

President Eisenhower told a news conference, today, "I've lost skirmishes before." The President referring, of course, to the Democratic victories yesterday. Most of the counting is complete by now, and we know that the G.O.P. suffered defeats in various parts of the country. Among the more important offices. A Democrat won out as Mayor of New York City, - which is usually Democratic - and as Governor of New Jersey, and as Governor of Virginia in the solid south. In New York City, Wagner polled well over a million votes; Republican Harold Riegelman less than seven hundred thousand; Liberal Rudolph Halley under half a million.

In New Jersey, the G.O.P. lost control of the state, for the first time in ten years. Democrat Robert Meyner winning an impressive victory over Republican Paul Troast.

As for the old Dominion, there Senator Harry Byrd's machine is still in control. Democrat Thomas Stanley, winning the election in spite of the strongest Republican challenge in thirty years, in Virginia.

But the Republicans did win, in Cook County, Illinois - which includes Chicago;- the Republicans scoring an upset victory in judicial elections; seven of thirteen contested seats on the Superior Court bench - and the won one contested seat for the Circuit Court.

Former President Truman, and Adlai Stevenson, both say they are pleased. And Democratic National Party Chairman Mitchell, claims there is a trend back toward the Democrats.

The Republican National Chairman naturally is not optimistic for the moment. Says Leonard Hall: "There is no question about it - as of today we are in trouble politically." Then he added that the real test will come next year, when the President submits his program to Congress. According to the Republican Chairman, the outlook will be substantially different then.

Senator Ralph Flanders - a Republican from Vermont - agrees about next year; and thinks yesterday did little or no harm to the Eisenhower Administration, though they didn't help it.

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So the President himself regards it all as "a skirmish." And says he's willing to lose a skirmish, while getting ready for the big battle next year. The President was asked whether the people didn't want more of a change than he had given them. To this he replied that they will get the change they want, in an orderly and progressive way. He repeated that he has great faith in the common sense of Americans when they are well informed.

## NOTE

The Soviet note ~~that was~~ delivered to the Big Three ~~meeting~~ - rejects the proposal of a Four-Power meeting. The Allies had hoped that the Russians would agree to meet with representatives of America, Britain, and France. The meeting, to come to an agreement about Germany and Austria.

Yesterday, copies of the Soviet reply were handed to the Ambassadors of the three Western powers. Tonight we learn the ~~substantive~~ Kremlin reply is - NO. Instead, Malenkov goes back to the old Communist line. He demands a Five-Power Conference - to include Red China.

This is the old demand, that the Allies have rejected in the past. And, today, President Eisenhower characterized the Soviet note as "negative." The President remarked that it really prevents a Conference, by making impossible demands - including the demand that Mao Tse Tung be given a seat at any Conference of the Powers.

## PRISONERS

American officials at Pan Mun Jom may protest the treatment of anti-Communist prisoners-of-war. The protest - directed against the Red "explainers." Because of what they term "mental torture."

Many anti-Communist prisoners have been held for interviews for two hours at a time. The Reds, taking as long as they wanted in their attempts to convince prisoners that they ought to return behind the Iron Curtain. With the prisoners not allowed to leave the interviews, no matter how much time elapses. Says one American observer, "The only thing that seemed to influence the Indians was the violence. If the prisoner was not violent, the chairman was inclined to let the Communists take as long as they wanted."

Another American remarked: "It's tough to sit there helpless - and watch that sort of mental torture. He described it as "like seeing a man killed before your eyes - without doing anything about it."

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Swiss members of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission have already walked out in protest against the length of time granted to the Reds in talking to prisoners. So American officials say a formal protest may be made soon - against "mental torture."

Add to PRISONERS

Here's the latest -- the Indian Commander has stopped the processing of six prisoners. General Thimazya stepping in after one interview went on for almost an hour-and-a-half. Speaking of the Communist tactics, the General remarked: "It has got to stop some place" The Indian Commander, agreeing with us that something should be done about the way the Red "explainers" handle prisoners.

