

ELECTIONS

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A Republican ^{sweep.} ~~landslide~~. The Republicans sweeping to victory in every election where they promised they'd win, also many they hadn't figured to win.

With countrywide returns rolling in, there is seldom a bulletin giving the Democrats a lead, except, of course, in the solid south.

In the ~~px~~ pivotal eastern states of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, the Republicans are way in the lead. Overwhelmingly so. In West Virginia, normally Democratic, where a hot senatorial race was expected, the Republicans are out in front. In Kentucky, one Democratic representative ~~xx~~ has already conceded his defeat. ~~xx~~ And Andrew J. May -- remember him? He of the military affairs ~~xxxx~~ episode of last summer? He's running far behind his opponent.

The first state conceded to the Republicans, Connecticut, in recent years a Democratic stronghold, Governor Raymond Baldwin, Republican, has been elected to both the short and full terms of the Senate. His

election was conceded early this evening, before eight o'clock. And that's remarkable, considering that the polls closed at six. Baldwin swept into office with him all of his statewide Republican colleagues. A Republican Governor elected and all six Connecticut congressional seats went to the G O P.

Connecticut, the first state on which we have a full report tonight.

But follow the returns as I've been doing all evening, and it looks as though the Democrats are losing out all along the line - an overwhelming victory for the Republicans. But, will it be enough to give the G O P the twenty-six seats in the House and the ten seats in the Senate that they must have in order to get control? We can't tell yet! But they even are going to come close to that. They may make it.

The Republican national committee campaign director, Clarence Brown, has just claimed, on the basis of late election returns, that the Republicans will gain at least forty-five, possibly fifty, seats in the House. ~~SM~~ Says Brown: "we are running better than expected in New England and Pennsylvania. We are running exactly the way we ~~firm~~ figured in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

We always thought the Senate races would be close. And they are close. But we expect to win most of them if results in the western states hold up.

NEW YORK ELECTIONS

The latest from New York: Democratic state chairman Fitzpatrick has conceded the gubernatorial election to Tom Dewey. So has Senator James Mead who has sent his congratulations to Tom Dewey. Most of New York's newspapers, including the strongly pro-Mead P M., had already admitted that it was a sensational Republican victory. All day Dewey ran even with Mead in New York city. And when a Republican can do that, he is assured of the state of New York. Final note on Mead: He lost his home town to ~~Buff~~ Buffalo.

Democratic Chairman Fitzpatrick has ~~not~~ nothing yet to say about the senatorial race between Herbert Lehman, Democrat, and Irving Ives, running on Dewey's ticket. But Ives is only slightly behind Lehman on the basis of votes counted up to now, and those are mostly New York City votes. Ives, in other words, seems sure of victory.

In Mass. Republican Candidate Henry Cabot Lodge way ahead of Democrat Senator Dave Walsh - by more than twenty thousand votes.

York. Here's a look at New Jersey. The Republicans leading by more than 100,000 votes. Alfred DuBois, Republican candidate for Governor, more than three to one ahead. His Democratic opponent, Alexander Smith, senatorial incumbent, ahead by only a slightly smaller margin.

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EASTERN STATES

Of course we have fairly complete figures only from the eastern states. Time makes it that way. We've already told you about Connecticut and New York. Here's a look at New Jersey:- The Republicans, leading by more than two to one. Alfred Driscoll, Republican candidate for Governor, more than three to one ahead. His Democratic opponent, Alexander Smith, senatorial incumbent, ahead by only a flightly smaller margin.

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opponent by more than two to one. In the race for Governor of Michigan, the Republican, Sigler, is leading Van Wagoner by almost as much. And, Van Wagoner, by the way, was favored to win.

In Ohio, the State of Presidents, the expected is ~~taking~~ ^{taking} place. Bricker, far out in front, by more than three to two. The race for Governor of Ohio was ~~not~~ expected to be close with the Democrats having the edge. But that edge has just about vanished. According to the last bulletin I have here.

In Kansas, the G O P way ahead. In Missouri the Republicans apparently are in the lead -- yes even in President Truman's state. But Missouri is still in doubt.

KENTUCKY

A late report from Kentucky. John Cooper, Republican leads his Democratic opponent for U S Senator by one hundred and ninety six thousand to one hundred and sixty eight thousand votes, with almost half of Kentucky votes counted.

