

ELECTION

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As the Election Day figures rolled on toward ~~the~~ a final count, ~~today~~ earlier impressions ~~were~~ emphasized: that the pattern ~~was~~ ^{is} one of an ~~electoral~~ ^{electoral} - vote-sweep ~~contrasted with~~ ^{and} a fairly close popular vote. The same pattern as four years ago when Wendell Willkie lost overwhelmingly in the ~~electoral~~ ^{electoral} college, while the difference in the popular vote was no large percentage. Dewey, in fact, duplicated the Willkie showing pretty much -- though doing better nearly all ~~the way~~ along the line.

Tonight there are a few states where the issue may still be in doubt, but there won't be much change in the final result. President Roosevelt has ~~either~~ either carried or is leading in thirty-five states, with a total electoral vote of four hundred and thirteen, following a switch of one state -- Oregon, late this afternoon, moving over from the

Dewey column to the Roosevelt side, as late returns came in. Which leaves Governor Dewey with thirteen states and one hundred and eighteen electoral votes. ^F In Nineteen Forty Wendell Willkie's electoral vote was only eighty-two. ^{TR} In the face of the Roosevelt landslide of electoral votes, the popular vote tonight was much closer than in Nineteen Forty. With five-sixths of the nation's precincts in, ^{the count is: -} President Roosevelt: twenty-one million, eight hundred and ninety-seven thousand; Dewey, nineteen million, one hundred and fifty-eight thousand. That gives the President a popular majority of a little more than two million, seven hundred thousand. And it ^{looks as if} ~~is~~ the final figures will produce a Roosevelt margin of something like three million. Four years ago the President's popular majority over Willkie was five million.

So the general picture is one of Dewey making a somewhat better showing than Willkie, but not enough to make the election doubtful. There was one spot, however, where Dewey fell badly behind the Willkie record, and that's the greatest disappointment for the New York Governor -- his own state. Four years ago President Roosevelt carried New York State by less than ²/₁ quarter of a million votes. This time he wins New York by something like three hundred and twenty-five thousand -- Dewey more than one hundred thousand behind the Willkie figure. This ~~was~~ largely because of industrial cities upstate, which heavily cut down the ~~the~~ expected Republican up-State majority. *New war workers.*

The Roosevelt presidential ^{victory} ~~figures~~ had its effect on the races for Congress -- the Republican hope of winning the Lower House was not fulfilled. To the contrary, the Democrats in the House gain in strength. There are a number of Congressional ~~and~~ contests still undecided but the indications are that

the President's party will wind up by winning ~~between~~
twenty-five
~~fifteen and twenty~~ Congressional seats, ~~from the~~
Republicans.

The picture for the Senate is not clear, because
of still undecided battles; but, the Republicans have
the better of things ^{there. They've} increased their strength
in the Senate by ^{two,} ~~one at least~~, and may pick up still
another Senatorial toga.

~~On indefinite~~ *As for the states!*
~~The same in this picture is presented in the~~

~~case of Governorships.~~ Some very close races are not
yet decided, ^{But it appears that the} ~~but it appears the Republicans will~~

Republicans will lose three,
~~lose the Governorships of at least several states.~~

There was a sensation today in the ~~Gubernatorial~~
Gubernatorial election in Ohio. There Republican
Candidate Garfield conceded the election of his
Democratic opponent. Then, later in the day, he withdrew
his statement, ^{because of the slim margin and} ~~in~~ the number of precincts ~~that are~~
still to report. Also -- there was a mistake. Today a
~~man~~ clerk in the office of the Ohio Secretary of State
reported that an error had been made in Clark County,

where between five and six thousand votes had been mistakenly credited to the Democratic candidate for Governor. The Ohio governorship still in doubt. ~~at the Dewey and Bricker won Ohio.~~

In Wisconsin the Governorship presents an oddity in the person of -- "the tough old codger." That's what he calls himself. Walter Goodland, eighty-one years old. Elected on the Republican ticket, and now the oldest Governor in the United States.

~~One phenomenon is the disappearance of well-known figures -- like Republican Senator Nye of North Dakota, defeated. And, Republican Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York. He, too, was defeated-- but not by a Democrat. His opponent, a Republican, ran on a combined Democratic and Independent Republican ticket, so it's rather hard to say how Gus Bennett should be classed. In the case of both Senator Nye and Congressman Fish, we see the disappearance of two prominent figures long attacked as isolationists.~~

ROOSEVELT

~~Here's a late statement from President~~

~~Roosevelt.~~ ^{Pres. R.} From his home in Hyde Park [^] he gives this interpretation of the election: "What is really important is that after all the changes and vicissitudes of four score years, we have again demonstrated to the world that Democracy is a living vital force, and that our faith in American institutions is unshaken."

