

In an interview with a U.P. correspondent, he

\*x admitted that he aspires to control the country. He says his Columbians will wear no hoods, no masks, no disguises, no connection with the Klan. The membership list is open to the public. And that they already have five thousand members in Georgia, and additional members in South Carolina. They wear Khaki shirts with a red lightning flash inside a circle.

## NICKEL

The authorities seem to be getting on with the unravelling of the strange case of William Arthur Nickel, the hundred-dollar-a-week cashier of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company. The amount embezzled is now put at eight hundred and thirty-two thousand. And, the police say Nickel had four accomplices, three of whom have been arrested.

Nickel kept a suite in a New York hotel, which the police at first thought he was using for other purposes. It turns out to have been the headquarters for the ring.

Attractive women were also involved in the plot. So says the District Attorney, without revealing just how, Nickel had to have accomplices in order to cash the checks; and, the accomplices acquired a major part of the loot.

The authorities so far have recovered two-hundred-and-twenty-five thousand dollars in cash, real estate, jewels and furs, the jewels and furs having been bestowed on Mrs. Nickel, who fainted today in the District Attorney's office.



## MYSTERY GIRL

And now about the pretty young girl sentenced because she wouldn't tell the police her right name, the one the newspapers call the "mystery girl?" They still don't seem to know whether she is from Montana or not. I had one telegram from California today, from worried parents who think the girl without a name, is their daughter. This I turned over to the authorities, hoping it may help solve the riddle.

The case was re-opened today, due to the efforts of the Civil Liberties Union. Again, she sat in a New Jersey court, beautiful but silent, while her lawyer made acid remarks at the court for having convicted and sentenced her for disorderly conduct.

The state trooper who arrested her was the only witness against her. He admitted on the stand that the young lady had done nothing whatsoever that could be described as disorderly. Why then did he arrest her? Because she wouldn't give her right name and because she was wearing a man's shirt and blue jeans, the kind of

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pants that out West we call Levis.

Then said the lawyer: "Surely, girls can't be arrested for that, I see them all over the place."

Said the judge: "Why, my own daughter wears 'em."

Then the judge looked closer at the girl and, when the policeman went on to say that he had never seen a girl dressed that way before, the mystery girl laughed. Thereupon the judge remarked further, why she actually looks somewhat like my own daughter.

So the judge's daughter wears Levis, and looks rather like the Mystery Girl.

His Honor reserved decision. As for the girl, she didn't even take the stand because her attorney, representing the Civil Liberties Union, flatly told the court that the young lady's identity was none of the court's business.

And now, Nelson, in your Levis, will you step up to the Mike.

## CONVICTS

*Taken from early Nov. 4 to.*

In North Carolina, near Williamston, is a county prison camp, from which eight convicts -- negroes -- long-term prisoners, escaped -- sawed their way out. The biggest prison break in the history of the state. The authorities made the discovery this morning, hours after the convicts got out, by sawing the bars in the end window of a cell bloc. They crawled out across the prison yard, climbed over a wire fence, and vanished.

Prison guards, sheriff's deputies, state highway patrolmen, the State police of adjoining xx counties, and bloodhounds, are on the cold trail tonight.



## SECURITY COUNCIL.

The meeting of the Security Council, on the other hand, was a love feast. Not a cross word nor a frown visible. In fact, there was a unanimous vote over France. The Council took no action, & just turned that dispute over to the General Assembly of U.N.

However, that doesn't mean there will be unanimity in the General Assembly. It's an open secret that the British however strong their dislike of the Falangist dictatorship in Spain, doesn't want to see Franco replaced by a Communist dictatorship. And information from various parts of that country show that the Communists are well organized, ready to take over in short order, if Franco is thrown out.