

Tonight the final stage is set for the election tomorrow. The presidential candidates having had their last words.

And tomorrow you and I have ours - at the polling booths. (Mr. Truman made his final appeal for a democratic victory, from his home in Independence Missouri. His speech was bluntly partisan.) The President appealed to industry, farmers and small businessmen to come out and vote. And he made a special appeal to women, asking them to vote to protect their homes and children. From depression and war - so he said.

→ (Governor Dewey ~~is in New York~~ tonight, ~~after a quiet morning on his farm at Pawling.~~ In his final ~~election appeal~~ he asked Republicans and Democrats to close ranks after the voting; ~~and~~ work for a United America.)

~~He called for all Americans to show the world beyond all possible distortion that human beings can be free in a ~~maxian~~ united nation." The Governor apparently spoke with the theory in his mind that~~

everything that could be said in this election campaign, had been said. "I hope that each of you will vote," said he, "regardless of how you vote." And then he reminded us that America's free ballot is the envy of the world, we being able freely to choose the kind of government we want.

In San Francisco Republican Vice-Presidential candidate Earl Warren in addition to predicting a Republican victory, went on to say that Americans "are not bitterly partisan. They are looking for leadership. Leadership that is surefooted and confident of its ability to solve our problems."

U.N.

(From Paris we hear that all major activity in the United Nations is suspended.) Likewise all major activity throughout Europe. (The diplomats waiting, while the United States of America elects its president.)


The word in Paris is that if Governor Dewey is elected, he will immediately authorize John Foster Dulles to make a statement, ^{at the U.N. --} ~~in one or the other of the~~ ~~Security Councils~~ clarifying the Republican position. The general belief is that the U. S. bi-partisan policy will continue. But naturally, some changes are expected if the administration changes. The diplomats are wondering what such changes may be; and how they will affect the international situation.

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Here's later word on that. In Stockholm, Sweden, today, John Foster Dulles says that if Governor Dewey is elected, the broad outline of American foreign policy will undoubtedly be the same. And he added: "My own opinion is not entirely identical with the foreign policy now followed." As we all know, John Foster Dulles is expected to be the Secretary of State if Governor Dewey goes to the White House.

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of President Truman. Now the question is - if Governor Dewey is elected, will the U. N. discussions on Palestine be postponed until he goes to the White House next January?

Word from London is that Secretary of State Marshall has already discussed the possibility of such postponement with the London Foreign Office. Some U. N. delegates suggest that President Truman and Governor Dewey do not see eye to eye on the Bernadotte plan for peace in the Holy Land.

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~~There~~ Opinion is that if the Democrats lose the election, all major U. S. decisions in the U. N. will be postponed until January nineteen forty-nine - when the republicans take office.

ELECTION

Seeing that it is Election Day tomorrow, I thought it would be interesting to look around the world to see what other people are saying about our election.

(In London today, the British people were told by their newspapers that "to all purposes" Governor Dewey has already won.) There is so little interest in this election, says the news disptach -- ~~(because everybody is certain of the result)~~ - that the British radio is giving ^{it} no special coverage. In previous years, the **BBC** announcers worked all night, giving out results, State by State. ^{what's the use since} But today the British have decided, ~~it's~~ ^{its} in the bag. The London Daily Mail puts it this way; "We know little of Mr. Dewey here, but we should take pains to learn more about him, because the destinies of the Western World may rest largely in his hands."

The Lodon Times -- says that it is relieved, because the end has come to a pre-election period of undistinguished and pointless argument. Further says "The Thunderer," ^{as} The London Times is sometimes called, the election oratory has been the poorest for many a long year. Certainly the poorest since the time of President

Coolidge.

Lord Beaverbrook's Evening Standard says Sharman Douglas, daughter of the United States Ambassador to London, wants the Democrats to win. Because if Mr. Truman is defeated, her father will lose his job. And Sharman, says the newspaper, wants to stay in London.

In Prague, Czechoslovakia, a Radio Commentator came on the air this morning to tell his listeners that some twenty million Americans have been disfranchised because of various restrictions on the qualifications to vote. Whoever wins, says ^{Red} Czechoslovakia, it's just the same. You take your pick of either Rockefeller or Morgan. Dewey and Truman ~~don't matter one bit~~ ^{all the same.}

In Yugoslavia, the Communist newspaper Borba sees our presidential election as a shadow-boxing match between President Truman and Governor Dewey. President Truman, says Borba, is the candidate of the House of Morgan. Governor Dewey represents the Chase Bank, sponsored by Rockefeller. So really, says Borba, it's just a competition between Rockefeller and Morgan.

All of which is just an echo of Moscow.

Tegucigalpa,

From the Republic of Honduras comes a report that a straw poll of Americans living there give^s Governor Dewey a four-to-one majority over Mr. Truman. with Henry Wallace running fourth. The Progressive candidate grouped with the vegetarians, the Prohibitionists, and the Greenbacks.

CHINA FOLLOW ELECTION

Word from Nanking is that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's central government is awaiting the news of the election with desperate interest. Chiang is expected to ask for an increase in American Aid to China if Governor Dewey is elected, the Generalissimo well knowing the New York Governor's wish to aid China.

Late news from Nanking is that the whole of Northern China is in danger of being overrun by the Communists, who yesterday occupied Mukden, ~~the~~ ^{a key} city, ~~the~~ in the most important productive area in Asia.

A Nanking dispatch describes the situation in China so gloomy that Generalissimo Chiang may be forced to leave the country. His army shattered, millions of dollars of valuable military equipment lost.

