

LUBELL SAYS PARTY LINES ARE SHIFTING

Closer Balance Is In Prospect In This Election

By SAMUEL LUBELL

Behind the battling for the individual Senate and House seats, a new balance of political power is taking shape in the country. It is a curiously close balance, with the strength of both parties more evenly divided than at any time since the late Franklin D. Roosevelt became president.

Not only does this presage a closely fought presidential election in 1956, but it could mean that this country has entered a period in which our elections will swing from side to side as in a wind, with neither the Republicans nor the Democrats able to command a clear majority for any length of time.

What has been happening in this campaign might be pictured by the receding of the Eisenhower tidal wave of two years ago. The most important single feature of President Eisenhower's victory was his all-encompassing sweep. He won, for example, the rich and poor alike in some states by sweeping every single county, in others he carried counties which never before had voted for a Republican for President.

In this election, the old political strengths and loyalties which were figuratively flooded over in 1952, are being lifted back to the surface—which is one basic reason for the trend to the Democrats. But equally significant, if the floodtide of 1952 is obfiscating, it still is setting down at a good deal higher level of Republican strength than in 1948.

Particularly in the cities, once the New Deal stronghold, the Republicans seem to be consolidating their footing. One evidence of this is the fact that in nearly a third of the urban precincts I have sampled during this campaign, I found some persons who had voted for Eisenhower in 1952, but who are for Eisenhower now.

"He kept us out of war," was one frequently cited reason for these shifts. "Look what conditions were when Eisenhower came in," one former Eisenhower supporter in Chicago pointed out. "No one could have handled things better. Everything may blow up any minute but I am for Eisenhower."

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HANES DOUGLAS PARKER WATSON

Four key figures in the Board of Conservation and Development meetings get together for a farewell talk. Ben Douglas, Director of C & D, is a former mayor of Charlotte. Max Watson of Spindale is a board member along with R. M. Hanes of Winston-Salem. Charles Parker heads the State Advertising Division.

C&D Board Ends Sessions Here

By JULIAN SCHEER

Charlotte News Staff Writer

The important Board of Conservation and Development meetings ended here today on a note of busy prosperity in North Carolina. The Board has been in session three days and its committees studied a wide variety of vital Tar Heel interests. They noted development and improvement on all counts with an underlying philosophy of well being in the state. Commerce and industry in the state is on the upswing with more and more new firms coming into the state. Companies presently located in North Carolina are expanding and the outlook is bright for even more industry. A meeting has been set for Raleigh on Nov. 15 which will bring together the leaders of industry to discuss the industrial problems, especially the state tax structure, of businesses.

The tourist bureau reported big increases in tourist travel and spending in the state, and the advertising division heads told of increased interest in North Carolina. A special pitch will be made to include a new segment of society, that of the retired person.

Mineral resources are in demand in the state and there is renewed vigor in that field. Forestry reports, commercial fisheries and park reports were optimistic despite recent hurricane damage. STUDY WATER

The state's water resources came in for heavy work. When the meetings ended this morning, there was high praise for the hospitality of the City of Charlotte in welcoming the C & D members.

Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem lauded the work of Director Ben Douglas and said, "We are impressed with his standing in his own community and the great hospitality we found here. It has been magnificent and wonderful."

In yesterday's subcommittee get-together everything from flood control to movie cameras was discussed. Hugh M. Morton's advertising committee agreed to continue their efforts to venture into the TV-news field. They seek money for a movie camera for shooting state-wide events on request.

"We are not going into the movie business," Mr. Morton said, "but we want to reach the medium and serve it if we can."

The advertising committee also set aside \$400 for a limited budget to attract retirement age people to the state. The advertising will be tried in a select list of magazines.

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Ike Against Meeting With Russia Now

Way Left Open For Future Talks

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower spoke out today against any meeting of the Western powers with Russia at this time, but left the way open for a conference later.

The President stated his position at a news conference in which he also said that in his opinion there is better reason today to hope for lasting peace than there has been in the past.

He did not pin that view directly to the new agreements for Western European defense with West Germany in the line-up, but related it to that development along with others in the past two years.

He was specific, however, in saying it is his opinion this is not the time for a meeting of the United States, Great Britain and France with the Soviet Union.

He added that whenever this government has reason to believe the Russians are sincere about wanting to build an enduring world peace, the United States will be ready to confer at any time.

Eisenhower's remarks were in response to a reporter's request that he state his position regarding the possibility of an Eisenhower conference with Premier Malenkov of Russia, either before or after ratification of the Paris agreements on Western European defense.

CHURCHILL STATEMENT

The questioner called Eisenhower's attention to British Prime Minister Churchill's statement yesterday that he is willing to meet with Malenkov at an appropriate time and place but not before ratification of the Paris agreements. Eisenhower did not link his answer specifically to the possibility of his meeting face to face with Malenkov. The President did not mention the possibility of a meeting with Malenkov in more general terms with the possibility of conferences between the Western powers and the Soviet Union.

