

ELECTION

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Today President Truman held his first cabinet meeting since the election, and you might think that there couldn't have been a single note of jubilation -- after the way the Democratic Party went down to nationwide defeat. You'd think that, but you'd be wrong. The President today was ^{congratulated} ~~congratulated~~ - on "the Democratic trend!"

What Democratic Trend? Well, the congratulations emanated from Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, and he hails from New Mexico. In that state, Democratic Senator Chavez, has been in a contest so close that it wasn't decided for a couple of days. But he finally managed to nose out Republican Candidate Pat Hurley. So, that was the Democratic trend. There's also Colorado, where the Democrats managed to elect a Governor. And, Oklahoma, where some Democrats were elected, Oklahoma being on the border of the solid South.

In other words, Secretary Anderson picked out the exceedingly few places in all this nation where the Democrats were able to score any kind of success, and

congratulated the President on the triumphal trend. ~~and~~ Anderson remarked later, that he was kidding the President about the election -- and I suppose that was better than weeping and tearing your hair.

In addition to the squeeze-through in New Mexico, the Democrats appear to have got by with the remaining undecided contest. In West Virginia, Senator Kilgore still holds his meager advantage -- a majority of a little over three thousand votes. The Republicans think the margin is too slim to be decisive, and they're going to demand a recount in that nip and tuck race ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ West Virginia.

In Maryland, Democratic Governor O'Connor appears to have won. He has a slight edge, with only one percinct ~~still~~ to be heard from.

There is still one contest for the House of Representatives that remains undecided -- Utah. ~~There~~ ~~the Representatives that remains undecided - in Utah.~~ There the count is really a hairline affair - forty-four thousand, ~~eight-hundred-and-ninety-three~~ to forty-four

thousand, seven hundred and ninety-three - a difference of just one hundred votes in favor of Democratic Representative Granger. Only five precincts are missing but even the mere five could overturn ^a~~the~~ majority of an even hundred.

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Today brings new evidence that nothing is likely to come out of the Fulbright suggestion -- that President Truman turn over the White House to the Republicans, to avoid a stalemate of a Democratic President and a Republican Congress. Representative Rankin, the Mississippi Democrat, said today that the proposal was the most ridiculous he had ever heard. And one of the most influential Democratic papers comes out with a loud and emphatic - No. The Raleigh News and Observer is published by that elder sage of the Democratic Party, former Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels. And the News and Observer today described people who advocate the resignation of the President in these words - "They have apparently gone suddenly and temporarily beserk."

~~The question of the election in relation to~~

VANDENBERG

As the nation adds up the total of the Republican victory in the recent elections, there is, of course, one question which cannot yet, but still must soon, be answered. How will ^{having} ~~the fact of~~ a Republican Congress affect our foreign policy? Also, how will the nations overseas respond to the new Republican set-up in Washington?

Tonight we have an ~~an~~ answer to the first of those problems - an answer we can all support. At a meeting of the United Nations~~z~~ General Assembly in ~~Long Island~~ Long Island today, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, who is the acknowledged foreign policy ~~an~~ leader of the new Republican Senate, promised the U.N. that the United States will back the world organization to the hilt regardless of what political regime sits in Washington.

The Republican Senator's assurances are contained in a speech he made reiterating opposition to proposals under which this government will be expected to pay nearly fifty percent of the nineteen

forty-six, nineteen forty-seven, and nineteen forty-eight budgets of the United Nations.

The foreign delegates, as you can well imagine, were uneasy, conjuring up visions of Nineteen-Nineteen-and-after, when the United States sponsored a league of nations and then walked out.

But times have changed. The feeling of the people has changed and Vandenberg made known this change to the assembled delegates. Said he: "You can count on the whole-hearted cooperation of the government of the United States in striving through the United Nations for a system of mutual defense against aggression and for organized peace and justice in a better, safer, and happier world".

So Wallace, Pepper, and the P.A.C. to the contrary, the Republican triumph does not mean a return to isolation^{ism}. The Democrats have no ~~xxx~~ copyright on the desire ~~to~~ for world cooperation and world peace.

Sen. Vandenberg did, in his speech today, suggest

that perhaps the days of the over-indulgent Uncle Sam were finished. He noted that, so far, the United States has been the only country to dissent to proposals that America contribute fifty percent of the United Nations budget for the next three years.

Vandenberg added mildly: "I am sure you will not misunderstand our motive if I persist, most respectfully, in urging further consideration of this matter".

COLORADO

Here's a bit of post-election comment that features one factor long talked of in American politics -- the weather. It's old tradition of this country to include the weather in calculating concerning election day. And now we have a graphic example of how sound that can be. The illustration comes from Colorado.

The Republican tidal wave failed to sweep Colorado into the G O P column -- so far as the governorship was concerned. ~~So~~ No Senator was elected this year. The race for Governor was the number one political event. Democratic candidate William Lee ~~known~~ ^{Kious} ~~known~~ won a victory -- while so many Democrats everywhere else were losing out.

We noted on election day that Colorado had just had a huge blizzard -- and ~~that~~ ^{the} visit of Jack Frost turned out to be a key political factor. I myself grew up in that state of silver and gold mines, and I can understand with vivid recollection. The blizzard packed huge snowdrifts, especially in

northeastern Colorado -- and that's a Republican stronghold. The farmers just couldn't get to the polls, were snowed in. Hence the election of a Democratic governor. In Colorado, the national victory of the G O P was nipped by Jack Frost. The Republican tidal wave stopped by snowbanks -- those Colorado snowbanks that you've got to see to appreciate.