FRANCE

In France today, most of the miners are back on the job. After being out for twenty-eight days, ^{on a strike that has} ~~and~~ costing France nearly five million tons of urgently needed coal, ^{plus} ~~and causing~~ serious damage to many coal pits.

In various parts of France, however the Communists are using terror methods to prevent the miners from going back to work. Time bombs exploding in miners cottages. In the town of Douai, fifteen houses destroyed.

Now, France is facing new labor trouble. On Saturday, the French Government issued a new scale of price control, on some food items, and wine. To stabilize the cost of living and avoid giving labor a general wage hike. Today all French labor said no, to this plan. The non-communist unions joining up with the Communist-controlled General Federation of Labor, to turn down the new price scales, ~~and threatening~~ Further strikes in key industries, ^{are likely} unless the Government gives increased wages to all French workers.

the Red Ideology and methods. For yesterday the Indonesian scouts caught up with him in a clearing, and they riddled him with bullets. His death undoubtedly a severe blow to Moscow's long range strategy to dominate Java, the richest island in the East Indies.

COUNT LUCKNER

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Division, told me how Count Luckner came to the American Lines under a flag of truce, negotiating for the citizens of Halle. For this, Hitler ordered Luckner's execution. But the Sea Devil arranged the surrender.-- and not a bomb fell, not a shot was fired.

Thereafter Count Luckner was associated with the Americans in the occupation, working with General Patton. And now he's come to this country again, to visit old friends and tell his story. So lets ask him-- Count Luckner, what did you do during the Nazi Regime and the War?

COUNT LUCKNER

I did not do what the Nazis wanted me to do. They wanted me to make propaganda. They wanted me to go on a trip around the world, and give Nazi propaganda. But I wouldn't do it. I said--"By Joe, I am a sailor, and a sailor has nothing to do with propaganda."

¶ They wanted me to give up honors I received in America. In San Francisco, in Miami, and in Minot, North Dakota. I was made an Honorary Citizen--and the nazis wanted me to send ^{all} that back. But I wouldn't do it. I said--"By Joe, I am proud of the honors my friends in America gave me."

The Nazis did terrible things against me. They set my ship on fire, and burned it. They stopped my books. My books were popular in Germany. They suppressed my books. They told lies about me, ugly stories.

I was in danger, but I could not get away. They took my passport -- and my ninety-three year old mother was in Germany. I couldn't go--so I had to hide. I ^{went} ~~went~~ to the Hartz Mountains. I went to the Estate of a relative of my family. with my wife I lived in a

cottage. I laid low.

I kept quiet in the Harz mountains -- until the war was ending. Then **I** went to Halle, where my old mother was -- and I was lucky. I could do something to keep Halle from being bombed, and have the city surrender without fighting.

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L. T. So that was the experience during the years of Hitler and the war -- the experience of Count

Luckner, the Sea Devil. The old boy has just arrived over here -- on his way across America again. First stop Detroit, on Thursday of this week. The greatest story ^{teller} of the platform of our time.

ROBBERY

In New York today, Clare Booth Luce, the Ex-Republican Congresswoman from Connecticut, was robbed of jewelry to the value of thirty-five thousand dollars. The theives entered her hotel suite early this morning, while she and her husband slept. New York police believe the robbery to be the work of the same gang which has recently been specializing in stealing jewels from celebrities. The fifth of its kind this year. All the victims glamor girls, and society beauties.

Glamor, Nelson, that's your department.

PAWLING

This item given after bc., abt 9 P.M. by L.J.

How's the election going in the Governor's home town?

At Pawling? I had hoped to have the returns for you. But, I've just been talking to Bert Green at Pawling on the telephone and he says it will be at least another half hour. It will be interesting to compare the vote cast by his Pawling neighbors today with the way they voted in Nineteen Forty-four.

Four ~~year~~ years ago, when Governor Dewey was running against F.D.R. - both from Dutchess County -- Roosevelt lost the County to Dewey. Mr. Dewey defeated F.D. R. even in F.D.R.'s own village Hyde Park, as well as Pawling. The Nineteen Forty-four figures for Pawling were: President Roosevelt four hundred and seventy two; Governor Dewey nine hundred and seventy two. Dewey winning his home town four years ago by more than two to one. The present population of the Village ~~is~~ is over fifteen hundred, with another fifteen hundred or so in the Township. A record vote is reported.

Pawling in rich dairy country . Governor Dewey's farm is less than two miles from the village. And there are three factories, for plastics, Lumelite, Pawling Rubber ~~Corporation~~ which makes all sorts of rubber products that go

into autos, refrigerators, airplanes and so on. And a textile factory.

On the edge of the village is one of the famous prep schools of the country, which recently combined with ~~Unity~~ Trinity of New York, giving it the distinction of being the second oldest prep school in the country.

Like every other village in America, there are the village characters:

This morning when I voted, coming out of the booth I ran into the village patriarch, Judge Dawes, with his spats and his ~~xxx~~ little goatee. I asked the Judge who was the first President he ever voted for. He replied that it was Chester A. Arthur. Then I asked Judge Dawes ~~in~~ what his prediction was for the outcome of the campaign today -- not Pawling but the ~~st~~ entire country.

The old gentleman laughed and said that he figured President Truman would only get about thirty electoral votes. But it's still too early - ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ far too early to tell about the nationwide vote. Too early even to tell how the balloting turned ~~next~~ out in Pawling where the folks are all set tonight to stage a victory celebration. In fact I've promised

to flash them the word as soon as we know for sure.

And that time isn't yet. In another two hours, maybe.

So for the moment,

So long.