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Gallup Political Poll

Independents Now Lean Toward GOP

By GEORGE GALLUP
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PRINCETON, N. J.—The outcome of the Eisenhower-Stevenson election race is in the hands of the nation's 14 million Independent voters.

To win, Eisenhower must attract the lion's share of this vote. Normally it goes heavily Democratic—in fact, the GOP has never polled more than 43 per cent of the Independent vote in the last three Presidential elections.

At the moment, however, the Republicans are making substantial headway with the Independent group. Six out of every ten Independents polled by the Institute say they want to see the Republicans win this time.

Whether the GOP can hold this advantage until election day remains to be seen. A substantial number of Independents say that they may change their minds by November

All persons who classify themselves as Independents were asked:

"If the Presidential election were being held today, which POLITICAL PARTY would you like to see win—the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?"

The vote of those Independents who indicated a definite preference or expressed a "leaning" toward one party is as follows:

Republican	52%
Democratic	34
Undecided	14
	100%

If the undecided group were to divide about as the rest, the figures would be:

Republican	61%
Democratic	39

This would represent a big shift from previous elections.

In the 1948 election the Independents divided 43 per cent Republican, 57 per cent Democratic and Third Party.

In 1944 the Democrats led with 62 per cent, to 38 per cent for the Republicans and 1940 come almost exactly the same picture.

NOT 'IN THE BAG'

However encouraging the gain may be to Republican Party strategists, they would be making a mistake to assume that the Independent vote is definitely "in the bag" this time.

The thing that distinguishes an Independent voter is a tendency to shift sides. Independents are far more open-minded politically than any of the regular Democrats or Republicans.

The fact is clearly brought out in a second question in today's survey. This question was put to all voters, whether Democratic, Republican or Independent—after they had indicated their present party choice:

"Do you suppose you might change your mind on this between now and the election — that is, is anything likely to come up which might get you to vote another way?"

Few Republicans or Democrats say they are likely to change their minds.

But 37 per cent of the Independents say they may, and another 19 per cent don't know whether they will or not—making a total of 56 per cent who might alter their present choice.

Here are the results in detail:

Yes, might change	13%	15%	37%
No, will not	76	72	44
Don't know	11	13	19
	100%	100%	100%

The 56 per cent of the Independents who indicate that they might change express a present preference of 3-to-2 for the G.O.P.

VOTE CRUCIAL

The crucial importance of the Independent vote can be seen from the fact that just prior to the Democratic convention the division of the electorate was as follows, assuming a turnout of 55 million voters in November:

Democrats	27½ million
Republicans	18½ million
Independents	14 million
	55 million

Since, in this instance, slightly more than 27½ million popular votes would be needed to win, it can be seen that neither major party has enough regular supporters to attain the necessary majority.

Each would have to draw from the Independents — the Republicans proportionally more than the Democrats to win.

Soviet, Chinese Leaders Discuss World Situation

Chinese In Moscow For Major Meeting

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia and Red China began consultations today on the international situation and a number of specific Chinese-Soviet issues.

Here for the talks are Chinese Premier-Foreign Minister Chou En-Lai and a large staff of Chinese military and industrial experts.

Provision for such consultation was laid down in the Feb. 14, 1950 Chinese-Soviet Treaty. High on the list of subjects under discussion obviously is the return to China of the Chinese Changchung Railway and the military base at Port Arthur. This was provided for in the 1950 treaty, to take place not later than the end of 1952.

The Premier, who is also Red China's foreign minister, flew to Moscow yesterday from Peiping with a big delegation that included his deputy premier, Chen Yung-Kui, and a sizable group of military experts.

The nature of the top-level discussions between the world's biggest Communist nations was kept secret.

MILITARY

It was evident, however, that military questions would rank high among those taken up since Chou brought along the deputy chief of Peiping's general staff, Su Yu; his Air Force commander, Lyu Ya-low; Deputy Navy Commander Lo Shun Chu, and Deputy Commander of Artillery Tsu Chun.

