



## Close Election Seen

# PARTY LEADERS IN FINAL FEELS

### All Across The Nation People Are Getting Set For Election Vote



HE MAKES A CALL SOME PHASES ARE SWEET SOME PHASES ARE SOUR SHE GETS A CALL  
Ike Starts Phone Chain . . . Humphrey Of Minnesota Gets Perfume For Handshake . . . Officer Studies Dynamite In Car Of Rep. Bender Of Ohio . . . Mrs. Fredrick Saye of Peoria Gets Call From Ike. (AP Wire Photos).

## Congress Control Hinges On Outcome

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Control of Congress appeared to be hanging in a narrow balance today as President Eisenhower and Adlai E. Stevenson prepared to wind up a blistering campaign with appeals for the voters to turn out in force tomorrow.

Republicans were regarded nationally as fighting an uphill battle to retain their present slender control of the Senate and House, won two years ago. Democrats jubilantly were claiming they would sweep both into their camp and take over up to half a dozen GOP governorships.

But there remained an air of uncertainty, generated by disputes over the effectiveness of strenuous last-minute campaigning by Eisenhower and the depth of penetration of what the Democrats called "Red smear" charges against some of their candidates.

From the White House tonight Eisenhower will be a television (CBS and radio Mutual-ABC) appeal to the voters to march to the polls. He will be joined by Vice President Nixon, cast by the Democrats in the role of chief campaign author of the Communist-in-government issue. Nixon speaks at 8 p. m. EST. For the West Coast, the program will be rebroadcast three hours later.

STEVENSON TO SPEAK

The Weather Bureau in New York said water temperatures in the search area ranged from the mid-50s up. To the south the sky was clear, but in the northern, cooler parts of the ribbon of ocean there were thunderstorms today.

The missing plane carried 21 passengers, including two women, five of U.S. officers, and five children. There were 21 crewmen aboard because the big ship was carrying an extra complete crew to the Azores to pick up another plane.

The four-engine Lockheed Super Constellation was last heard from at 11 p. m. Saturday, two hours after it had taken off from Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Md. At the time it was 200 miles at sea.

The flight was the second attempt made by those aboard to get to the Azores and Porty Lyautey in Africa. The Navy said they had taken off earlier Saturday in another plane but had to turn back 15 hours later when the plane developed trouble. They transferred to the now missing plane and started out again.

A vast Navy and Coast Guard search for the plane started early yesterday after shore bases failed to receive the regular hourly flight report.

Navy officials said the plane had only enough fuel to stay in the air until 10 a. m. yesterday. By evening they announced that it was "presumed lost."

## Hagerty Calls Adlai's Charge 'Ridiculous'

WASHINGTON—The White House today labeled "ridiculous" Adlai Stevenson's assertion that President Eisenhower has affirmed Republican campaign material which Stevenson said was "standard Communist propaganda."

With the congressional campaign in its final hours, James C. Hagerty, presidential press secretary, was asked for comment on the remark Stevenson made in a New York speech Saturday night. "I have no other comment except to say it's just ridiculous," Hagerty replied.

The 1952 Democratic presidential nominee, told a party rally in his New York speech: "Not just the vice president and the Republican campaigners, but now the President himself has affirmed the proposition that our absentee ballots cast in Tuesday's election have been achieved in the past only at the price of war and bloodshed."

"This course has been standard Communist propaganda for years and is believed by many to prove that the United States is ready to precipitate war in order to save capitalism."

Stevenson added he was sure that Eisenhower "must have spoken thoughtlessly and carelessly."

Hagerty announced that Eisenhower will speak here from a TV radio studio (WTOP-CBS) rather than the White House because of the political nature of the address.

Hagerty noted that the windup campaign addresses by Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon are being sponsored by the Republican National Committee, and said the committee is paying for the air time.

## 9th District Dispute Impounding Of Absentee Votes Advised

TAYLORSVILLE—The impounding of absentee ballots in the 9th Congressional District grew hotter today when county election boards were advised to impound absentee ballots.

G. P. Kimmel, legal counsel for a special House campaign investigating committee, said in Washington last night he had sent telegrams to all 9th District boards advising them to impound all absentee ballots and records relating to them.

The committee sent Sam H. Still, Washington attorney, into the district during the weekend to investigate Republican charges of absentee ballot irregularities, registration irregularities and coercion by welfare departments.

Still returned to Washington last night and the committee action followed. Kimmel said the notice calls on the county boards to hold for examination by the committee all our absentee ballots cast in Tuesday's general election, all documents relating to applications for absentee ballots and poll books, and for documents covering the withdrawal of absentee ballots.

**HOT CAMPAIGN**

The congressional race is centered around incumbent Hugh Q. Alexander of Kannapolis, a Democrat, and Republican William E. Stevens Jr. of Lehigh. Both have staged red hot campaigns.

State GOP Chairman Ray Jennings predicted that Tuesday's

## 2 Congressional Races Getting Most Attention

RALEIGH—North Carolina Democratic and Republican candidates got in their final campaign words today and prepared to await the results of tomorrow's general election.

Congressional races in the 9th and 10th districts held most of the statewide attention. Polls open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. Voters will elect two U.S. senators, 10 other congressmen, selected a chief justice and three associate justices of the State Supreme Court, vote on three state offices, several Superior Court judges, electors, state legislators and a host of local officials.

In addition, they will vote on five proposed amendments to the State Constitution.

The Democrats have been waging a vigorous campaign in the 10th District in an effort to capture the congressional seat held by the state's lone Republican, Rep. Charles R. Jones of Lincolnton. Jones, opposed by Democrat J. C. Seberry of Charlotte, is expected to defeat Democrat Hamilton C. Larkins Jr., 82,428-61,149.

