

L.T. DELCO - Monday November 1, 1954

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

On this program, down the years, I'd say -- the great industrial concern most often in the news has been General Motors. Making history -- in the phenomenal growth of our national production. We all remember the part the Company played in military production for winning the victory in the Second World War. During World War II I was the narrator on a General Motors radio program -- "Victory is Our Business" -- once a week for a long period. Now, here I am again with General Motors. Which gives me the personal feeling of being one of rather a large group. Although "group" isn't the word. For G.M. has five-hundred-and-thirty-eight-thousand employees. Eighteen thousand dealers in automobiles and trucks -- not counting thousands of other dealers in many other

General Motors appliances. There are fifteen thousand suppliers, large and small, all over the country. Suppliers -- ranging from cotton fields in the South to the factories turning out materials for G.M. And there are Four Hundred and Ninety Thousand stockholders -- illustrating how American private industry tends to be publicly owned.

So, in a sense I have more than a million bosses -- people I now work for as I continue on the air for my new sponsor: United Motors Service for Delco batteries, of General Motors.

And the news I pass along to you under this new sponsorship tonight is mainly about politics.

POLITICS

- as campaigns usually do -
The campaign is winding up in a whirlwind of

electioneering. President Eisenhower - making a last minute appeal - on C.B.S. television tonight. Adlai Stevenson - leading the verbal charge of the ~~Democratic~~ Democrats.

TP Saturday night, Stevenson made an accusation - connecting President Eisenhower, indirectly, with the Communist Party line. Saying - he "condoned" Republican arguments that Democratic administrations achieved prosperity, through war. Adlai said - that was the Communist line./

~~This~~ *This* is answered indignantly by Vice-President Nixon, who called it a "vicious, hysterical, scurrilous" attack on President Eisenhower. All - an indication of the high temperature, as the campaign ends.

Over the weekend, the Republicans - were pressing the "ten-times-ten" telephone campaign, launched by the President. Who asked - ten people to telephone ten others, asking each to phone ten more. The Democrats - countering with a ~~fund~~ "walk-a-thon." Voters, urged to walk to the

homes of ten neighbors. With appeals to vote Democratic.

As for The public opinion polls ^{*they*} favor the Democrats - to

win control of Congress. But the Republicans hope - the

personal campaign by President Eisenhower will swing the

election in their favor. ^{*Seldom*} ~~Never before~~ has ^{*a*} ~~the~~ President made

such an all-out effort in a mid-term election. The President

began slowly - then increased the pace in a personal campaign.

Until - he beat all presidential records for electioneering

in a battle for Congress.

CAMPAIGN - FEUDS

The outcome tomorrow may depend, a good deal, on bitter factional fights within the two Parties.

Idaho Democrats -- revolting against former Senator Glenn Taylor, who ran for Vice President on the Henry Wallace ticket in Nineteen Forty-eight. The Progressive Party denounced as -- pro-Communist. Now Glenn Taylor is trying a political comeback -- running for the Senate against the Republican incumbent, Dworshak.

The Democratic Central Committee in the State of Washington has refused to support Clyde Tisdale, running for

Congress on the Democratic ticket. Tisdale admits he was a member of the Communist Party briefly, but then decided - Communism was no good.

The Democratic National Committee refused its endorsement to Congressman Condon, in California. Condon - having been denied security clearance by the Atomic Energy Commission. Barred - from atomic tests in Nevada. But he won the Democratic nomination for Congress in California - though denounced as pro-Communist. Party endorsement also withheld in California ~~from~~^{for} James Roosevelt, son of the late President. Following - headline troubles with his wife - news about that famous letter. But, James Roosevelt seems likely to win in a heavily Democratic district. Unlucky in marriage, lucky in California politics. That would seem to be the moral.

ELECTION - COMPLAINT

The Democratic National Chairman, tonight, comes out with a wrathful complaint -- about a Republican trick on the radio. Chairman Mitchell cries to High Heaven. He demands a Congressional investigation, also an inquiry by the Federal Communications Commission.

