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## THE POLIO ELEMENTS SHIP; 29 S New Army Patrols Blocked Berlin Borders

### What They Are Thinking Truman Has Lost Voters' Support

By ELMO ROBER  
NEW YORK—Last week's prediction that, barring a major political miracle, the next President of the United States would be Thomas E. Dewey. This conclusion was arrived at by an analysis of the trend of public opinion on the Presidential race, as indicated in the trial heats we have run over the last few months.  
Mr. Truman's standing over the last few years has been very much like that of a man who has ridden the roller coaster of public favor up to the peak, down into the troughs, to come finally to the end of the ride at ground level. And since April of this year, Mr. Truman has lagged steadily from 12 to 22 percentage points behind Mr. Dewey. Past elections have shown us that normally there is little change in the final standings between early September and election day. Therefore, unless some major correction takes place in the next month and a half—and that seems unlikely—Mr. Dewey is as good as elected.

But these are just the overall results. They may serve to satisfy curiosity, but they are of little value. The real story lies hidden among the statistics which indicate how various groups of voters are going to vote.

In a word, Mr. Truman has lost the support of the very groups which gave Franklin Roosevelt his margin of victory in the last four Presidential races.

This fact is nowhere more dramatically illustrated than in the case of young voters, those between the ages of 21 and 34.

Table: PREFERENCES OF YOUNG VOTERS. Columns: Dewey, Roosevelt, Other candidates, Express no opinion. Rows: 1944, 1948, 1944, 1948.

Another key group which Mr. Roosevelt always carried, but which Mr. Truman has largely lost, are the voters in the lower middle income bracket.

Table: PREFERENCES OF LOWER MIDDLE INCOME VOTERS. Columns: Dewey, Truman, Other candidates, Express no opinion. Rows: 1944, 1948, 1944, 1948.

The lower middle income voters are the largest group in the population. In the past the majority have been pro-Democratic.

Table: PREFERENCES OF VOTERS IN CITIES OF OVER 1,000,000. Columns: Dewey, Truman, Other candidates, Express no opinion. Rows: 1944, 1948, 1944, 1948.

But the loss of support in the big cities of the North has not been nearly so large as the real division in Democratic ranks below the Mason-Dixon line.

Table: PREFERENCES OF INDEPENDENT VOTERS. Columns: Dewey, Roosevelt, Other candidates, Express no opinion. Rows: 1944, 1948, 1944, 1948.

Two central facts emerge from this analysis: First, Mr. Dewey has not so much won the election as Mr. Truman has lost it; and second, Mr. Truman has failed in his effort to maintain the delicate balance between the Northern liberal and machine elements and the conservative Southern wing of the Democratic Party.

But the loss of this election of former Roosevelt voters? The basic reasons appear to me to be: 1. The feeling that "It's time for a change" after 16 years of Democratic administration—a feeling any Democratic candidate would have a tough time bucking. 2. Mr. Truman has not filled Mr. Roosevelt's shoes as the leader of the New Deal. 3. Efficient administration has been regarded as lacking in the Truman government and Mr. Dewey has always been regarded as an efficient, capable administrator. 4. In spite of the squeeze of high prices, times are still prosperous and it has always been a shift to the Right during good times. 5. With the departure of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Thurmond, the ranks of the Democratic Party have been split.

### Incursions Into U.S. Territory Reported

#### Martyr's Rites Held For Youth

By GEORGE BRIA  
BERLIN — (AP) — The Red Army patrolled blockaded Berlin borders in force today while anti-Communists gave a martyr's funeral to a youth killed in rioting a week ago.  
The German youth, 16, was killed in street fighting after 20,000 Germans paraded in front of Communist and Russian soldiers in the Brandenburg Gate near the city's main railway station. The Red Army patrolled the area and East German police fired into the crowd of demonstrators. He was the only fatality.

Speakers at the funeral called the youth a "victim of the war." The service in the British sector was attended by 5,000 people.

Western Berlin police said Russian patrol activity was increased as a precaution against the Russian-controlled sector of the blockaded city.

This was the third stoning of an Eastern Berlin police officer in recent weeks. The first occurred in the death of one Berliner and the wounding of another.

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His trial, however, would be in line with Russian efforts to squeeze out the regular City Government and substitute their own.

Today's "Soviet" newspaper continued to hammer away at the Western Allies.

### Special Meeting Of Board Called

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey joined today to meet on a special meeting of the Board of Retirement System will be held tomorrow at 1:15 P. M. on request of the board.

### Elections Sunday

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey will spend most of the next two days campaigning in Utah.

### The Smiths Fix Supper



New Smiths' photo by Tom Franklin Studio

Garland, aged twelve, and right is Mrs. Smith. The three other children in the family are Roland, aged fifteen; Carol, aged ten; and Sheather, aged seven.