Judging by others in the party, closer economic bonds will be sought also in the talks. Economic specialists with Chou included Minister of Heavy Industry Wan Hao-shou, Minister of Fuel Chen Yui, Deputy Minister of Communications Wang Cheng, Deputy Minister of Machine Building Wang Tso-han and economic expert Li Fu-chung.

POLITICAL

On the political side were the head of the Asian department of the Peiping Foreign Ministry Chen Chia-kan; the chief of the Soviet and Eastern Europe department, Hsui Yi-hsin, and the ministry's political secretary, Shih Cheh.

The Chinese got a full red-carpet reception by top Soviet leaders at the airport—indicating the high importance the Russian government attaches to the conference.

Replying to the official welcome, Chou paid tribute to the "brotherly and unselfish aid" which China is receiving from the Soviet Union and said he had come to strengthen co-operation between the two countries even further.

Chou's last conference in Moscow, in January, 1950, preceded the Korean War by six months.

It appeared certain the new talks will aim at expanding collaboration within the scope of the 1950 Soviet-Chinese Friendship and Mutual Aid Pact, the formal basis of the two countries' present close relationship. It is expected an attempt will be made also to broaden the pact and augment it with additional agreements.

The Chinese are almost certain to ask for an increase in their purchase of Russian industrial, transport and agricultural equipment and for more Soviet technical aid. They will likely seek also expansion of Soviet-Chinese trade to counter the West's partial blockade of China.

OUR WEATHER

Mostly fair and continued warm today, tonight and Tuesday.

High temperature yesterday, 91 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 90 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 71 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 68 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:45 A. M.; sunset, 7:08 P. M.

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POLIO VICTIM

Movie Star Phyllis Thaxter (above) is in a hospital at Portland, Maine, where her illness has been diagnosed as infantile paralysis. She is the mother of a six-year-old daughter and is expecting a second child this Winter. (UP Photo).

House Probers Reopen 'Closed' Fraud Case

WASHINGTON (AP)—House investigators, it was learned today, are digging into a case of alleged fraud that lay in the Justice Department about seven years and then was marked "closed" without being prosecuted.

Activities of a number of past officials of the department have been under scrutiny in connection with the case, which is expected to become the subject of public hearings on Capitol Hill soon.

The unexplained lack of prosecution in the case is one of several similar matters being studied by a House judiciary subcommittee investigating the Justice Department.

Committee sources said the case first reached the department in 1944, and about a year ago was marked "closed" without either civil or criminal prosecution being initiated.

At the time the case was turned over to the department, the official in charge of the Criminal Division was Assistant Atty. Gen. T. Lamar Caudle, who entered the department under Atty. Gen. (now Supreme Court Justice) Tom Clark.

Caudle was fired by President Truman last year from his job as chief of the department's Tax Division as a result of disclosures by a House committee investigating tax scandals.

The House committee investigators did not identify the case—other than to say it related to a business firm—and said only that Justice Department officials were "primarily" involved.

The investigating committee, headed by Rep. Chelf (D-Ky), meanwhile, is preparing a new series of public hearings to start next week. It will be the committee's first public sessions since Atty. Gen. James P. McGranery began a shakeup of the department following the ouster of J. Howard McGrath, McGranery's predecessor.

Two former top Justice Department officials are slated to appear before the committee—former Deputy Atty. Gen. Peyton Ford, and former Assistant Atty. Gen. Herbert A. Bergson, who headed the Anti-Trust Division.

Investigators say they want to question them about their activities during and after their employment as government attorneys.

Korean West Coast Hit By 100-Mile Typhoon

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — The center of a typhoon — with winds up to 100 miles an hour — hit Korea's West Coast today at Kunsan, 80 miles south of Seoul, and roared on across this peninsula toward the Sea of Japan.

There was no report of damage but the slip-wrecking storm brought torrential rains to all of South Korea. Four to five inches of rain were predicted for the battlefront tonight.

In Pusan, on the southeastern tip of the peninsula, 3½ inches of rain fell and wind gusts up to 75 miles an hour lashed the area.

A U. S Air Force weather expert said winds of 50 to 60 miles an hour would whip high exposed places on the battlefront.

Stiff winds buffeted Seoul but the storm's main force moved about 25 miles south of the city.

