

LEAD

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(ELECTION DAY)

All afternoon, General Ike has been in the lead. But with mere scattering returns - so small, they can in no way signify even a trend. At five O'Clock, New York time, for example, the General was ahead nearly two-to-one. But here's how small the figures were - Eisenhower eleven-thousand-and-five. Stevenson, six thousand, five hundred and forty-eight.

The distribution of the figures had points of interest - early returns from Kansas showing the General picking up handy majorities here and there. But that was only to be expected - in Eisenhower's own home state.

Here's a later total, twenty-six-thousand, to eighteen thousand, in favor of Eisenhower. The figures are still exceedingly small. It seems to me that the vote is coming in much more slowly tonight than it did in Nineteen Forty-Eight. Which may be because of the record-breaking number of ballots cast, slowing things down.

MASSACHUSETTS

The first of the key states to give any sign today was - Massachusetts. Traditionally Democratic, but rated - a toss-up.

Well, (New England always gives us early figures in a presidential election, and the ones today ran strongly for General Eisenhower.) Not significant for Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont - which have been ^{em}ceded to the Republicans. But they ^{do} showed (Eisenhower doing a good deal better than Governor Dewey - four years ago. Stevenson - not so well as Truman four years ago.)

Same story in Massachusetts. Early figures from rural communities running like this: Mount Washington - Eisenhower twenty-eight, Stevenson six. Four years ago, Dewey also got twenty-eight, but Truman took ten. Gosnold, Massachusetts - Eisenhower fifty-two, Stevenson nine. Nineteen Forty-Eight - Dewey twenty-nine, Truman thirteen. The town of Boxford gives Ike five-hundred and ten, Stevenson seventy-one. The last time, Dewey took three-hundred-and-

ninety-three, Truman Sixty-four.

Interesting, in the light of the fact that
Eisenhower, to win, must run better than ^{Tom} Dewey ^{did} in Nineteen
Forty-Eight.

SOUTH PRECEDE POLITICS-APPOMATOX

In the South, Governor Stevenson ran up lopsided pluralities in country towns ^(of Arkansas -) as was also to be expected. Which was according to predictions for ~~Arkansas~~ ^{that state.} In other parts of the South, Ike was running strongly - in the early small figures. Which tended to confirm all predictions - that the General would run up a big vote in Dixieland, even though he failed to crack the Solid South. (First returns from Virginia looked favorable for the Republicans.)

POLITICS - APPOMATOX

In wading through the blizzard of dispatches *with*
~~giving~~ fractional figures from one place or another, there was
one return that ~~made~~ ^{gave} me ^a start, ~~and stare~~. The first precinct
in Virginia reported ~~ed~~ ⁱⁿ its vote. A small precinct - with only
seventeen ballots cast. But the name is what ~~gets you~~ ^{made me stare -}
Appomatox. For some ninety years the politics of the South
have been dominated by issues growing out of the Civil War,
the ^(sectional) ~~sectional~~ strife that ended - when Robert E. Lee
surrendered at Appomatox. So how did that historical
community vote today? The figures are - sixteen for Ike,
five for Stevenson. Insignificant numbers, but interesting -
at Appomatox.

CANDIDATES

The first of the candidates to vote was - Eisenhower.

In New York, his Columbia University residence, he was up bright and early - soldier style. But, at the polling place, early as they were, the General and Mrs. Eisenhower were not the first - not by any means. Mamie was the ninety-ninth to cast the ballot there. The General - the one hundredth. All, reflecting a huge early vote in New York today. (~~Voters thronging to start what was sure to be a record-breaking turn-out. The same thing goes for most of the country - an enormous response to one of the hardest fought of political campaigns.~~)

Governor^r~~not~~_A Stevenson voted at the suburban town of Half Day, near his Illinois farm. Typically, Adlai got off a whimsy. At the polling place, the village school, a crowd gathered to see him - including a swarm of school children. the youngsters, Governor Stevenson addressed ~~the~~_A and said: "I'd like to ask all of you children to indicate, by holding up your hands, how many would like to be Governor of Illinois?" All the youngsters raised their hands.

