

ELECTION *L. J. DeLoe Tues. Nov. 6 - '56.*

From all over the country - reports of the voters streaming to the polls, in unexpected numbers. It looks as if record-breaking figures may be set - exceeding even the turn-out in Nineteen Fifty-Two, which ~~it~~ broke all previous marks. Yet, the supposition had been - that there would be a much lighter vote this year. With totals - considerably below that Eisenhower-Stevenson contest in Nineteen Fifty-Two.

Eisenh - 33, mil - Stev - 27 mil - in round numbers

Well, there was ideal election weather in most of the nation. Which may explain, in part - the record-breaking vote, reported in one state after another. But the supposition is expressed - that, maybe, the chief reason is the tension that mounted in the last few weeks of the campaign. The rising bitterness ^{in the} ~~and~~ argument - Eisenhower versus Stevenson. Plus the dangerous flare-up of war in the Middle East. Coming - in the very last week of the campaign.

Tonight, at this hour, we have no more than early scattered returns. From communities - reporting their vote early. So how does it look - on the basis of fragmentary

figures? Some localities give President Eisenhower a larger margin than they gave him four years ago. But in other places a margin not so big.

AND Here's a sort of pattern - from figures compiled ^{so far} by the United Press, ^{has been giving} which ~~gave~~ the total of the scattered vote, ^(during the day.) from time to time, At ten o'clock, this morning, when a mere handful of votes were tabulated, Eisenhower forty, Stevenson thirteen. At noon, the total from a few tiny precincts in New England, the South, and Michigan. Eisenhower two-hundred-and-thirty-three, Stevenson one-hundred-and-fifteen. A little later, an all-over total of - four-hundred-and-eighty-six for Eisenhower, one-hundred-and-fifty-four for Stevenson.

Then the figures began to swell - ^{to} ~~it was~~ twenty-one thousand for Eisenhower, twelve-thousand for Stevenson. Somewhat later, thirty-thousand to eighteen-thousand, in favor of the President.

ELECTION - EARLY RETURNS

I always say - each election night -
Well, it's a custom to say that early scattered

returns like these don't mean anything. Too early - the figures too fragmentary. ~~Myself~~ ^{myself!} have said ~~this~~ ^{at} time and again - on this program, at this hour. But I'm beginning to wonder ^{is} the total of those early scattered returns so meaningless? Today, I went back to my broadcast notes on previous presidential election days, and took a look. Finding - that, in every case, the small figures at this hour gave a correct forecast of the final result.

In Nineteen Thirty-Two, Roosevelt led in the early ~~small~~ returns - and kept the lead.

In Nineteen Thirty-Six - the figures at this hour clearly foreshadowed that F.D.R. landslide.

Nineteen Forty - Willkie was behind, but running strongly. ~~Which~~ ^{the figures however} indicated the final result - a Roosevelt victory, but with a much reduced margin.

In Nineteen Forty-Four, the early totals were - Roosevelt four thousand, five hundred and ninety-three.

Dewey - three thousand, five hundred and fifty-four. Only the tiniest fraction of the whole vote - but it gave a correct forecast of the result.

At this hour in Nineteen Fifty-Two, the total figures were: Eisenhower forty-six thousand. Stevenson, thirty-six thousand. Still - the merest fraction of a total vote of more than sixty million. But they showed General Ike ahead by a percentage of fifty-five to forty-five. The final percentages, when the votes were all in - fifty-five to forty-five.

But how about Nineteen Forty-Eight - the big surprise? Dewey considered - a sure winner. My broadcast notes show that on Election Day that year, I gave the totals at this early hour as: Truman - eighty-three thousand. Dewey - seventy-six thousand. Everybody thinking - Dewey would reverse that. But he never did. H.S.T. held that early lead all night long. To the surprise - of nearly everyone.

So, ^{Walter} ~~the~~ ~~early~~ ~~hour~~ may not the early scattered returns ⁱⁿ ~~at~~

^{the early one} ~~this hour~~ be a real tip off? ~~The United Press figures at this~~

hour - a sort of poll. Sampling the vote far and wide -
according to the laws of chance. Tonight, we'll see - how it
works out.



Here's - just about the latest.

ADD ELECTION

At six P.M., the tabulation was: Eisenhower, thirty-nine thousand -- Stevenson, twenty-two thousand.

Which represents a mere five-hundred-and ninety-nine out of one ~~thousand~~ five hundred and fifty-four thousand, seven hundred and eighty-one precincts.

The figures in thus far - largely from Kansas, which is traditionally Republican.

Still later totals --

Eisenhower sixty five thousand

Stevenson forty six thousand

POLL

In Chicago - a record number in a north side polling place, today. So many - the voters couldn't get in. Political "watchers", eagle-eyed ^{party} ~~political~~ workers - making sure the opposition didn't try any tricks. Trickery - not altogether impossible in that particular district. A place with a tough reputation in the old forty-second ward.

It took the Chairman of the Chicago Election Commission to solve the dilemma - enabling the ~~mg~~ voters to cast their ballots. He cleared out all but a couple of Republican and Democratic watchers, and said to the voters: "Come in".

STEVENSON

Adlai Stevenson cast his vote in his home town,
Libertyville, Illinois. Doing so - with a quip. Upon
emerging from the polling booth, he said: "I decided not to vote
Republican." Then he went to Chicago - to wait it out in a
hotel suite. Listening - to the election returns.

The British and French have ordered - a cease-fire. Stopping hostilities by their forces - at seven P.M., Eastern Standard Time, this evening. No more shooting, they say - unless their forces are attacked.

They say they^{are} ordering the cease-fire - with the understanding that both Egypt and Israel have agreed they'll stop the shooting. Yesterday, both Israel and Egypt agreed - and, today, Israel announced that its forces have been ordered to end all shooting. Today's British communication also stated the condition - that a U.N. police force will be sent into the Suez Canal area. The U.N. has adopted a plan of an international force at Suez. So that would seem to be that - according to all reports.