Power of the storm decreased as it passed overland. The Air Force weather expert said it may pick up power when it hits the Sea of Japan and swerves toward Hokaido, northernmost island of Japan.

Before sweeping inland, the typhoon wrecked one ship near Okinawa. A second ship is two days overdue after radioing it was in trouble.

Americans used an oil dru raft yesterday to rescue 40 of 43 passengers and crew aboard the Japanese vessel Tokushin about 160 miles south of Okinawa. A woman and her two small children were lost.

Six American planes and a U. S. destroyer searched for the Czech ship Republika with 83 persons aboard. The vessel was reported in distress about 250 miles east of Shanghai.

City Boomed As Site For 2-State Ike Rally

Sept. Meeting Here Urged On Top Sides

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A plan for staging a big Carolinas rally in Charlotte, with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower delivering a speech in person, was being discussed today by Ike's top campaign assistants in Denver, Colo.

Jesse Page Jr., chairman of the Committee For Eisenhower of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, conferred by telephone with Arthur Vandenburg Jr., one of Ike's executive assistants.

The long-distance conference took place after the local Committee for Eisenhower hurriedly consulted with leading Ike supporters in South Carolina during the morning.

The South Carolina leaders agreed that Charlotte would be the logical site for a big two-state meeting while Eisenhower is on a quick flying tour of the South.

Ike's strategists announced that the candidate will fly from New York on Sept. 2 and swing through Dixie, returning to Philadelphia for a major address on the night of Sept. 4.

The local Ike supporters are hoping that arrangements can be made for the Carolinas meeting in Charlotte while the General is en route from Richmond to Atlanta.

WIRES URGED

Mr. Page asked that local citizens who'd like to see Eisenhower in Charlotte send telegraph messages to that effect to both Wesley Roberts, National Republican Committee Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and Arthur Vandenburg Jr., Eisenhower Headquarters, Denver, Colo.

State GOP Chairman J. M. Baley Jr. of Marshall told The News that he would talk with campaign officials in Denver again today in an effort to have Ike appear in North Carolina.

The chances did not look particularly good when the quick Southern tour was announced.

North Carolina wasn't even mentioned in the tentative schedule of stops released from Ike's headquarters.

Ten major Southern cities were the only ones listed as stopping points on the tour, but the way was left open when campaign leaders in Denver said other stops may be made where airports can accommodate Ike's big DC-6 plane. (The airport here can accommodate a DC-6, according to Civil Aeronautics officials.)

Mr. Baley said he wasn't surprised to learn that the Eisenhower plans may not call for a North Carolina stop.

"He has received no encouragement from many of the Southern leaders."

These GOP chieftains in the South started out being optimistic about Ike's chances in Dixie, Mr. Baley said, but now, he added:

"They've fallen right back into line."

That meant that, according to Mr. Baley, many of the Southern Republicans had re-assumed their old attitude of defeatism.

But Mr. Baley wasn't giving up. He was putting in a bid again.

Meanwhile, he and his associates were planning to get a state campaign headquarters opened in Charlotte by the last of this week or by the first of next week.

They'd had plenty of trouble in that phase of the work, too.

Proper headquarters space, in a good location, has been hard to come by, and several weeks of looking had produced nothing quite suitable.

"It looks like we'll have to es-

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Egyptian Conquers English Channel

DOVER, England (AP) —Abdel Monem, 27-year-old Cairo newspaperman, waded ashore in a downpour today after swimming the English Channel from France in 16½ hours. This was almost six hours behind the record time.

He was the fourth swimmer to conquer the channel this year. Monem succeeded on his third attempt, having been forced to give up on previous tries in 1950 and 1951.

Grinning and full of pep, the Egyptian performed a series of calisthenics on the beach, then swam out to his escort launch for the trip back to his training headquarters at Folkestone.

Comic Dictionary

GENIUS

A man with a clever press agent.

Presidential Race Spotlight On Dixie States

General Eisenhower Plans Southern Tour

By The Associated Press

The presidential campaign took on a Southern accent today, with things popping in four Dixie states and the Republican nominee eyeing prospects in that Democratic stronghold.