In that offending broadcast, a thick voice with a Russian accent advised the people to vote for the Democrats, which was followed by the announcer telling the folks in a perfect American accent: "Don't take orders from Moscow." He, of course, advising them to vote Republican.

Another sign of the free-for-all combat tactics cropping up in this election.

EISENHOWER - REMARK

Here's a bit of final comment on the political extravaganza. The last word -- and an appropriate word it is. Tonight, in Washington, President Eisenhower made his appearance on CBS television. When it was over, and he was walking out of the studio, he spoke to his Press Secretary, Jim Hagerty:-

"By golly," said the President, "sometimes you get tired of all this clackety-clack."

To which we can all say "Amen," Mr. President.

CUBA - ELECTION

Cuba had an election today -- something quite different from what we'll have tomorrow. No battle of ballots -- in the case of the Presidency, at least. But -- quite a battle, in some other ways.

Strong Man Batista -- running unopposed. As good as elected President -- when the opposition candidate, Grau San Martin, withdrew. Charging -- it wouldn't be a fair election.

Other offices being filled -- governors, municipal positions, and a new Cuban Congress. The Batista party -- predominant nearly everywhere.

All over the island -- violence today. With official warnings -- that a revolution may be brewing.

In Havana, bombs were exploded. One, at the entrance to the Cuban Telephone Co. Building. A woman, injured.

At the headquarters of the Naval General Staff in downtown Havana, shots were fired from a speeding car. The sentries on duty -- shooting back. No casualties, apparently.

Today, as Havana went to the polls, the Cuban Air Force kept patrol over the city. Low-flying planes, roaring over buildings -- maintaining a special watch over the highways leading into the capital.

At Matanzas, a man was shot and killed by a brother of the candidate for Mayor. A candidate -- on the Batista ticket.

At Santiago, eastern tip of Cuba -- a running gun-battle between soldiers and insurrectos, who entered a polling place and took away the ballot box.

Batista -- unopposed at the polls. But there seems to be plenty of opposition -- in other ways.

PLANE

Two hundred planes and twenty-five ships - in one of the greatest of air-sea searches in history. Seeking - a Navy transport, with forty-two aboard, lost, out in the Atlantic.

The missing plane took off from Patuxent, Maryland, on Saturday - bound for the Azores and Africa. Fuel - exhausted ~~long~~ long since. The hope being - that there may be survivors on life-rafts, with which the plane was provided. So, all day long, an air and sea fleet was criss-crossing wide areas of the Atlantic.

LONDON

In London, today, British, French and American diplomatic officials met at the Foreign Office - to discuss an answer to the latest communication from the Kremlin. The Moscow proposal - that a meeting of the Big Four be held right away. The reply decided on - a rejection. So we hear.

Which doesn't mean - there will not be a Big Four conference. The objection is to the timing - right away. The Western powers are willing to go into talks with Moscow - but not until the Paris accord, for the rearmament of Western Germany, has been ratified by the French and German parliaments.

The Western view is that the Soviets, talking about an immediate parley, are merely looking for some last minute method of disrupting the Paris agreement. Later on, presumably, the Soviets will ^{still} be willing to negotiate, ~~on~~ ~~the square~~. After the treaty for Western unity - has been finally sealed.

ALGERIA

An outbreak of terrorism - in Algeria. Attacks on troops and police - at various points. At least five killed, by Algerian gunmen and bomb throwers.

A well organized outbreak - say the French authorities. The attacks ~~having~~ occurred, almost simultaneously, between midnight and two A.M. today. At scattered points - along the Algerian coast.

~~This was~~ All the more ominous for the French - because ^{this is} ~~it was~~ the first epidemic of terrorism in Algeria. The neighboring lands of Tunisia and Morocco - in a state of chronic sedition. But Algeria has a status of its own. Politically - a part of metropolitan France. The Algerians having the same rights as the people of France, themselves. Voting in French elections, sending representatives to the National Assembly, and so on. Algerians, politically - Frenchmen.

Nevertheless, there's a Nationalist faction in Algeria - demanding complete independence. They, now -

staging their first outbreak of terrorism in that important North African country. Tunisia and Morocco had a weekend of shooting and bombing, but that was hardly news. Algeria, however, is news.