"Now," Adlai went on, "I would like to ask all the governors - if they would like to be kids again."

That got a laugh, to be added to all the other laughs

Adlai got ~~to his~~ ^{his many} jokes and quips during the campaign. *There is no doubt but what he has a quick wit.*

Independence, Missouri! - you know who voted there.

Of course
The President said he was casting his ballot for the winning ticket. *And* He doesn't like Ike any more, ~~and you can guess which~~

~~one it was. (The President was told that, in his ward, three hundred and twenty-one voters were registered - a record-breaking figure for the ward at Independence. An added reflection of the fact that, today, more voters went to the polls than ever before in an American election. All signs bearing out the prediction - fifty-five million.)~~

There was one luminary of politics who made no prophecy, as he cast his ballot today. Former President Herbert Hoover, elder statesman of the Republican Party. Voting in New York, he said: "I have hopes - but not a prediction."

(The former President lives at the Waldorf, and so does General Douglas MacArthur. Reporters queried about the former Supreme Commander in Tokyo, and found - MacArthur not voting. He didn't register.)

(Another elder statesman let out a shout - when he got into the booth, where the voting machine was. Bernard Baruch, adviser to presidents, let out a roar: "This ~~doggone~~ thing won't work! You can't pull the levers!"

Election officials hurried to the scene, and fixed the levers.

Emerging, Bernard Baruch disclosed whom he had voted for. Previously, he had refrained from saying who it would be - although he spoke out in high praise of General Ike. So it's no surprise, today, Bernard Baruch voted for General Ike.)

One ~~Another~~ case of trouble with an election machine, was ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in the Sixth Assembly District, New York City - and this was a beaut. The machine went out of gear, and forty citizens were held up - couldn't vote. Election

officials got busy, tinkering with the mechanism. They did their best - but, no go.

Finally, a woman voter, looking over the shoulders of the bedeviled officials, pushed her way to the machine, pulled a bobby pin from her hair, and stuck it into the contraption. She smiled sweetly, as the voting machine proceeded to work in perfect order.

(Somebody played a trick on the Chicago Tribune today, when alleged copies of that conservative Republican paper announced - a switch to Stevenson. The Tribune says it was the doing of pranksters, who faked a pro-Stevenson headline, super-imposing it on copies of yesterday's edition.)

POLITICS - CAKE

News from France, that our presidential winner sure "takes the cake." A French baker, Pierre Bastardi, announces that he is constructing a replica of the Capitol dome in Washington, eight feet high. Making it - out of chocolate cake and vanilla icing. Pierre says he'll have the cake ready next week, and will ship it to Washington, addressed to whoever wins the election over here, Adlai or Ike.

Pierre has a reputation for architecture made of pastry. Some while ago he constructed a cake in the shape of the dome of St. Peters, in Rome, and that won for him an audience with Pope Pius the Twelfth. Maybe Pierre thinks that, by repeating the performance, with our own Capitol dome in Washington, he'll get an invitation to the White House.

EISENHOWER - KOREA

Today brought the statement that, if elected, General Ike will leave for Korea on Thursday - fulfilling that headline promise during the campaign. He'll go to the war-front as President-elect -- if he wins.

This comes from the Augusta, Georgia, Chronicle, which says it has the story from - "authoritative sources." The Chronicle declares that, no matter how the election goes, General Ike and his wife will fly to Augusta tomorrow - for rest and recreation at the Augusta National Golf Club. That would be for only one day - ^{he's} if elected president. He'd start for Korea day after tomorrow. ^{But} if he loses, he'll remain at Augusta, for several days - playing golf.

(In New York, Jim Haggerty, the General's press secretary - declined any comment on this report. Newsmen went to the Defense Department in Washington, where a spokesman said he didn't know anything about it. But added - if General Ike is elected, and asks air transport to Korea, it will undoubtedly be provided.)