WESTERN FRONT

On the Western Front, Patton launched a new offensive today. His Third Army staged an assault on a front of twenty-seven miles between the fortresses of Metz and Nancy. Patton hit hard, as Patton so often does, and tonight's news dispatch describes the offensive as one of "stunning power." Three American divisions drove forward, ^{and} made immediate progress. The latest tonight tells of the capture of at least thirteen towns along that southern sector of the battlefront, where Patton is trying to drive to the German border, of the Rhine.

The German radio states that Patton has available for his new offensive -- a thousand tanks and five hundred thousand men. And the Nazi opinion is that the Third Army assault is only a beginner -- the first ^{phase,} ~~account,~~ says the German radio, of a large-scale offensive which may be extended to other front sectors within the next few hours.

Further north, where the troops of General Hodges' First Army are inside ~~of~~ Germany -- the bitter battle about which we heard last night, continues. The Americans today, in the fiercest kind of ~~fight~~ fighting, captured the village of Vossenack. But, at the same time they were forced to withdraw from the nearby place called Kommerscheidt. They drew back in the face of violent German counter-attacks. The Nazis are fighting desperately to keep the Americans from pushing farther into the German Rhineland, but meanwhile the focus of battle has shifted southward ~~to~~ -- to Patton's Third Army launching its stunning offensive.

The Germans make a ^{startling} ~~peculiar~~ claim today -- saying that their newest and much advertised secret weapon is already in use against London and has been for some time! -- The V-2 -- which is understood to be a giant rocket bomb, ^{is} ~~is~~ far larger than the V-1 type of robot, which has been hitting London for months now. Today Berlin stated that ^{the} ~~the~~ V-2 has been in action for several weeks. And the ^{announcement} ~~statement~~ was made not in the course of ordinary propaganda, but was included in a military communique -- ~~the~~ first paragraph, number one position. ~~xxxxxx~~

A Nazi news agency dispatch asserts that one of London's big railway terminals, the Great Houston Station, was destroyed by a V-2 bomb in the middle of October.

London gives no confirmation of this, with British newspapers merely relating what is known or surmized about the V-2. The London Daily Mail describes it as a huge rocket projectile much like

an ordinary bomb. It carries twelve tons of explosive, and is discharged at a steep angle. The London paper states that the V-2 rocket shoots up in the air for miles -- fifteen miles or fifty miles, according to ^{various} ~~xxxxxxx~~ versions. In other words, the rocket goes ^{way up} ~~well~~ into the stratosphere and then descends at terrific speed, eight hundred to a thousand miles an hour. The London story adds that when it falls at night the V-2 looks like a comet as it flashes down. ~~All of it sounds most formidable, but the statement is added that the ^{V-2} ~~V-2~~ is not particularly effective, because it has no accuracy whatever -- not even when aimed at a target as big as London.~~

Today's German claim that the V-2 has been in action for several weeks, is the more ^{striking} ~~curious~~ because it follows yesterday's warning in this country -- the Army and Navy declaring jointly that the Germans might be able to hit the United States with rocket projectiles.

RUSSIA

For two days in succession Berlin announces Soviet drives against Warsaw, while Moscow reports -- no change on the entire front, no news. Berlin's account today tells of a great new Soviet force pushing from a new direction against the Hungarian capital, while Moscow preserves a complete silence on the subject. One surmises that the German report is correct, and that Moscow is saying nothing until something important happens.

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And now H — will you say something important about something?

LORD MOYNE

Today in Cairo the two assassins of Lord Moyne identified themselves. Hitherto, after having murdered the British Resident Commissioner in the Middle East, they had refused to tell who they were, and why they had committed the crime. The supposition was that they were members of the Palestine terrorist organization formed by the Extremest leader, Stern -- the group calling itself "Fighters for the Freedom of Israel." And that turns out to be true. Today they ^{2 killers said, y} ~~stated~~ "We are members of the Fighters for the Freedom of Israel Organization, and what we have done we did on instructions of the organization."

They explained that the terrorist group ~~had~~ believed that Lord Moyne, as head of the Political Department of the British Government in the Middle East, was carrying out a policy against the interests of Jewish Nationalists^W Zionists^M So they doomed him, and sent assassins from Palestine to Cairo to kill him.

All of which places a new focus of attention on the Extremest organization that has committed various

crimes of terrorism in Palestine. The story of the group headed by Abraham Stern goes back to the beginning of the war. At that time they were members of a larger group, of ~~Extremists~~ -- "the National Military Organization in Palestine," as it was called. This body had been conducting a campaign of violent hostility against the British -- because of the British policy of stopping further Jewish immigration into Palestine. The British war against Hitler, however, brought about a change, with the larger group declaring what it called -- "an armistice" ~~for~~ ^{the} for the duration of the anti-Nazi war. ~~There will~~ ^{would} be no further action against Great Britain. The followers of Stern, however, dissented, rejected the armistice. In spite of Britain's war against Hitler, they went on with a campaign of terrorism, a campaign that now has climaxed with the murder of Lord Moyne.

