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THEIR TURN

Voters Take Over As Election VIPs

Tomorrow millions of American citizens will use their collective wisdom to elect a new President and Vice-President of the United States, a new House of Representatives, and one-third of the United States Senate.

In addition, they will choose state and local public officials, and will pass on a variety of other questions put before them.

Interest in this election is at a record high. Registration is up sharply all over the nation.

But a name on the registration books contributes nothing to the democratic process unless the voter goes back to the polls tomorrow to cast the vote.

The nation, North and South Carolina, and Mecklenburg County all have an opportunity to shatter all voting records.

But it all depends on you. You are the voter. You are the ruler of the American system of democracy.

The politicians are through. The choice is now yours.

Vote as you please. But vote!

Ohio Convict Killed In Prison Rioting

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—Highway patrolmen shot and killed one Ohio convict in a rioting convicts in Ohio Penitentiary today and a few minutes later a National Guard company armed with rifles and machine guns marched inside the walls.

About 100 guardsmen in full field equipment entered the southwest truck gate to reinforce with a state patrolman who had been holding the convicts at bay with a crisis-zone shotgun barrage down the corridors of four battered cell blocks.

Warden Ralph W. Alvis identified the dead man as Carlyle Noel, 30, of 24 million County (Clinton) serving 2 1/2 years for house-breaking.

Heard Noel was shot in the head at 9:40 A. M. Three other convicts were wounded earlier today. A fourth was shot yesterday.

Outside, construction gangs already have begun tearing down the four buildings burned in the rioting by 2,000 convicts who brandished all manner of makeshift weapons from metal cleavers to axes.

Non-rioting prisoners are not working except in the power house, hospital and dining rooms.

GOP Letter On Religious Views Is Attacked Here

Two Charlotte religious leaders issued statements today accusing the Republican Party of attacking the headquarters of trying to inject Adlai Stevenson's religious views into the Presidential campaign as a political issue.

They were replying to a GOP statement which said that Stevenson "does not accept Christ. His birth, Crucifixion, or Resurrection," and described the Unitarian as "a religious free-thinker."

It also said, "It is impossible to conceive of the majority of citizens... observing the Holy Scriptures and the teachings of the United States not humbly embracing the same faith."

The statement obviously had set off a firestorm as the campaign fires got going.

"I regret it," Mr. Bailey said, "if any misinterpretation of our religious faith is being injected into the campaign."

The fact that Stevenson is a Unitarian, rather than a Baptist, Presbyterian or member of some other denomination, has nothing to do with his qualifications for the office of President of the United States.

"Some of our greatest Presidents—including the Adamses, Jefferson and William Howard Taft—have been Unitarians. Seventeen out of 77 great Americans elected to the Hall of Fame of New York University have been Unitarians."

"Both Eisenhower and Stevenson are issued statements condemning appeals to bigotry in the current campaign. Both candidates are Unitarians."

High temperature expected today, 75 degrees. Low temperature this morning, 46 degrees.

Low temperature expected tomorrow, 52 degrees. Sunrise, 6:46 A. M.; sunset, 5:27 P. M.

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Stevenson Camp Optimistic At Campaign's End

Governor Slates Final Chicago Talk

By DON WHITEHEAD

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)—Optimism outweighed all the doubts in Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson's camp today as he carefully penned his last—and perhaps most dramatic—appeal to the voters before tomorrow's presidential election.

This speech will be delivered tonight from Chicago in a national radio-television program featuring the Democratic candidate, President and Senator John F. Sparkman and Sen. John J. Sparkman of Alabama, the Democratic vice-presidential nominee.

Stevenson worked in his office at the Executive Mansion and even his own lieutenants said they didn't know what he was going to say.

The candidate was due to leave here by plane late today for Chicago. He will spend the night there and his vice tomorrow in the little town of Half Day, Ill., and then return to Springfield.