At Jackson, Mississippi Democrats were pulling three ways as they gathered for a state convention. One faction backs Democratic presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson, the other is for GOP nominee Dwight Eisenhower and the third prefers a third-party Southerner to either.

In Alabama, the first serious GOP threat since 1928 had Democratic Party leaders whooping it up for today's homecoming of Sen. John Sparkman, the Democratic nominee for vice president.

SUSPENSION THREAT

In Arkansas, Democrats were told they could be suspended for two years if, after having voted in the Democratic primary, they support the GOP ticket at the polls on Nov. 4.

In Louisiana, Republicans organized Eisenhower's state campaign ran into an upsurge of party strife. Still at odds were Eisenhower backers and supporters of Ohio's Sen. Robert Taft.

At a meeting in Alexandria Saturday, the Eisenhower people succeeded in placing their choice as Louisiana campaign manager but failed in a bid to seat new members on the State Central Committee.

IKE PLANS TOUR

At Denver, it was learned Eisenhower is arranging an unprecedented whirlwind invasion of perhaps a dozen major cities in at least seven Southern states. The plan is for the general to fly South from New York about Sept. 2 and zip through Dixie in two or 2 1/2 days.

The Stevenson headquarters at Springfield, Ill., was also astir with speechmaking preparations. Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, chairman of the Democrats' speakers Bureau, said a team of 100 orators will range countrywide.

Stevenson himself took off for a brief vacation. Indications were he would keep up with his chores as Illinois governor, when he returns, and still stay on campaign schedule. The official "kickoff" address by him will be at Detroit on Labor Day, coinciding with President Truman's initial campaign speech at Milwaukee.

A few days later, Stevenson's plans will take him stumping to the West Coast and possibly the Southwest, with a Southern junket in between.

Stevenson was in the congregation yesterday when a Presbyterian minister, a personal friend of his, accused Illinois' Republican Sen.

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N. Y. Girl's Slayer Ordered Sent To Mental Hospital

NEW YORK (AP)—Bayard Peakes, the "eternal life" physicist who killed a pretty blonde secretary on the Columbia University campus, today was ordered confined as a lunatic.

General Sessions Judge Edward J. McCullen committed him to Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane, at Beacon, N. Y.

Such action had been recommended by psychiatrists, who had found the 26-year-old Peakes so mentally deranged that he could not understand the murder charge against him, nor that he had done wrong.

They said he was suffering from schizophrenia of a paranoid type.

On last July 14, Peakes walked into the offices of the American Physical Society, on the Columbia campus, and shot to death 18-year-old Eileen Fahey—a girl he had never seen before.

He said afterward that he was angry with the physical society for not recognizing his theories on electronics and for prolonging life. He said he killed the girl to attract public attention.

Peakes was not in court when McCullen committed him.

The judge said that if Peakes should regain his sanity, he would be returned here to stand trial for his crime.

GEN. RIDGWAY GREETS HIS NEW DEPUTY

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway (left), supreme commander of Allied powers in Europe, is greeted by his newly-appointed deputy commander-in-chief of the United States European Command, Gen. Thomas T. Handy, at Rhine-Main airfield in Germany. This was the first meeting of the top military leaders since General Handy took over his new assignment. General Ridgway succeeded General Eisenhower as commander-in-chief in Europe when the latter resigned from the Army to enter the race for President. (UP Photo).

$750,000 Road Allocation

Scott Defends Alamance Deal

HAW RIVER (AP) — Governor Scott, in a week-end interview at his farm near here, defended an allocation of $750,000 for new highway work in Alamance County.

"I knew it would not be favorable over the state when I made the announcement," the governor said, "but had Alamance County been given its rightful attention in the past, all of this would have been unnecessary. With this added $750,000, we in Alamance should find ourselves caught up almost with the rest of the state."

Gov. Scott emphasized that he was not thinking of his own political future but of his home county of Alamance when he made the announcement last Tuesday.