### 'Everybody's Been So Wonderful...' Smiths' Cup Runneth Over

By MARTHA AZER LONDON  
Charlotte News Staff Writer  
A small, old lady stood in front of McCallan's this morning, waiting for the store to open. Right at 9 o'clock she went in and looked for Mrs. Margaret Smith.  
When she found her, she went over and said: "I haven't much. But I read about your misfortune, and I wanted to do something to help. Here—maybe this will buy your new furniture." Mrs. Smith is a disabled veteran of World War I.

The story told how the employees of McCallan's and the manager contributed over \$50 in cash to help the Smiths. It had been reported that Mrs. Smith was in a chicken coop until they could get a tent to move into.

Yesterday, after a request received on Sunday, the Red Cross gave the Smiths money to buy a tent, an oil-burning stove, and a mattress. With that, Mrs. Smith said: "I guess we're pretty lucky after all."

Today, the Smiths are even more over come with gratitude to the generous Charlotteans who have come to their aid.

Two organized groups are working in their behalf: The Disabled American Veterans, and the American Legion. Both have secured clothing, furniture and money for the family. The Independence Post, Auxiliary 262, American Legion, is also collecting pots and pans, mattresses and other items of wear.

Mrs. Thomas B. Watkins, president, said the family needs winter clothes for the children. He said that many of the phone calls from Mr. Smith this morning. The first time, he said that Jimmy Whitton and several other representatives of the DAV had visited.

### Wallace Joins Word Battle Truman & Dewey Polishing Up Cross-Country Campaign Plans

There is a controversy developing. E. George Luckey, chairman of the Truman-Barkeley ticket committee in Los Angeles, said the President will have to use Gilmore as his running mate. He said that the larger Hollywood Bowl "to rehearse some complicated lightning effects" for Dewey's appearance the next night.

Democratic National Chairman J. Howard McGrath probably charged the GOP with "leaving an empty stadium" just to deny it to Mr. Truman. Gov. Earl Warren, the No. 1 man on the Dewey team, meanwhile headed east from California to start his 30-state tour. He will spend most of the next two days campaigning in Utah.

### Fate Of Six Others Not Known To Coast Guard

#### Mountainous Seas Bludgeon Vessel

NEW YORK — (AP) — Thirty-nine crewmen of an abandoned British freighter have been rescued in the hurricane-whipped North Atlantic, but the fate of six others is unknown.  
Earlier, Coast Guard Headquarters here said 38 men had been rescued. The British freighter was an American and an Argentine ship in mountainous seas. The New York agents for the Leicestershire said it carried a crew of 42.

The Leicestershire skipper, Capt. Edward B. Leicestershire, a London officer, however, said 39 had been rescued and the fate of six others was unknown.

Lawson told the New Zealand Shipping Co. officers that the 265-ton vessel was struck by the Atlantic hurricane last Tuesday. In mountainous seas, the vessel was blown off its course and the wind-whipped waves she listed to 55 degrees, he said. The vessel was on route from London to New York by ballast.

The ship was abandoned today. Lawson reported. Twenty survivors were picked up by another American ship, the USS Leicestershire. Eighteen others and Captain Lawson were rescued by the Argentine ship. One Leicestershire survivor suffered a minor scalp injury during the battering heavy waves.

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Plans for the local observance of Girl Scout Week Oct. 30-Nov. 6 were announced today by the program committee of the Mecklenburg Girl Scout Council at 19 A. S. W. in Charlotte.

The several troops in each neighborhood of Charlotte and Mecklenburg will sponsor a special meeting during Girl Scout Week, according to plans made by the committee.

Also in observance of this special week, a Girl Scout stamp will go on sale.

Mrs. J. M. Dwell, chairman of the scout's program committee, presided at today's meeting.

### WEATHER

Fair and not much change in temperature, this afternoon and tonight. Warmer Friday.  
Temperature at 7 P. M. today: 79  
Sunset today: 6:29  
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:07  
More Weather Data on page 1-7

### Murder Conviction

#### Father Finds Baby Beat Son To Death

ERIC, Pa. — (AP) — Ralph J. Hoop, 28, the leaman 40 m neighbors considered a "model father," was today convicted of second degree murder for beating his 10-year-old son to death. The boy, Jackie, 6, died last May 30 from what a hospital pathologist said was the result of "probably 100" blows to the head. Hoop was whipped the boy when Jackie refused to tell him where he wanted to go. Hoop was charged with murder after a ten to twenty day trial.

At the trial the father testified he put his son to bed after the boy had been crying for weeks with "entirement." Jackie told me, "Tell love you daddy." Hoop said, "Those were the last words my son said to me."

### Legion Posts Picnic Tonight

The Steele Creek Post of the Legion will entertain its semi-annual picnic tonight at 7 P. M. in the Steele Creek Community House.

### Burned In Fire

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — Robert R. Krumpholtz, 42, died today after his Beechwood apartment was swept by an early-morning fire.