When Wyatt Stevenson's campaign manager, predicted last night the Democratic nominee will win at least 300 electoral votes and carry at least 32 of the 48 states. It takes 268 electoral votes to elect.

Privately, there were others in the headquarters who did not share the Wyatt optimism—and they saw a much closer race even though most of them were confident of a victory.

COMES UP FAST

The general feeling was Stevenson had come up fast in the last few days, had closed the gap and even overtook Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower with this last-minute split.

Stevenson gave another indication last night after midnight that he was confident of a victory. He struck out at Eisenhower's proposal on Korea as carrying the risk of a third world war—and designed to "separate us from our allies."

In a statement, he disclosed that a group of 15 war correspondents in Korea had sent telegrams to the United States, warning against any withdrawal of A-1.

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Gallup Poll Conclusion

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Gen. Ike Lashes At Democrats' Bigotry Charge

Candidate Winding Up His Campaign

By RELMAN MORIN

BOSTON.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower started his last day of campaigning today with a denunciation of the Democrats for having accused him of bigotry.

He told a crowd of 8,000—the estimate of Police Sgt. Edward W. Fallon—that "my friends, Cardinal Spellman, Robt. Silver and Bernard Baruch" had denied that charge for him.

His motorcade halted in front of the Gilded City Hotel, one of the heavily Jewish Mattapan section of Boston for his final street corner campaign.

The Blue Hill Ave. motorcade, a traditional stamping place for Boston and state-wide candidates, was estimated to have drawn 200,000 people.

Eisenhower motored through South Boston, Dorchester and West of the city, where a radio and television program scheduled for tonight.

A light rain was falling. The crowd was comparatively small all along the route, but the General drew cheers even in South Boston, a strongly Democratic area.

Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., having his earlier battles, rode with him and introduced Eisenhower to the crowds.

Eisenhower chose Boston, a city rich in American traditions, for the windup of his campaign.

The approach of zero-hour found the Korean War—and the problem of war and survival generally—as the over-riding issue of the campaign.

Eisenhower has gone on record with the belief that South Korean soldiers can be trained in sufficient numbers to permit American divisions to be withdrawn to rear areas, and held in reserve. He says would make such a program if he is elected.

Implementing this the general promised to go to Korea himself, a proposition which he said he would study the problem at first hand.

At the same time, he has fired some of his heaviest broadsides at charging it with responsibility for conditions that permitted the Korean fighting to start, and with the blame for the Defense Department's failure to permit the Korean Army capable of taking over its front lines in the 29 months since the war started.

CRITICAL POINT

At the 11th hour, Truman joined the fray on the same critical point, but he added: "The Department of Defense document of September, 1947. Signed by the late Secretary of Defense James Forrestal, it stated a report from the Joint Chiefs of Staff and said he considered it a 'disaster' for the loss of military security, the U. S. had 'little interest' in maintaining its troops and bases in Korea."

Eisenhower was heavy chief of staff at the time and the President has claimed that he bears part of the responsibility for the decision to pull American forces out of the peninsula.

88,000 Face Army Call In January

WASHINGTON.—The Army today issued a draft call for 88,000 men.

It is the highest monthly call since May 1949, when 90,000 men were inducted through selective service.

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FAIR WEATHER DUE FOR MOST OF U.S.

WASHINGTON.—Generally fair weather—usually for a sign of a big vote—was predicted by the Weather Bureau today for tomorrow's balloting.

The special forecast: "Generally fair weather is expected over most of the nation on election day."

"Only a few sections will have threatening weather conditions. These sections are restricted to extreme Southern Florida, the mountains of Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado and in the far Northwest along the coasts of Washington and Northern Oregon where showers are indicated."

"A few snow flurries are also predicted for the mountains in Western Montana."

"Seasonable temperatures are expected to prevail throughout the South and West while the Northeast will experience cooler weather." (In Charlotte weather men predict that tomorrow will be mild and partly cloudy.)

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