MIDWEST

And here's ~~a late~~ one from ~~Chicago~~ Chicago:

For Congressman at large, Douglas the Democrat, leading his Republican opponent one hundred and fifty thousand to ninety-four thousand votes. But, there's a catch to it. Most of the precincts so far counted lie in Cook county, overwhelmingly Democratic. And the Democrats need much more of the lead in Cook County if they are to carry down-state Illinois.

DENVER

The latest returns show 1677 votes for the Republican Candidate for Governor, 1902 for the Democrat. In Montana, Senator Erickson Democrat has 2608 to Rep. Ecton 2251.

New Jersey. The Democratic Candidate has just conceded and sent his congratulations to his Republican rival -- Driscoll.

WEST

Pushing on West, we'll have to wait a little while longer. But, here is what I have: In South Dakota the Republicans lead - by plenty.

In Nevada five out of two hundred and ninety-eight precincts give the Republicans a bare majority.

In Montana the Democrats have a slight advantage, with only four out of more than a thousand precincts reported.

In New Mexico, Senator Chauvez, Democrat, at the moment, seems to be ahead of Pat Hurley - one thousand three hundred and seventy eight to one thousand two hundred and eighty five. With only sixteen of eight hundred and sixty nine precincts reporting

CALIFORNIA

The first report from California, Los Angeles. In the Senate race early figures give a lead to Republican candidate Knowland over Democratic ~~Republican~~ candidate Rogers -- twenty-two hundred and forty two to twenty one hundred and fifty six.

U. N.

The United Nations Committee ^{today} was handed a proposal ~~that the~~ Headquarters of the U.N. ^{be moved} ~~to~~ Europe -- to Switzerland, ^{to} Geneva. This ^s suggestion was made by White Russia, which country represents one of the three votes possessed by Soviet Moscow. The White Russian Delegation argues that the World Organization should pick up, bag and baggage, and move out of the United States -- heading for Europe.

A transfer to Geneva would, of course, plant the U.N. in the old Headquarters of the League of Nations -- the previous ~~World~~ World Organization which came to so melancholy an ending.

When discussions about a Headquarters for U.N. first began, Geneva was frowned on because of the pessimistic air that surrounded that old League of Nations. Now, however, that rejection is being reconsidered in talk among the Delegates -- many of whom have not been favorably impressed by the hostility shown in the expensive sections of Connecticut and Westchester County, to which the United Nations proposed to move.

So the transfer to Geneva, proposed by White Russia, may get a good deal of support.

The White Russian suggestion was entered just as the steering committee of the United Nations Assembly was preparing to deliberate an American request -- that the U.N. consider New York or San Francisco. That is, adopt the present temporary Headquarters on Long Island, or select a site in the vicinity of the Golden Gate -- both New York and San Francisco having offered to provide quarters free.

It remains to be seen how this American request will be affected by the White Russian proposal - Geneva.

~~Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four, meeting in the Waldorf, arrived at an unusual situation today -- Soviet Russia and the United States on the same side. This was in connection with reparations from Italy. That new Republic is required to pay for a certain percentage of damage done by the Fascist Armies of Mussolini. France wants the~~

PALESTINE

Important news from Palestine -- Jewish Agency Leaders interned by the British have been released. Top Zionist Officials have been set free -- which means a large step forward in the settlement of the troubled Jewish-British quarrel.

The Jewish Agency is, of course, the official directorate of Zionism. Its top men represent the highest rank of leadership in the Jewish cause. Weeks ago, at a climax of terrorism in Palestine, the British arrested Jewish Agency Officials on the charge that they were implicated in the outbreaks of violence -- and since then they have been kept in an internment camp.

Their release has been demanded repeatedly and angrily by the Jewish Agency, and now the announcement ~~comes~~ comes from London -- the British Government has ordered that the Jewish leaders be set free immediately and unconditionally. This was announced in the House of Commons by Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones.

The word from Jerusalem is that the order from

London has been carried out-- eight leaders of the Jewish Agency released today. They were welcomed by thousands of Zionists in a ~~xx~~ jubilant demonstration.

The London explanation is that the Jewish Leaders ^{were} set free in recognition of the stand the Jewish Agency has taken against terrorism -- specifically the fact that a week ago official Zionism outlawed the Extremists who have been conducting a campaign of violence. The official Jewish Army, Hagana, declared itself against the Terrorist Groups, Irgun Zvai Leumi and ~~The~~ Stern Gang. So now the British respond by releasing the Jewish Agency Leaders. Today the Chief of these made a declaration -- Moshe Shertok, head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency. He promised a firm opposition to the violence of the Terrorists. "We must stand united against irresponsible acts by undisciplined ~~xxxx~~ individuals", said the head of the political department of the Jewish Agency.