At his first news conference since Aug. 17 the President also dealt with these other matters: FOWLER CONTRACT—The President said the government perfectly and splendidly protected under the proposed Dixon-Yates fuel contract with the Atomic Energy Commission. Strongly defending the controversial proposal, Eisenhower said the Federal Power Commission has declared the contract to be proper and fair and that the Tennessee Valley Authority has found it satisfactory.

Congress, Eisenhower added, will have the last word on the matter, and pending its evaluation he will have nothing further to say on the subject.

TAXES—Asked for more definite information regarding his campaign statements that the administration wants to cut taxes further, the President replied he is not in a position to give any detailed picture on that at this time. He went on to say the fiscal situation seems to have no great reductions from his administration and the possibility of some more savings in the defense field without a

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Italian Flood Area Searched For Victims

217 Known Dead Around Salerno

By ANDREW NAHAS

SALERNO, Italy (AP)—Rescue workers dug frantically through the mud-covered rubble of homes along the Gulf of Salerno today, seeking more victims of Tuesday's violent cloudbursts, landslides and floods.

At least 217 persons were known dead and unofficial reports put the toll as high as 270. Officials declined to even guess at the total damage figure, but said it would run into millions of dollars.

Devastating flash floods triggered by cloudbursts struck a 10-mile coastal area between Amalfi and Salerno during the early morning darkness yesterday. Entire villages were destroyed. Hundreds of homes crumbled, their occupants trapped without warning. Hundreds of persons were injured and thousands were homeless.

MANY MISSING

Police said the bodies of 217 persons had been recovered in Salerno today in an explosion that wrecked the second floor of the Hidalgo County courthouse here and shook the downtown Edinburg business district.

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All of the windows were blown out on the second floor of the courthouse, a steel and marble modernistic building costing 1 1/2 million dollars and dedicated only a few months ago.

The Hidalgo County sheriff's office located on the first floor of the building and the county district attorney's office ordered the building cleared and closed.

The courthouse is practically fireproof, and there was no indication of any fire in the building immediately after the blast.

The courthouse switchboard was closed. It was impossible to obtain details of what went on inside the building, and a few moments after she left the elevator and she started back to the first floor, the explosion occurred.

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WHERE ITALIAN LANDSLIDES TOOK BIG TOLL. Underlined Towns Were Hardest Hit (AP Wirephoto)

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RUB-A-DUB-DUB, MAN IN ALASKA-BOUND TUB

WHIDDEY ISLAND, Wash.—(AP)—Roy Bergo, who has reversed the usual situation by putting his bathtub in the water, was set to sail again today on a trip he says will take him to Alaska.

The odds, Coast Guard officials and the weather are against his ever getting near the northern territory in the pontoon-equipped bathtub in which he traveled 12 miles yesterday.

He handed on this island in Puget Sound some five hours after he left Edmonds, just north of Seattle. The water was calm, the weather clear and the disapproving Coast Guard sent along an escort "just in case."

Behind him the 50-year-old former reformatory guard left his wife, a daughter, Aileen, 9, and many doubting Thomases. With him he took nothing except a minimum of clothing and a maximum of confidence—no charts, no navigation instruments, no experience.

The tub is propelled by a 2-horsepower motor and Bergo has an air pump for emergencies.

Alaska's closest point is some 700 miles north. Anchorage, which he said last night is his goal, is 1,600 miles.



Roy Bergo In His Bathtub (AP Wirephoto)

Wreckage Not Missing C-47

NICE, France (AP)—A ground party in French Alps reported today that wreckage sighted there is not that of the U. S. Air Force C-47 plane missing since Sunday on a flight from Rome to Lyon with 21 persons aboard.

The ground party was composed of two Americans, Walter Miller of Providence, R. I., and Dr. Rufus Hoesberg, Albany, N. Y., and a French guide.

The party, dropped by a U. S. helicopter on the mountain last night, spent the night at a height of 5,700 feet before approaching the wreckage early today.

On their return this morning Miller said, "This is not the C-47's wreckage but that of a bomber which crashed there in 1944."

Another clue was being investigated by American and French ships in the Mediterranean, near Elba, where an oil slick has been spotted.

EVENING PRAYER

Our gracious Heavenly Father, help us to know Thy will and to do it. We ask Thee humbly to help us to please Thee, by the daily living that Thou wilt be pleased to be our Comrade and our Guide, in the precious name of Jesus, Amen.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy today, showers expected tonight, ending tomorrow morning. Tomorrow, partly cloudy.

High temperature yesterday, 78 degrees; high expected today, 78 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 79 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 53 degrees; low expected tonight, 55 degrees; low expected tomorrow night, 41 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:39 a.m.; sunset, 5:34 p.m.

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R. J. Reynolds Income Rises

NEW YORK (AP)—R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. reported today that its net income for the first nine months of the year amounted to \$34,467,000 equal to \$3.22 per common share, compared with \$25,656,000 or \$2.31 a share in the like period a year ago. Net income of \$13,084,000 of \$1.23 a share was reported for the third quarter versus \$9,299,000 of 86 cents a share in the same quarter a year ago.

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