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The Sternists all along have been opposed by ^{the} a great body of Zionists. Jewish organizations have demanded that they be suppressed, and today this

demand was voiced more loudly than ever -- with
Zionist leaders fearing that the new crime may do
the gravest harm to their cause. Today "The Palestine
Post," ^{a daily paper in} ~~of~~ Jerusalem declared: "No reason can be given
for the crime, except lunacy. No cause is furthered
by it save the cause of chaos. The shots fired at
Lord Moyne," the paper adds, "were aimed at Palestine
Jewry."

And the Jewish agency in Jerusalem issued a
call to the Jewish community to make a supreme effort
to wipe out the terrorist gang.

SUBSTITUTE PHILIPPINES

The news from the Philippines features the violence of the elements as well as the warfare of man. A typhoon is blowing, with the blasting wind and rain of the tropical Orient. The typhoon ~~blow as~~ ^{swept in as} the biggest battle of the Philippine invasion was raging. As we heard last night, the Japs succeeded in landing powerful reinforcements on Leyte Island, and these turned the hostilities into a thundering climax, as the Americans drove toward the port of Ormoc, the last remaining Japanese base on Leyte. While the guns roared the typhoon came shrieking, and tonight's latest reports tell of American soldiers in battle under skies that rage with the fury of the wind, the lashing of the sheets of rain.

Well, the foot soldier can go on campaigning, even in a typhoon; ^{but} ~~which~~ you'd hardly expect the warriors of the air to do likewise -- the art of flying

being, as we have always thought, so limited by weather. Yet tonight's bulletin states that American planes have gone winging in the typhoon, hurling themselves into the gale, breaking down through the storm clouds and attacking the defending Japs on the plain before Ormoc.

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A long distance from that wind-swept battlefield, out toward the Middle Pacific, the Japs have undertaken to ~~raid~~ **raid** American bases from the air. Tonight Admiral Nimitz reports that eleven Japanese bombers ~~struck~~ **struck** at Saipan and Tinian, ~~Island~~, in the Mariana ^{S.} ~~Group~~ **Group**. They did no damage, and three were shot down by anti-aircraft fire -- maybe four.

SUBSTITUTE JAPAN

Tonight we have a declaration in this country which ties in with news from Japan. At Detroit General H.H. Arnold, Commander of the United States Army Air Forces ^{stating} ~~declared~~ that the time will come when thousands of American bombers will hit the islands of Japan every day. General Arnold pointed out that our air bases are pushing closer and closer to Tokyo, and he foresaw the day when Jap ^{an} itself will take the round-the-clock kind of bombing that Nazi Germany has been getting for long months.

The news from Japan that ties in with this tells of the wholesale evacuation of cities. Millions of people are being moved ~~out~~ from Japan's ^{teeming} ~~teeming~~ centers of population -- and inflammable cities they are. We are all familiar with the idea of those vast accumulations of pasteboard houses through which fires can rage like a tempest. The Japs are moving out by the millions -- this following the recent Tokyo stories

of American superfortresses flying over the
Japanese capital.

*And now Hugh have you
anything critical to add?*

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Well, I ^{we just come from} ~~am now on my way to do~~ another job -- working on the special Election Day film put out by Movietone newsreel. It features a newsreel statement by Governor Dewey, as he conceded the election of his rival. And this broadcast after Election Day may well close with Dewey's own expression of the American spirit of cheerfully accepting the verdict of the voters. On the screen he says: "Every American will wholeheartedly accept the will of the people. I am ~~fi~~ confident," he adds, "that all Americans will join me in the devout hope that in the difficult years ahead, Divine Providence will guide and protect the President of the United States."

And now Hugh, have you anything political to add?

EDITORIALS

The spirit in which American political decisions are traditionally accepted is illustrated by the comment in Republican newspapers today -- papers that had fought hard for Governor Dewey and against President Roosevelt. In New York the senior Republican morning paper is the Herald-Tribune, which today adds up the factors that brought about the Roosevelt triumph, and places the major stress on the President's own personality. "We pledge him our aid," says the Herald-Tribune, "in support of every effort that he makes for cooperation with Congress and with the American people."

Among the evening papers the New York Sun is a traditional Republican protagonist, and the Sun says: "In the heat of the campaign, animosities flourish -- bitter ^{and} searing things are said. But it is characteristic of our genius as a people that such wounds heal quickly."

~~The World-Telegram waged a slashing editorial battle for Dewey and against Roosevelt. And this~~

~~afternoon that Scripps-Howard newspaper speaks as follows; of Franklin D. Roosevelt. "Though he was not our candidate, he is our President and we wish him good health and great success throughout his next administration."~~

Taking a look at Philadelphia, we find the Republican Evening Bulletin stating: "The American people will now join in the hope that his Fourth Administration may be his most successful."

One could go on interminably, but you've been seeing it for yourself -- the tone taken by Republican newspapers in your own communities. Everywhere they are expressing that proper American spirit of vigorous political battle and then a hearty and patriotic acceptance of the result.