The release of the leaders today was accompanied by the lifting of the curfew all over the

Holy Land. All restrictions on the movements of people in Zionist Centers are removed.

London reports interpret the whole thing as an all-around conciliation, with the British Government aiming at a quick settlement of the long and bitter Palestine dispute. Jerusalem, however, is apprehensive of further violence -- outbreaks by the Extremists.

~~Last week, when the Jewish Agency and Hagana declared against the Terrorist Bands, there was an immediate reaction by the Extremists -- Irgun Zvai Leumi blowing up the Central Railway Station in Jerusalem. This was followed by the bombing of the British Embassy in Rome, which is being attributed to the Terrorists. So now it is believed that Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang may give violent answer to the conciliation and compromise evident in the release of the leaders of the Jewish Agency. The late word from Jerusalem is that new acts of violence might be expected as early as tonight.~~

{ There is ~~xxx~~ menacing word too from the Arab

side -- a Moslem spokesman from Jerusalem stating today that the release of the Jewish Leaders will ~~xxx~~ probably be followed by other British concessions to Zionism, and this ^{may} provoke an Arab revolt. The Moslem Leader declared that an Arab revolt was, -- in his words -- "fast approaching."

~~So today's favorable news about Palestine is accompanied by new threats, new menace -- another sign of the complicated strife that bedevils the Holy Land.~~

Summary of congressional races shows at this moment the Reps have won six of the 26 seats they need to take control of the House of Representatives. Right now the Dems are leading in the races for 48 seats in the house. The Reps are leading in 90. For the Senate the Democrats are now leading in eight contests. The Republicans leading in 17. The G O P candidates leads in nine ■■ states in which Senate seats are now held by Dems.

LEGISLATOR

In Hartford, Connecticut today a State Legislator ended a sit-down strike. For thirteen days he sat at his desk in the State Assembly day and night -- living there, sleeping there.

Representative Thomas Supina figured, weeks ago, that he had a big issue -- he proposed a soldiers' bonus. He demanded that the Governor come out in support of his bonus plan -- and, when Governor Baldwin showed no sign of doing this, he staged a sit-down strike.

So there he was for thirteen days, and today he gave up -- tired of sitting at his desk day and night. He said he was going home to vote, and added this mournful comment: "My sit down strike has been a big disappointment to me."

The story is one of melancholy frustration. Representative Supina is now completing three terms in the General Assembly of Connecticut -- he's not running for reelection. During those three terms he longed to introduce brilliant measures, and put through

important laws -- but all in vain. He did introduce measures, but they never got anywhere -- all except one.

Today Representative Supina admitted that during his three terms in the Assembly he sponsored only one successful measure, only one that was adopted. This was a resolution thanking an artist for a mural painted at the State Prison fifteen years previously. Supina introduced a motion of thanks, and ~~it~~ it was passed -- that was as near as he got to being a great lawmaker, a solon of Connecticut.

I suppose it was a deep sense of frustration that motivated him, as his final term was drawing to an end. He wanted to put across something big, something momentous -- like a bonus bill. That would be a lot more impressive than the mere resolution to thank the artist for a painting in a prison. The bonus bill would bring Supina's ~~x~~ career as a Legislator to a triumphal close -- prolonged frustration ending in a blaze of glory.

But that didn't work either, even though Supina went on a sit down strike. I suppose he just never

was meant to be a great Legislator, was never destined to be a solon of Connecticut.

And now here's Nelson, our solon on certain matters.

ST. BERNARD

Its a painful thing to puncture a beautiful illusion, and inject a sour note into a lovely old story. For example, there is the romantic legend of the St. Bernard dogs of the High Alps -- those kindly, life-saving canines maintained by the Monks at the Hostice of St. Bernard. It is related in song and story how the dogs of St. Bernard, with little kegs of brandy hanging from their necks, have rescued unnumbered wayfarers caught in the blizzards of the lofty Alpine Pass.

So what do we hear today? A news dispatch from the Alps tells how two mountain women were trudging along in the Pass of St. Bernard, when suddenly a pack of dogs appeared -- those legended canines of life-saving and mercy. You'd have thought the St. Bernard dogs were coming to rescue the two women -- although they didn't need any rescue. But, ^{sad} ~~unlike~~ to relate, the dogs attacked them.

One woman was knocked down and severely injured -- and the dogs of St. Bernard were dragging her away.