KOREA

(It wouldn't be reasonable to say that Election Day was a holiday - on the Korean battlefield. But the fact is that all was quiet in the sector of Triangle Hill - where bitter fighting had been going on for twenty-two consecutive days.) Early this morning, there was a flurry of battle, violent but brief - Red assailants having to crawl back to their caves and bunkers. But, otherwise, the G.I's had not much to do, except huddle around radios and listen for news about the political battle at home.

(However, the calm and quiet, it seems, will not last long. The South Korean soldiers have sworn to recapture Triangle Hill, which the Reds took from them. And the ~~dispatch~~ dispatches tell of an artillery barrage, which may be the prelude for another South Korean assault.)

JAPAN

Over northern Japan, today, American fighter planes spotted a Soviet fighter flying over Japanese territory. But they didn't start shooting at it - the way the Reds have done, destroying several planes of ours for alleged violation of Communist territory. Instead, the two American fighters took the Soviet plane into custody - in a way. They flew alongside, and escorted it back to the international borderline - to the north of the Japanese island of Hokkiado. No shots were fired - the two American planes, one on each side of the Russian, merely saying: "This way out."

EARTHQUAKE

Around the world, today, seismographs reported - a great earthquake. It struck at about noon, New York time, three violent tremors, with lesser shocks that lasted until after two P.M.

The earthquake registered at such places as New York, California, Florence Italy, Hawaii, and Japan. All evidence points - to northwestern Siberia, the Kamchatka peninsula, to the north of Japan. That barren, rugged land in the Arctic is hardly inhabited at all. Now, apparently, the scene of a great earthquake.

Here's the latest. A great tidal wave, caused by the Kamchatka quake, is on its way - fanning out in the Pacific. The wave has already reached the nearby Aleutian Islands, and is on its way to Hawaii.

PRISON

At the Ohio State Prison, the convict mutineers have surrendered. Warden Ralph Alvis declares that no terms were made, no requests granted - just "peaceful surrender."

Stacks of sandwiches and gallons of coffee were sent immediately into the cell blocks, where sixteen hundred rioters had been holding out - without food since Sunday. They simply couldn't resist any longer, apparently, and gave up to get the sandwiches and coffee.

CHURCHILL

In London, Prime Minister Churchill announces - that measures will be taken to denationalize the British steel industry. The Conservative government will introduce legislation tomorrow - to return steel to private enterprise.

In the last general election, Churchill was returned to power - with a promise to take Britain's number one industry out of government ownership. But that was long delayed, because of many difficulties, and it seemed as if steel might continue to be part of the socialistic system in Britain. Today, however, Churchill announces - denationalization - ~~the Conservative will now take~~ [^] ~~decisions to reverse the trend~~ [^] Which also goes for the trucking industry. ~~The Conservative will now take~~

These measures had been indicated earlier today by Queen Elizabeth, addressing the new session of Parliament. A few hours later, Churchill stated his intention before the House of Commons - the first major move to reverse the trend toward all-out Socialism in Britain.

QUEEN

While we were having our election today, Britain was enjoying that favorite British pageant - the opening of Parliament - Her Majesty the Queen - appearing before the Lords and Commons. The brilliant spectacle was like a prelude to the Coronation.

Britain's last ruling Queen was Victoria, and today's event was richly reminiscent of that majestic little lady - so long and so much the Queen. Elizabeth wore a long train, velvet and ermine, which Victoria used to wear when she opened Parliament back in the last century. In her hair, a circlet of diamonds and pearls - that had belonged to Queen Victoria.

Through streets lined with acclaiming crowds, she proceeded in the Coach of State from Buckingham Palace to Parliament Square. Her husband, Prince Philip, in a naval uniform of dark blue with gold braid, sat beside her - just as Prince Albert used to take his place beside Victoria, in the days of long ago. In the House of Lords, where the two Houses of

of Parliament were in joint session, Prince Philip sat at the left of the Queen, the same place where Albert used to sit beside Victoria at openings of Parliament.

