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ELECTION

As we enter the weekend before the election -- everybody talks about taking a lastlook at the prospects of the two candidates. Will it be -- Lyndon Johnson? Or -- Barry Goldwater?

Most pollsters are saying Johnson -- by a landslide. The U P I poll puts the President ahead -- in thirty-six states. And -- if he carries all of those-- he'll have four hundred and thirty three electoral votes. A massive landslide - because two hundred and seventy will win.

By contrast, the U P I puts Goldwater ahead-- in only ten states. Most of them -- in the south. Electoral count -- seventy-one.

The Republican candidate realizes -- the meaning of this political arithmetic. He has to pull big states away from his opponent -- before next Tuesday. Goldwater thinks that this process -- adding to his

column by subtracting from Johnson's -- is now in full swing.

But here's a prognostication from one of the country's top political figures who has just completed a tour of nearly all the states. He gives Goldwater two hundred and twenty four electoral votes for sure -- Lyndon Johnson only a hundred and fifty seven with one hundred and forty five in doubt.

As for Barry Goldwater, he is still saying it's going to be "the biggest upset of the century."

The Arizonan is putting his political fate squarely on the line -- in California. The Republican candidate -- closing his campaign with a flourish -- in the State where he won his critical victory in the primaries. The victory that started him on his way -- to the nomination.

Goldwater isn't being sentimental -- about this. He no doubt appreciates what California has already done for him, but he also knows -- what California can do for him. For the candidate who captures that State -- will pocket forty big electoral votes.

During his latest swing through the West, Goldwater has been emphasizing -- the foreign policy issue, accusing President Johnson -- of letting the Atlantic Alliance fall apart, evidence -- our allies, making deals with the Communist bloc, France, Turkey-- even Britain.

In Los Angeles tonight -- the stress is on --
Lyndon Johnson himself. Goldwater, going back to --
the election of Nineteen Forty-Eight. The one that
put L B J -- in the Senate. Barry Goldwater calls this--
"one of the darkest elections in history." And
charges that Johnson used his power on Capitol Hill--
to prevent an investigation of irregularities in the
Texas balloting.

JOHNSON

President Johnson's appearance in Milwaukee's Kosciuzko Park - put him in the middle of the "backlash" At least that's what the pundits say - on the basis of their facts and figures. The argument being that the ethnic groups of Milwaukee - resent the intrusion of negroes into their neighborhoods.

~~With~~ Mr. Johnson did ~~indeed~~ run into a some heckling. But he talked frankly about - civil rights, And ~~he~~ received ~~about~~ more cheers - than jeers.

Quite a bit of the applause came - when he turned to a different theme. Namely - the liberation of immigration quotas. A popular theme with the minorities - of Sudstown in Wisconsin.

TIBET

The issue of Red China's rule over Tibet -- is coming up at the U N for the first time in three years. In Ninetten Sixty One it seemed as if Mao's reign of terror on the roof of the world -- might be prematurely shelved by the Russian veto. However, since then, Moscow has condemned Peking -- for the oppressive regime in Lhasa. And now three U N members want another look at Tibet -- El Salvador, Nicaragua and the Phillippines.

The big question is whether Brezhnev and Kosygin will follow Khrushchev's lead -- in defending Tibet against Red China.

Another question: -- will they be too late? From all reports Tibet has been completely crushed; her people scattered; her unique civilization and culture all but wiped out.

CHIANG KAI SHEK

The island of Formosa is lit up tonight - in typical Chinese style. From Taipek to the provincial towns - Chinese lanterns, everywhere. Fire crackers - exploding in the streets. Roman candles - arching into the sky. Crowds parading - to the music of drums and cymbals.

All this, in honor of - their President's birthday. Chiang Kai Shek - seventy-five years old. It's almost forty years - since Chiang rose to be the leader of all China. But - the Japanese came. Then - the war. Then - the Reds under Mao Tse Tung.

When the dust settled - ~~Ghkaung~~ Chiang was on Formosa. Where he ^{has} maintained his forces - ever since, With the assistance of - the United States. But that doesn't satisfy - the old warrior. "We will return, and liberate mainland China" - says Chiang Kai Shek on ^{this} ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~seventy-fiftyxthxthxthxthx~~ fifth birthday.

GYPSIES

In Austin, Texas -- the traditional wail of the gypsies. Lamentations for Prince Miller Evans -- as they knew him in Austin -- the Prince, who committed suicide. Reason -- unrequited love. The gypsy Romeo having his Juliet whisked away to California -- by her parents -- decided to end it all.

As a result, the members of the tribe -- are streaming into the capital of the Lone Star State. Some five hundred of them to attend the funeral. As they arrive, they add their voices to the somber funeral dirge that has been part of gypsy life since their caravans first took to the roads of Roumania centuries ago.

Romeo and Juliet -- among the Romani. Another romantic legend -- Dick -- created by -- one of the most romantic people in history -- the gypsies.

JEWELS

For the ingredients to an Edgar Wallace thriller how about these? The largest star sapphire ever found, a daring cat burglar - and one of the world's most illustrious museums. The ingredients got together last night - near New York's Central Park.

Place - the Museum of Natural History. It must have been around midnight - when the cat burglar climbed up to a ledge outside the fourth floor of the building, inched his way along the ledge, turned the corner - and reached a back window where he entered the J P Morgan Hall of Minerals - which houses the collection bequeathed to the Museum by the legendary financier.

The intruder smashed three cases - and took twenty two Morgan jewels, including the Star of India, biggest of all sapphires. More than five hundred and sixty-three carats. Value of the haul? The Museum says about two hundred thousand dollars. But the legendary

Walter Hoving now President of Tiffany's says that's an understatement because in his words, "that sapphire is priceless. There is nothing with which to compare it."