

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The final returns from Minnesota are not quite so sensational, as early this afternoon when Stassen was leading Eisenhower by only a few thousand votes. The count, then, included the cities, where the General showed up mighty strong - - he carried Minneapolis outright. Later, the farming sections kept coming in, and Stassen pulled ahead a little. (With virtually all the precincts in, the count is about one-hundred-and-twenty-seven thousand for the favorite son, and something like one-hundred and seven thousand for General Ike who wasn't officially in the ^{Minnesota} ~~Minneapolis~~ Primary at all! Stassen ahead by about eleven thousand. He takes forty-two percent as against Eisenhower's thirty-eight percent. Which is sensational enough, considering that - - it was a "write-in" vote for Ike.) His name not on the ballot - - it had to be filled in. Moreover, the "write-in" campaign ran for only a few days.

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It was only late last week that the attorney-general of the State gave out the decision - - that "write-ins" would ^{even} be counted.

No doubt, the backers of the General did a bang up job of - - urging the voters to write in Ike.

But they never guessed the amount of success they'd have. They hoped for fifty thousand, but got ~~over~~ ^{over one} hundred thousand - - "write-ins."

Today in Paris, there was jubilation at Eisenhower headquarters, staff officers of the General exclaiming "Amazing! incredible!"

The General himself said nothing; but, his interest in the Minnesota returns was obvious. He told one officer - - "keep shoving those bulletins down to me as fast as they keep coming in." *What does Stassen*

my? Stassen says he's - - "very pleased". He regards the result as a blow to Senator Taft, who polled only

Approx - 24,000.

a small "write-in" vote, [^] - [^] There wasn't any campaign for him at all. Stassen says; "I never at any time ~~expect~~ expressed opposition to Eisenhower." He's mostly against Taft.

The Senator from Ohio says the minnesota figures are - - a failure for Stassen. So those two see it all as a blow to each other.

Taft also takes the view that the huge Eisenhower "write-in" was the result of an "all-out campaign."

On the Democratic side, favorite son Senator Humphrey scored a sweep - - really standing for

President Truman. Senator Kefauver, who won out over

Truman in ^{New Hamp.} ~~break~~ got only ^{about 19-} ~~a few~~ thousand votes - -

"write-ins." There were also "write-ins" for President

Truman, ~~Directly~~. But, oddly enough, General Eisenhower

was written-in ^{heavily} on the Democrats side ^{too - and even} ~~more than~~

~~the President.~~

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There were all sorts of oddities - - in the sweep of "write-ins."

A number for - - Douglas. Without saying - - which

Douglas? The Supremest court justice, or the Senator, *or the ex-Ambassador!*

There were cockeyed "write-ins" for nearly everybody including Mickey Mouse.

But the prize was taken by a lady who got so confused

that she wrote in - - Her own name! Later on, she

realized her mistake, and asked the primary judges

to take her ballot out of the box - - so she could

vote again. The judges refused, and that lady winds

up with one vote for President - - herself.

Tonight, there are surmises all over the place - -

on that familiar question. Will General Ike now

return and campaign? Today, Paul ~~H~~ Hoffman, Eisenhower

campaign leader, stated; "I'm going to wire General

Eisenhower immediately, and I'm going to tell him -

take a look at Minnesota." Hoffman is just back from ~~Conferences~~ Conferences with the General - - in which he urged him to return and campaign. So now he thinks - - the General will.

On the other hand, it is possible to argue that the Minnesota triumph will make the General figure

- - he's doing all right as it is. ~~Myxxxxxxx~~

- Why alter the formula -

Why change his mind - - when things are going so well?

The news gives us a hint, also, concerning that other question. Which is, of course, question number one - - will President Truman run again? Today, democratic national chairman Frank McKinney, after conferring with the President, said - - not if there's a truce in Korea. He didn't tell me that in so many words, but, that is my impression," declares McKinney.

The Presidential belief is that an armistice looks more likely now than it did thirty or sixty days ago. And, if one is concluded, he will think his job - - "well done." That's the background for the belief of the democratic national chairman - - that Harry Truman will not run again, if there's a truce in Korea.

KOREA - Truce.

At Panmunjom, the Korea truce talkers made a little progress today - - when the Reds accepted an allied compromise on the capital cities of pyongyang and

Seoul. Our side has wanted full inspection during an armistice - - to make sure that neither side pours military forces in through Pyongyang and Seoul. The Reds objected. Today's compromise being - - that the harbours and airports would be inspected but not the two capital cities themselves.

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FRANCE

French communists are screaming anti-american slogans after the death of an official of a communist union, killed in a demonstration against a couple of U S army trucks.