Notice of the British-French cease-fire order was conveyed to U.N. Secretary Dag Hammarskjold. The notification going on to say - that the Anglo-French forces would now begin the job of removing obstructions from the Canal. The Egyptians - having sunk ships to block the great waterway. The British and French brought along technical workers to clear the Canal. The cease-fire notification pointing out - that this was not a

military operation.

Formally, the news that hostilities were ending - was conveyed to the U.N. Secretary General. But, actually, President Eisenhower knew about it earlier. Hearing about the British-French decision in a telephone conversation - with British Foreign Minister Sir Anthony Eden.

This morning, the President was at his home in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania - where he and Mrs. Eisenhower voted. There were the usual pleasant formalities, but Mr. Eisenhower did not wait around. Flying back to Washington, immediately. Where, at the White House, he put in a call to London - getting Sir Anthony on the wire. And Eden informed him - of the action the British and French were going to take. That is - order ~~whether~~ a cease-fire. Which the President hails with elation - as a possible way out of the snarl in the Middle East.

Earlier in the day, the British-French invasion of Suez had swept on. Seaborne forces landing on beaches - and joining the airborne paratroopers, who had begun the invasion

yesterday. Seizing positions - around Port Said. Yesterday the word was - that the city at the northern end of the Canal had surrendered. But this was - premature. The commander of the Egyptian garrison at Port Said had, in fact, agreed on the surrender. But this was countermanded - by orders from Cairo. So the city had to be taken. Which was done today - by the combined seaborne and airborne troops of the British and French. There was bitter fighting, street by street, ~~in Port Said.~~

And yet, we hear - the casualties were light. But the Egyptian government tells of continuing savage battle in the city.

After the capture of Port Said, the invasion forces pushed south, along the Canal - to the city of Ismailia. Hoping to get as near to that key point as possible - before hostilities are called off. Taking advantage of the brief time left before the hour of the cease-fire , seven P.M., Eastern Standard Time.

But here's a later dispatch. The Cairo radio announcing -- that Egypt will continue fighting. The Cairo radio putting it in these words: "As long as there are aggressors on Egyptian soil," which might seem

to me that -- the Egyptians won't honor the cease-fire ordered by the British and the French. In which case the fat might be in the ~~fire~~ fire again. All day long, the Cairo radio kept on broadcasting its defiance of the Anglo-French invasion force. →

Tonight the Arab and Asian countries asked the General Assembly of the U.N. - to call for the immediate withdrawal of all British, French and Israeli forces from Egypt.

EGYPT - APPEAL

Egypt appeals to the world - for armament and soldiers.

To help - against ^{the} British, French and Israelis. An appeal -

that was put on the Moscow Radio, today. Saying that Egypt

is asking for - "volunteers." Also - other military means.

The Russian broadcast - denouncing the invasion in savage terms

Saudi Arabia - breaking off diplomatic relations with

Britain and France. So says the radio station at Jeddah.

Adding that Saudi Arabia is sending military forces into

Jordan, Israel's next door neighbor.

And Switzerland appears in the picture - that alpine

country with its traditional neutrality. Switzerland -

issuing an appeal to the Western Big Three, ^{and} Soviet Russia and

India. Asking them to hold a new "summit meeting" to prevent

the outbreak of a possible World War Three. Switzerland

offering to be the host - to a new "summit conference."

ISRAEL - ISLAND FOLLOW EGYPT APPEAL

The Israelis declare - they won't give up an island, which they captured a few days ago. Prime Minister Ben-Gurion indicating that Israel will hold the small bit of land called "Jez Tiran" - in the Gulf of Akaba. Which island was an Egyptian stronghold - from which Egyptian guns often shelled Israeli ships passing up the Gulf.

The U.N. has been talking of having the Israelis pull out of all the territory they invaded. So that island of Jez Tiran might be a stumbling block. And - would the Israelis give up the Gaza Strip, which they captured?

HUNGARY

The news from Hungary - again incredible. The patriots putting up a formidable resistance, far and wide - against an estimated Russian force of two hundred thousand soldiers and four thousand tanks. *P* The rebel radio - making appeals for aid. Asking - for guns, ammunition and medical supplies. Hoping - that these might be dropped by parachute. They say the morale of the freedom fighters is "good." But their ammunition - is running low.

The Red radio at Budapest admits that the battle still goes on. Today stating: "The counter-revolutionaries continue their resistance." And adding - that there's house-to-house fighting in Hungarian cities. *P* The rebel radio declares that, in Budapest, the patriots have recaptured the Parliament ^{ment} building - and are holding military positions to the south of the city.* They say that a Russian tank assault against the chief stronghold of the Nationalists was beaten off, late today. Four tanks - captured.

All of which is emphasized - by appeals on the Budapest radio - imploring the patriotic insurgents to lay down their arms. Promising - an amnesty.

The puppet government of the new Premier, Kadar, broadcast a proclamation, today - promising a middle-of-the-road policy. Avoiding the "mistakes" made by the previous regime of Stalinists. The radio appeal denounces the patriots as enemies of Socialism. But gave the impression that the new regime, installed by the Russians, would be of a moderate character.

It seems inevitable that the massive Russian forces of Hungary must win out - crushing the Nationalists. But the patriots continue to fight for freedom.

END

That's the round-up of the news abroad. So now let's
return to our own election. ~~for some late figures~~ →

~~(Figures to come)~~

ELECTION

Tonight the United Press gives the following estimate: "Although meaningless in themselves, the first returns tend to support the prediction of various political polls - that the President would be swept back into office.

Now - Henry - any election night message from you?