## Substitute CONFERENCE

Tonight, at Panmunjom, the UN proposed a possible way around the deadlock that is holding up the Korean Peace Conference. The proposal that the Chief Delegates step aside for a moment. Discussions to be held by Advisory Officers, in an effort to solve the two main problems. First, the problem of neutral participation in the Conference and, secondly, the time and place of the meeting.



Add CONFERENCE

The proposal came from our special envoy, Arthur Dean. He wants two advisory officials from each side to meet for discussions. The idea being to make the talks more informal than the top level meetings. And so, more likely to succeed.

The Reds asked for a recess to discuss the Dean proposal. No word yet on what they think of it.

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~~Mass~~ violence in Trieste. This time, it began after a memorial service in an Italian cemetery - where the dead of World War One are buried. About two thousand Italians attended the ceremony. And then they marched down the main street of the city - straight up to the City Hall. There they demanded that the Italian flag be run up on the flag staff. The Allies have refused to let flags be flown on public buildings. Because they sometimes cause rioting by either Italians or Yugoslavs. ~~This was the case~~

The mob demand was rejected; and police moved in ~~to prevent the situation from getting out of hand~~ to drive the rioters back. Then some of the Italians grabbed chairs and tables from a nearby cafe. And soon the ~~melee~~ <sup>was on.</sup> More ~~going on in the square~~ violence.

More police came up and made repeated charges, driving the rioters into the alleys. Riot squads roamed around the side streets, scattering the demonstrators. Rocks and bottles were hurled. ~~But there were~~ <sup>Minor injuries - there were,</sup> but no serious casualties, ~~except for a number~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~numerous minor injuries.~~ <sup>About a dozen</sup> rioters arrested, ~~before~~ <sup>and</sup> order was restored in Trieste.

## FRANCO

Spain will give the West "efficient help" in case of Soviet aggression. So said Generalissimo Franco, today, in Madrid. In an exclusive interview to the United Press, his first interview since the agreement between Spain and America, was signed last month.. The agreement providing for American bases in Spain - and making Spain and this country allies for the first time in history.

Today, Franco said that his country will not join Nato. The reason - that Spain's relations with her European neighbors are not yet sufficiently amicable. But he did pledge help against the common enemy, if necessary. As he put it, "the contribution of thirty million Spaniards becomes an added factor in the international situation."

Franco also mentioned Gibraltar. That great rock dominating the entrance to the Mediterranean. Great Britian still hold Gibraltar, which has always been a key point in her lifeline to Africa and Australia. Franco declares that the strategic importance of

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Gibraltar has disappeared. Because modern armaments have made the fortress obsolete. The inference being, that Britain ought to give Gibraltar back to Spain. A Franco opinion on an old and thorny questions.

QUEEN

Today, Queen Elizabeth ~~has asked~~ asked Parliament to name the Duke of Edinburgh Regent - in case anything should happen to her. Until now, Princess Margaret has been in line to head any regency which would rule in the name of Prince Charles, until he is eighteen. ~~But now the Queen would like to name the Duke of Edinburgh as regent.~~

The regency bill will be the first legislation of the new session of Parliament. A London dispatch gives the Queen's reason for the change - she wants the responsibility for raising the heir to the throne given to her husband. The Queen feels that, as Prince Charles' father, the Duke of Edinburgh would be the proper one to head the government in his name.

The dispatch adds that the bill <sup>will be</sup> ~~is expected to~~ passed. But, ~~it is expected to pass through Parliament with no amendments.~~ ~~But now the Queen would like to name the Duke of Edinburgh as regent.~~ the London Daily Express. ~~This newspaper was signed by~~ owned by Lord Beaverbrook, ~~it~~ objects to the new regency bill on grounds that ~~the bill~~ violates the hereditary principle of

monarchy. That ~~the~~ the Duke of Edinburgh is not in line of succession to the throne. <sup>While</sup> Princess Margaret, as sister to the Queen, is in line ~~to~~ to the throne. So the Daily Express argues that Margaret <sup>would be</sup> the proper regent, if anything <sup>^</sup> ~~should~~ should happen to the Queen.