In the 9th District, the Republicans have staged a determined bid to defeat Democrat Rep. Hugh Q. Alexander of Kannapolis, who is opposed by Republican William E. Stevens Jr. of Lehigh.

State Democratic Chairman John D. Larkins Jr. has predicted between 650,000 and 700,000 votes will be cast. There were 154 million votes in the 1952 presidential election. In 1950, the state vote was 1,530,000.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. of Morganton, former Supreme Court associate justice who was appointed to succeed the late Sen. Clyde R. Hooper, is expected to win.

## THEY HAD UNEXPECTED COMPANY FOR DINNER

OSSIAN, Iowa—P.—The Erwin Dotsenrods hadn't planned to have company, but they had the Robert Carey family over for chicken dinner yesterday.

Under the circumstances it was about the only thing the Dotsenrods could do after what happened Saturday night. That's when the Dotsenrod dog brought home a sack containing three live chickens.

Mrs. Dotsenrod thought the sack had fallen from a passing truck. She could see no way to return the chickens to the owner so she killed them for Sunday dinner.

She was chatting with Mrs. Carey yesterday morning, and Mrs. Carey mentioned that someone had carried off the sack of chickens she had left outside her door until she got ready to clean them.

Mrs. Dotsenrod invited the Careys for Sunday dinner. The dog is in the doghouse with Mrs. Dotsenrod.

## Disputed Juror Issue Bypassed In Death Case

CLEVELAND—The Sheppard murder trial temporarily bypassed a legal dilemma over a juror with a purported police record today, and went ahead with the suspension of finding two alternate jurors.

The disputed juror, James R. Manning, a real estate agent and father of three, showed up in his regular seat this morning, hunching forward in his chair and nervously staring straight ahead.

The prosecution says Manning failed to disclose he was convicted on a morals charge 11 years ago and this could mean having to start a new trial. Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard all over again.

Manning's pastor, the Rev. G. R. Naumann, appeared in the court this morning, too, and talked with Judge Edward Blythin briefly before proceedings began.

Naumann, pastor of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, told the state says his morals conviction involved activities with a 15-year-old boy and that he received a suspended sentence.

Sheppard, who is charged with slaying his wife, Marilyn, on Oct. 15, appeared to be in an expansive mood today. He smiled frequently.

## N. C. Told To Reinstate Freight Rate Increase

WASHINGTON—The Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered North Carolina to reinstate a 12 to 15 per cent increase on intrastate railroad freight rates which was allowed to expire Feb. 28, 1954.

## OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued cool today, tonight and tomorrow.

Low temperature this morning, 29 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 28 degrees.

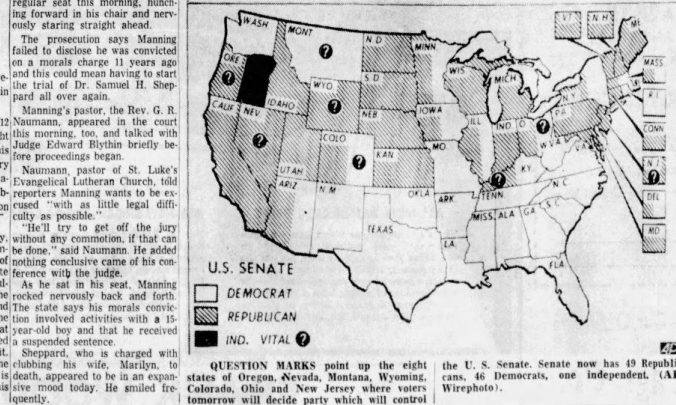
High temperature yesterday, 43 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 55 degrees.

High temperature expected tomorrow, 55 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:44 a. m.; sunset, 5:29 p. m.

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## Wives Await Word Of Missing Husbands

By CHARLES STAFFORD

WASHINGTON PARK, Md.—A dozen or so brave women waited quietly today for word of their men, missing at sea.

Their husbands comprised the crew of the Navy Super Constellation missing with 42 aboard on a routine flight from the Patuxent Naval Air Test Center here to the Azores.

They first learned the plane was missing by phone about noon yesterday. Within minutes, Cmdr. L. W. Meachum, senior chaplain at the big Navy installation, and his two assistants had divided the list of next-of-kin living on or near the base and begun making personal calls.

"The wives naturally are worried, but are taking it bravely," Meachum said. "They said they are very appreciative of their neighbors and friends who came as sympathizers to express their sympathy and confidence. The wives have faith in God and are keenly appreciative of the spiritual ministrations extended by their chaplains."

On his rounds, he said he found other relatives of the missing men that in every case other Navy were remaining at home.

Wives were with those whose husbands were missing.

Mrs. Nancy Cole, wife of the senior officer aboard the plane—Lt. Cmdr. John Sanford Cole—spoke quietly, almost tearfully, when I said "I'm not worried," she said, "but I just think they're going to find them all right."

She said she hadn't talked to any of the other wives whose husbands were aboard. "I think each of us has her own problems," she said. Mrs. Cole is a veteran Navy wife and the mother of four children—ages 10, 7, 4 and 1. She married her husband about the time he entered training, 11½ years ago.

The wife of Lt. Rodney S. Sprigg Jr., Mrs. Dorothy Sprigg, was gracious to the newsmen who asked her, "I just don't want to say anything now."

At the home of the pilot, Lt. John Gerard Leonard, a friend answered the phone. "Please call back tomorrow," he said.

Lt. F. Jack Gist, public information officer, said the wives and other relatives of the missing men that in every case other Navy were remaining at home.

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