"I know a lot of people think I am going to run for the Senate against Willis Smith," he added. "They also think that everything they can say about me and everything that I do will hurt my chances. But I'm not running for the Senate now. The only thing about the future that I've got in mind is that Alamance County, long behind in its road program, had better get them (the roads) now, or it will be a long time before we do get them."

Scott, taking cognizance of editorial criticism of the Alamance County appropriation, asserted that "For the people who know the situation, I don't have to give explanations on how much Alamance has been neglected. It's perfectly plain that three-lane roads lead from both Durham and Guilford Counties to the Alamance County line, then they cut off to two lanes. That's just an example."

He added that most critics apparently had forgotten that their counties had "gained more than their rightful share in roads" in previous years.

Scott asserted that home counties of several previous governors had received favorable road building programs, but that the projects were included in huge appropriations and were not immediately obvious.

Of the Alamance appropriation, he said, "If it was right to do it, there wasn't anything to hide. If it was wrong it never would have been done."

Taft And Truman Targets Of Rivals

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman and Sen. Robert A. Taft—two men who aren't running—may become major targets in the presidential campaign.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican candidate, and Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, his Democrtic opponent, thus far haven't found anything especially cutting to say about each other.

But Eisenhower's followers have had plenty to say about Truman and his record. In fact, they are busily engaged in efforts to hang Truman's policies around Stevenson's political neck.

And the Stevenson people may be awaiting only some official sign that Taft will play an active part in Eisenhower's campaign to let go a blast at the Ohio senator and his wing of the Republican party.

ISOLATIONIST TAG

Truman said even before the Chicago conventions that the Republican nominee would have to carry along the weight of what he called "isolationist" sentiment in his party. Taft was tabbed as an "isolationist" during the primary campaign by Gov. Sherman Adams of New Hampshire, now head of Eisenhower's personal staff.

The Republican nominee is expected to confer with Taft within the next few weeks on how much the Ohio senator will be asked to do in the general election campaign.

The Columbus Dispatch reported Saturday that Taft definitely will take an active part in the Eisenhower campaign. It noted him in a telephone interview from Canada as saying he expects to confer in Washington about Sept. 8 with Republican National Chairman Arthur Summerfield on a speaking schedule.

The Eisenhower camp apparently is split on the extent to which it ought to employ Taft's talents, if at all. Some of the general's backers have been urging him to ignore the Taft wing in campaigning. Others say he needs the Ohioan's help, particularly in the Midwest.

Storm Slows Korean Fighting

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Typhoon winds and rains today bogged fighting and grounded warplanes in the Korean War.

The center of the storm, with winds up to 90 miles an hour, was expected to pass slightly south of Seoul at 10 p.m. (8 a.m., EST).

Counter-attacking Chinese, supported by a 1,425-round mortar-artillery barrage, won a hill outpost on the East-Central Front Sunday. It was the third time the hill, east of the Pukhan River, had changed hands in four days of bitter hand-to-hand fighting.

The Chinese first captured the hill last Thursday. The Allies won it back early Sunday but before noon the Reds rushed the position again. The U. S. Eighth Army said 13 Reds were killed before U. N. troops fell back.

BLOW FROM GOLF CLUB KILLS SOLDIER

CAMP PICKETT, Va. —(AP)— Pvt. Frank L. Jedlicka, 19, of College Point, N. Y., was accidentally struck by a golf club and killed yesterday on the Camp Pickett driving range.

The army said another soldier apparently didn't know Jedlicka had stepped up near him as he prepared to swing. Jedlicka had been in the army three months.

New Guadalcanal 'Invasion' Slated

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A new invasion is being readied for Guadalcanal, where U. S. Marines first turned back the Japs' southward push in World War II.

This week the vessel Kurimarai leaves Suva with cattle to start a beef-raising program on the island.

The Japs and the Americans ate almost all of Guadalcanal's cattle. The new invaders will include three bulls and 40 Hereford heifers, the British government—Guadalcanal is a British protectorate—is financing the program.

EVENING PRAYER

O Lord, come, take possession of our hearts and reign where Thou hast right to reign. So fill our minds with the thought and our imagination with the picture of Thy love that there may be in us no room for any desire discordant with Thy Holy will—In Christ's Name, Amen.