One other person will be affected by the new bill. The Duke of Windsor - who is eligible to become regent, even though he can never become king again. Parliament is expected to clarify his position during this session.

## GUARDSMAN

In London, a Grenadier Guardsman is sentenced to eighty-four days in the guardhouse. Private John Marshall, sent to the clink for falling asleep while on duty. Private Marshall was on sentry duty at the Tower of London. Now, Grenadier Guardsmen, as we all know, have a strict tradition of soldiering. And so the inspecting officer, making his rounds at about three in the morning, was astonished to find Marshall's sentry-box empty. His rifle leaning inside; the Grenadier, nearby sound asleep.

The court-martial that heard the case was incredulous. Just couldn't believe the charge correct, Grenadier Guardsman actually taking a snooze while on duty at the Tower of London! So, he goes to jail for eighty-four days, 84 days in which to think about the night he slept.

PROFESSOR

A Harvard Professor refuses to say whether or not he handed secret information over to the Communists. The announcement comes from Senator McCarthy. The Senator did not identify the Professor by name. But according to McCarthy, the Professor worked on radar research for the government.; and was at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from Nineteen Forty-three to Nineteen Forty-five - - while - /technically an employee of the Signal Corps.

The McCarthy Sub-Committee questioned the Professor about alleged espionage at the Signal Corps laboratory at ~~the~~ Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. The Senator asked whether the Professor had ever handed radar secrets to the Reds. And the Professor refused to answer. As usual, the witness invoked the Fifth Amendment - claiming that an answer might tend to incriminate him. He would not say whether he had ever been a Communist, although he declared that he is not one now.

What about the Professor's status at Harvard? Well, he states that the President of the University never asked



whether he was a Communist. And the Professor refuses to reveal whether he has ever indoctrinated Harvard students with Communist ideas.

PREACHER

I have a telegram from Charles Wilcken of

Indianapolis, about the boy pastor, now a doctor, who preached

for President Calvin Coolidge. Brother Wilcken gives us the

topic of that first sermon. He must have been there, because

he says the subject was: "Is There A God?" The answer was -

yes. So that's an item for Dr. Rolf Lium of Portsmouth,

New Hampshire. Who doesn't recall what <sup>his text and subject</sup> ~~he did preach about,~~

~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> on that memorable day.

TAX COLLECTOR

One noteworthy election yesterday took place in Little Franklin Borough, Pennsylvania. The job - Tax Collector.

Little Franklin Borough has less than two thousand persons.

But the Tax Collector draws about fifty thousand dollars for

*You've heard of this before.*  
four hours' work. The catch being - that Bethlehem Steel has

a ~~great~~ plant in the town. And that gigantic ~~steel~~ corporation

pays four hundred thousand dollars in taxes annually. <sup>*Prof-*</sup> The

Tax Collector gets a percentage of what he collects. And so

*— well it's a real plum.*  
his salary ~~is something enormous~~

No wonder a lot of people would like to be

Tax Collector in Little Franklin Borough. The successful

candidate - Joe Tomaskovich. Joe works for Bethlehem Steel.

Which means that he'll be Tax Collector for his own Company. *Prof*

It's his job for the next four years. After that, someone else

will take over. ~~Because~~ It's an unwritten law that the

Tax Collector does not succeed himself - he leaves ~~the position~~

~~that post in~~ *that 50,000 job in* Little Franklin Borough to some *lucky* ~~fortunate~~

successor.

END

I'd like to know how one particular election turned out in Austintown Center, Ohio. There was a man out there running for Justice of the Peace, and I would tell you his name, but I can't pronounce it. Oh, his first name is easy enough, Vladimir. But it is the last name that has me stumped. It is spelled this way:-

G-r-z-e-s-z-c-z-y-s-z-y-n. How could you be elected to any public office with a name as unpronounceable as that? Grzeskizin I suppose it is. Anyhow his neighbors solved the pronunciation problem in a simple way. They call him just plain "Bill."

Mike - I'll not be content until I hear how Bill Grzeszczyszyn made out in his campaign to get in as justice of the peace. That's one big news item that failed to come over the press wires today. So the question is Gzeskizin or is Gzeskizout.