The other, though badly bitten, managed to get to the famous Hostice of St. Bernard and gave the alarm. The Monks dashed out, beat off the dogs, and rescued the woman who was being dragged away. Which was certainly a melancholy reversal of the beautiful old story -- somebody rescued, not by, but from the dogs of St. Bernard.

ELECTION

Well, its the usual election day story, on a news program at this hour of the evening. Only a few fragmentary returns are in, scattered and inconclusive. They mean little or nothing, and are worthy repeating only because of the way one scans the figures eagerly, waiting for trends to develop.

One of the earliest returns in, came from a tiny place in Michigan, where they completed the count early. There wasn't much counting. Thirteen votes were cast -- twelve Republican, one Democratic.

And Kansas comes in with early returns. A mere fraction of the vote shows Republican Candidate Carlson leading Democratic Candidate Woodring by a small margin.

A few scattered returns from Massachusetts give a show of Democratic strength. Three towns, in the Senate race, give Democratic Senator Walsh a hundred and twelve, *with a larger number —* ~~with~~ a hundred and thirty, for Republican Candidate Henry Cabot Lodge. For the Governorship, Democratic Governor Tobin leads Republican Candidate Bradford by a

hundred and thirty seven to a hundred and eight. It is noted that the Democratic ~~Qxxxx~~ Candidates in these small tallies of votes show more strength than in Nineteen-Forty-Four and Nineteen-Forty.

In New Mexico, Republican Candidate Hurley is slightly ahead of Democratic Senator Chavez - with only a couple of thousand votes in the count thus far.

Just in from Shoreham, Rhode Island - for Senator; -mcGrath, Democrat, gets a-hundred-and-three; Dyer, Republican, two-hundred-and-nine. For Governor: - Pastore, Democrat, Ninety-three; Murphy, Republican, two-hundred-and-fifteen.

*Not much trend in evidence
in these few figures. Not much.*

ELECTION WEATHER

Election weather was good in most parts of the country, and in many sections that meant traditional Republican-weather -- in those areas where the farm vote is normally Republican. Up-State New York, for example, was crisp and clear, ideal for the farmers to ~~dx~~ drive in and cast their votes.

The exceptions to good weather conditions were Colorado and parts of the southwest, like Texas. Colorado is digging out of one of the heaviest of blizzards, huge falls of snow. In many sections, the farmers are snowed in, and couldn't get to polling places today. Estimates ^{there} are that in large areas the rural vote may be cut to half.

Down southward from snowbound Colorado, the trouble was rain -- a deluge from the sky and floods from the streams in many places. The city of Beaumont, Texas, is threatened with serious damage from the inundating waters, ^{— with} and flash floods ~~are~~ reported far and wide.

ELECTION TROUBLE

In various parts of the south, election disorders had been feared -- because of opposition of G.I. veterans and local political machines. For example -- the neighborhood of Athens, Tennessee, where former G.I.'s during the election campaign staged a sort of revolution against the local political organization. However, fears of trouble between ~~xxx~~ veterans and politicians did not materialize today, with little or no trouble reported from the south -- where Dixieland voted Democratic as usual.

Threats of trouble did materialize to some extent in New York -- in the Eighteenth Congressional District, where a bitter political battle has been raging ~~xxxxxx~~ around the Communist supported candidate, Marcantonio. Incidents are reported of Republicans being submitted to violence by hoodlums of the Left Wing.

percentage to go up as high as seventy-five per cent, while Soviet Russia and the United States today argued for a more lenient policy toward Italy, one that would require the Italians to pay for not more than twenty five per cent of the war damage.

Whereupon he started traveling, from one city to another. He invested part of the forty thousand dollars in a business, and lost the investment. He put the ~~xxx~~ remainder of the loot into another commercial venture -- and lost it. And he kept traveling -- with the uneasiness of a hunted fugitive, frightened by every knock on his door.

So now he has given himself up, willing to face trial and punishment -- just to bring to an end that haunting terror and suspense.

The irony of the story is this -- there was one thing that Joseph Findley didn't know, one thing of which he has only now been informed. The statute of limitations has run out, so far as his theft is concerned -- and he can't be prosecuted. The time limit expired in Nineteen Forty. So for six years the fugitive lived in fear -- for no reason at all. The authorities in San Francisco said today that there is nothing they can do about the man who stole forty thousand dollars from the mails. The only punishment is

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the punishment he inflicted on himself, in the long ordeal of fear -- so much of which was needless.