BIG FOUR

In a surprise move just a few minutes ago, the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four postponed, indefinitely, all consideration of the explosive issue of Trieste: What to do with that port, whether to internationalize it, give it to Yugoslavia, or leave it in Italian hands. All that has been tabled for the time being. But it's believed that private negotiations outside the Council chamber are going on at this very moment.

Secretary of State Byrnes made the proposal to defer debate on Trieste just twenty-four hours after he conferred with the Yugoslav foreign minister in Washington.

ALBANIA

We're withdrawing our political mission from Albania, that Balkan country which has become a Soviet puppet. Hitherto, there has been hope that we could get on terms with Albania, that would enable us to recognize its government. And enter normal diplomatic relations. The hope has turned out to be futile. Our political mission in the Soviet satellite hasn't been able to get anywhere, and Albania will not be recognized by the United States.

TRANSPORT

In Burbank, California, the world's largest transport plane is parked on the air field ready for its maiden flight tomorrow -- a tremendous ship, one hundred fifty-six feet long, weighing ninety-two tons. It's single tail-fin towers fifty feet into the air. One hundred and eighty persons can be carried in it for more than fifty-eight-hundred nonstop miles. And it is expected to reach a top speed of three hundred miles an hour.

She was built for the Navy, during the war, when they wanted a plane for carrying passengers and high priority cargo on immense journeys. ^{But} The Plane ^{even} wasn't ready by V-J Day. Just finished now -- ready to take its place in this new ^{era} ~~new~~ of post-war ~~aviation~~ aviation.

G.I.'S

It would appear that injustice was done to the G.I.'s in the Aleutians. At least, that's the feeling of a group of young ladies who recently have been visiting the Troops isolated at such chilly foggy places as Dutch Harbor, Attu and Kiska. They say the G.I.'s up there turned out to be perfect gentlemen.

The young ladies are members of a girl orchestra who for nine months, under the auspices of the U.S.O., have been entertaining soldiers overseas. Those lassies play the saxophone and the trombone -- and, of course, there's the girl piccolo player.

They tell of precautions the Army took when they got to the Aleutians, where the usual style of feminine pulchritude is ~~the Eskimo housefrau cooking up~~ *— well there just isn't any.* ~~Not even an Eskimo in the Aleutians.~~ *Not even an Eskimo in the Aleutians.* ~~some coal blubber.~~ The young ladies of the band were forbidden to make dates with G.I.'s singly -- the Army resorting to the old strategy of safety in numbers. The girl who played the trumpet had to take along the lassie who beat the ~~base-drum~~ drum, in keeping dates with the G.I.'s in the Aleutians.

How did the G I's of the Aleutians turn out? Why they turned out to be perfect gentlemen!

But, "The Army" said one of the young ladies today, "made us date the boys in pairs, and on some of the islands - probably meaning Attu, Kiska and Adak - we couldn't go out with groups of less than five". Must have been the Isle of Wolves. "Some of those soldiers, "the instrumentalist adds, "haven't seen a white woman in almost two years - and I guess it had the high brass worried". More than it had the girls worried, apparently.

~~And now Hugh what if
anything are you worried about?
Why that furrowed brow?~~

IDAHO REPUBLICAN

One Republican bit the dust in the sensational G O P sweep in Idaho Tuesday. He's lying flat on his back in a hospital in the State Capital - Boise -- hospitalized with a broken jaw and swollen lips, the result of some sarcastic words in the hotel Boise on Tuesday night. The Republican is Ray McKaig, ~~xxx~~ nationally prominent granger. He says Democratic Senator Glen Taylor broke his jaw. And Senator Taylor admits it.

Says Senator Taylor: "I guess I was too obliging. He asked for it and I answered his invitation".

Not that Taylor himself is in the pink of condition. He's suffering a black eye and a broken nose. Politics, it seems, are not to be joked about in ~~Idaho~~ Idaho.

SAILOR

In the West Coast city of Seattle, today, sailor Thomas Washington let his hatred for civilians get the best of him. And the twenty-year old Irishman gave vent to his anger in the best tradition of his Irish ancestors. He threw bricks.

The vantage point he chose for ~~xxxx~~ his brick tossing was novel and strategically placed. Washington climbed to the top of a five-story hotel in downtown Seattle, ~~xx~~ and mumbling to himself, "I hate civilians" took up his stand at the edge of the roof in the early morning darkness.

For ammunition he had to have bricks, bricks aplenty. So, he grunted and shoved and huffed and puffed and finally toppled the brick chimney. And there was a fine ammunition dump right at his feet.

Then, Sailor Washington waited for the dawn. Twenty two months in the Navy ~~xx~~ had taught him that dawn is the best time for an attack. At the first peep of the sun, he saw his first target below -- an

early bird scurrying to work the first barrage of bricks fell short, and the startled pedestrian promptly dived for the nearest cover, a sheltered doorway. Other citizens appeared on the streets and Sailor Washington scored more 'near-misses. As you might suspect, it wasn't long before the telephone at police headquarters began ringing. Whereupon two squad cars were dispatched to the scene.

But that wasn't enough. A little later, another citizen telephoned the police asking protection. Said the voice on the other end, "we've already sent two carloads of cops. Can't you see them?" Said the harassed citizen, "certainly I can see them. They are hiding in the same doorway with me".

So, for a time it went on: Washington against the world; the world against Washington. Then the cops counter-attacked and under a barrage of bricks they reached the hotel. Finally, the sailor was subdued and carried off to jail.

But Washington in his cell tonight is still

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recalcitrant. Says he, "I hate civilians". And
now my civilian colleague, Nelson Case - late of the
Navy, I might add.