Yes, it was all much the same as in the past - Elizabeth reading an address prepared by the Ministry. In a girlish voice she began in the traditional way: "My Lords and Members of the House of Commons." She noted that this was the first occasion for her to appear before Parliament as the sovereign, and spoke of "My peoples....my ministers.... my government." All in the old style of a queen and her kingdom.

So today, while we Americans elect a president, that faint sound we seem to hear from across the water, ^{Nelson,} is London shouting: "Long live the Queen!"

The following was given by Lowell Thomas on T.V., after the Election returns showed General Eisenhower had been voted President of the United States:

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One interesting sidelight on the Eisenhower victory is the way the eminent gentlemen who conduct polls were fooled. Or were they? I wonder if they were just too scared this time? Of course all of us who know the next President are remembering now - remembering him when we first met him. Most of us met him first during the war, at his Headquarters in England, or in France - or maybe in North Africa. That was the usual thing, in those days, when General Ike was commanding the victory in the West.

The first time I met our President-elect, I was with a group of newsmen, touring the war-front. One major item on our schedule was - a meeting with the Commander of the Allied forces.

I had just come from a trip into Germany, where hard driving American divisions were hurling back the beaten troops

of Hitler. I had seen something of the way the war was being run, and of course had heard plenty about the General. He was no mystery man. His reputation was clear everywhere, with emphasis on the rare skill he had displayed in handling that vast international war machine composed of so many different and often conflicting elements. His fame - as we have heard over and over - was that of a military diplomat, who could make the Americans get along with the British, who could handle temperamental stars, proud and touchy headliners of war. Like - his own exuberant General Patton. Or - Britain's Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Monty of El Alemein, who had his own opinions and could be stubborn. Or DeGaulle, Chief of the Free French, who considered himself the embodiment of the soul of France. Temperamental headliners! They were indeed! But Eisenhower kept them in line, trying to get the best out of them. So we had advance notice of the kind of General we would meet.

His famous headquarters at the time - outside Paris,

in a large building. It had been a big school of some sort. A sombre place; grim, forbidding. But that sombreness vanished - when we got to talking with the Allied Commander - the man who has just been elected our next President. There in France he greeted us, as if we were old friends. Talked, and answered our questions about the war situation - as if he had known us all our lives and wanted to make military matters clear and simple. He had that familiar Eisenhower smile - that we knew from pictures - and that all the world now knows. The impression he gave us was of warmth, forthrightness and integrity. You felt - here was a man you instinctively liked and trusted. A ~~xxx~~ visit to Eisenhower Headquarters harmonized perfectly with all we had heard about the gifts of the soldier-diplomat - now called to the most important post in the world.

Such was the picture I took away, those six years ago, as we went up to the war-front again.

After the war, I encountered General Ike at various

times - once in a New York restaurant, after the theatre.

He was with Mrs. Eisenhower, and his son - celebrating a wedding anniversary. They had just attended the musical show, "Call Me Madam," which featured the song - "I Like Ike." Which the General and the Missus had just heard for the first time.

He laughed heartily, and told me how embarrassing he had found it.

Just one more glimpse of the man we are now going to call President Eisenhower. He visited my home, and arrived when I was not at the door to meet him. He just walked in with easy friendliness, and went from one to the other of my neighbors who were there - shaking hands and saying, "I'm Eisenhower." That same smiling warmth - which I first noted at military headquarters in France. Which, also - has been so prominent in this election. Don't you believe that personal warmth played a great part in winning this political victory? I do!

General Ike went into this campaign as we all know, completely inexperienced at anything like political

campaigning; and he was awkward about it, at first. But he caught on -- because he was especially good at the whistle stop technique. And before the battle was over, he was as proficient as his arch assailant, President Truman -- in that old, traditional way of talking to people from the rear platform of a campaign train. Which required all those qualities of - simplicity, forthrightness, friendliness, warmth.

He has always been that kind of person, and always will be. And maybe that warmth of personality will even be a help in bringing peace to the sorely troubled world. I for one believe that General Ike will prove to be a great leader - the man we need, the man the world needs at this time.

General Eisenhower -- now President Eisenhower.