At the town of Melun, the reds were staging a strike demonstration, when the trucks passed through. Stones were hurled, and the red union official jumped on the running board of one truck - the driver, a U S army corporal. Whereupon the heavy vehicle swerved onto a sidewalk, and the union official was crushed against a wall - fatally injured.

Today the communist members yelled - "cowardly assassins".

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GERMANY

The western powers will tell Moscow that Germany must have democratic elections - an agreement on that before there's any conference of the big four to discuss a German peace treaty. The Soviet is demanding the conference) - with all sorts of ^apropaganda [^]maneuvers aimed at the Germans. Plenty of talk - about unifying their country.

TP West German Chancellor Adenauer has been in paris, conferring with french, british and American representatives, and he agrees - - no four power conference for a german peace treaty, unless Moscow concedes free democratic elections.

BRITAIN

(In London today, the Labor party leaders took action against Aneurin Bevan and his rebel followers. Socialist members of Parliament held a caucus, and voted expulsion from the party - for any labor M P guilty of "persistent refusal" to vote along with a majority of the party.)

There's a catch in the word "persistent refusal".

Actually, former Prime Minister Attlee ^{ask his party members for} ~~wanted~~ expulsion for "one" act of disobedience. Which would have been ^{far} severer. But the milder form was adopted.

(This follows the bolt, recently, by Aneurin Bevan - when he and a group of insurgents voted in opposition to the stand of the Labor Party on British Armament.)
Today, Bevan made an impassioned harangue. But, there-
after he'll have to watch his step - or be tossed
out of the labor Party.

UNIONS

The Secretary of Labor urges congress to crack down on unions dominated by Reds. He wants labor organizations, under communist control, to be deprived of their bargaining rights. "I do not think, ", declares labor Secretary Tobin, "that we can afford the luxury of political strikes of communist - dominated unions."

He suggests that the Taft-Hartley law be ^{expanded} ~~expanded~~

^{tended,} so as to keep companies from dealing with unions run by Reds. Making that an "unfair labor practice".

He says he realizes this might be abused, and some employers might make what he calls "frivolous charges of communist-domination." But he thinks the

peril of ^{our} reds in Unions warrants ^{drastic} congressional action.

SAILOR

At Seattle, a Canadian sailor sues for one hundred thousand dollars - claiming the Captain of an American vessel kept him chained on deck for sixty-seven days. The steamship Company replies that the sailor was disciplined because he was "insubordinate and mutinous", having kicked the Captain during an argument.

Seaman William Olynyk says it happened when the freighter Clyde L. Seavey was at the port of Batavia, in Java. Says the skipper had him shackled on the bridge - at the end of a chain twelve feet long. That way, for the rest of the voyage, from Java to America, halfway around the world.

The vessel stopped at various ports, where the chained sailor was shown as a spectacle. On one occasion, another member of the crew brought a girl friend aboard - to give her a look at the singular

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sight. On the bridge - a sailor in chains.

Such is the story told, indicating, ^{would you say Helms} - a tough time
at sea?

CRASH

Today's plane crash on a Florida golf course has a frightening theme of - - tragedy in silence.

Two prominent women golfers killed, as they walked along on the fairway - - when a disabled navy fighter plane came swooping down. They never saw it, never heard it. The motor was on fire, not running, and the plane glided in silently. Not a sound.

The two women golfers, Mrs Brady Johnson and Mrs William Dempsey, had just completed their second shots to the green, were walking together - - when they were hit. The crashing plane then bounced off into some trees - - where the pilot, Ensign C L Greenwood, climbed out of the wreck. He was dazed, had a few cuts and bruises. The ground-keeper of the course came to him and asked - - was he badly hurt? "No, thank god," replied the pilot.

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Then two caddies ran up, and told - - about the two women golfers.

The ground-keeper says; "The pilot went to pieces, saying over and over, " I didn't see them, I didn't see them."

Thus it was that tragedy struck in silence - - on a Florida golf course.

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AIR FORCE

(The air force got a lusty bawling out today - from a congressional investigating committee. Accused - of wasting money, squandering public funds.) For an illustration - the base at Andrews, Maryland - where they constructed barracks for WAFS - Air Force women. They had no special plans drawn up - so they used blue prints that already had been used for barracks in Alaska. The WAFS needed twenty-one rooms. The Alaskan plans called for forty rooms - nearly twice as many as needed in Maryland.

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and-seventy thousand dollars, instead of the eighty thousand provided by Congress.

Well, that's just the old, old story, isn't it Nelson, that ladies can be expensive!