

Voters Jam Polls In Record Turnout

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LOCAL VOTE OF 80,000 IS FORECAST

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Biggest vote in Mecklenburg's history appeared probable today as citizens by the thousands jammed polling places and formed long lines outside the county's 59 precincts.

In the first five hours of the voting today, 28,385 Mecklenburg and Charlotte citizens voted. That's more than one third of the registration — and traditionally the heaviest voting crush comes in the late afternoon.

The total came from 45 of 59 precincts reporting to The News by 11:30 a.m. The figure would be considerably higher with the other 14 boxes reporting.

The turnout was called "very high" by most precinct chairmen. The rural vote and Negro section vote was "average" or "low," but the turnout in those boxes is expected to pick up in the early afternoon and evening.

WAITING AT 6:30

Voters were waiting for precinct doors to swing open at many polling places this morning at 6:30.

Before sunrise scores of voters had already cast their votes and lines continued long throughout the day at most places.

Traffic jams were reported at several locations.

Skies were sunny and bright and the temperature was in the upper 60s from early morning.

The five-hour vote total may be the largest early vote in the city's history. It indicates a total turnout of more than 80,000.

In 1952 there were 90,199 registered voters and 85 percent, or 77,576, voted.

\$5.00 ON BOOKS

There are \$5.62 names on registration books this time and an 85 per cent turnout would be 81,279 voters.

The largest turnout was at Pine-wood School, Sharon Box No. 3. With 3,114 registered, a total of 1,480 voted.

Other busy precincts included Elizabeth School, 1,117; Clara Park Elementary School (1,023); Dilworth School (1,300); Midwood School (821); Myers Park High School (1,280); Avondale Community House (714); Eastover School (700); Sedgefield Elementary School (958) and Plaza Road School (1,147).

At Merry Oaks School, 500 voted and that was over 50 per cent of registration. The 30 per cent mark was just missed at several other boxes.

BRITISH-FRENCH TROOPS POUR ASHORE AT SUEZ

Forces Fan Out In Quick Strikes

By WATSON SIMS
LONDON (AP) — British-French ground units poured ashore on a widening Suez beachhead today. They headed south from Port Said in defiance of Soviet demands for an end to hostilities against Egypt.

British armored forces went into action below Port Said, the combined headquarters on Cyprus announced, and tank-supported assaults "have gone well." French parachute troops captured the town of Port Fuad, across the canal.

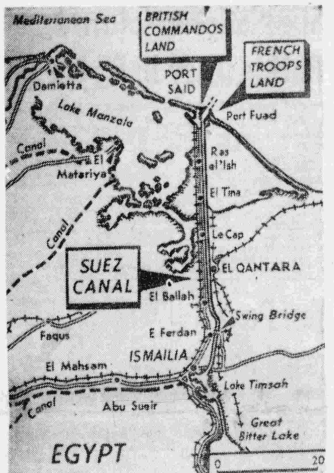
Other French forces were reported advancing south on the causeway from Port Said.

Egypt cried for volunteers from other nations.

Radio Cairo announced Saudi Arabia has sent troops into Jordan in support of Egypt. Other Arab troops, from Iraq and Syria, have been reported massing in Jordan, on Israel's eastern flank, but they have launched no attack.

The Cairo newspaper Al Shaab exhorted its readers to slay parachute troopers before they land.

"Kill him immediately and take his arms," it said. "The parachute trooper cannot defend himself while he is landing."



PORT SAID, where British commando units surged ashore, is pinpointed on this map, showing where commandos rushed into the fighting after cease-fire talks were broken off. Also located is Port Fuad where French ground forces moved in following French paratroops on the eastern bank of the Suez Canal. (AP Photofax Map)

6 Nations Volunteer Police Duty

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — U. N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld announced today that six countries had offered troops for an international police force to watch over a cease-fire in Egypt.

The six are Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Pakistan, Norway and Sweden.

In a report to the General Assembly, Hammarskjöld added other countries were considering participation and he believed "it should be possible to meet quickly at least the most basic need for personnel."

He estimated this at "a few units of battalion strength."

Troops of the five "big powers" members of the Security Council — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France, and Nationalist China — are barred.

MORE TENSION

As the continuing fighting in the Middle East brought new international tensions, Switzerland proposed that the Big Four and India hold a summit conference to avert a third world war.

Britain and France threw their ground forces into action in Egypt to back up their parachute troops that opened the invasion of the canal area early yesterday. The landings at dawn were the first seaborne assault in the day-old invasion.

Britain commandos punched in to Port Said to join the fighting that broke out again last night after Israeli forces surrendered talks were broken off.

French forces went ashore at Port Fuad, the canal point opposite Port Said. A French Defense Ministry spokesman said French troops had moved on to the southern edges of Port Said, possibly indicating an early link up of the two drives.

Egyptian military headquarters in Cairo said British and French troops were being landed by sea and air at Port Said and reported the population "is fighting heroically in the streets." The statement added that "the situation is under control and morale is high."

RUSSIAN MOVE?

The force Hammarskjöld reported as the assembly got set for a new Russian move on the Middle East fighting following Security Council refusal to support Moscow's proposal that the United States join the Soviet in aiding Egypt against Britain, France and Israel.

The United States rejected the Russian proposal as "unthinkable."

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Hands Off, Reds Warned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia was confronted today with a White House warning that Soviet military intervention in the Middle East would be opposed by the United States.

The situation arising out of Russian threats to use force against Britain and France because of their attacks in Egypt was regarded by top officials as extremely grave.

President Eisenhower's initial response to Soviet moves, including a bid for a joint U.S.-Russian force to act against Britain and France under United Nations auspices, was set forth last night in a White House statement and a letter to Bulganin. The two documents made these major points:

1. The suggestion that a U.S.-Soviet force hit the British and French is "unthinkable." In New York, the U.N. Security Council refused to consider this proposal, made by Bulganin in a letter to Eisenhower yesterday.
2. The introduction of any such forces into the Middle East would violate the United Nations charter, and it would be the duty of all United Nations members, including the United States, to oppose any such effort. "No elaboration is given."
3. The "first and most important step" needed now for world peace is for the Soviet Union to withdraw its forces from Hungary in accordance with a request embodied in a U.N. resolution.

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Paratroops Get Red Hot Welcome

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A correspondent who was with British paratroops over Egypt said today that Egyptian defenders met them with "a screeching, crackling hell."

Peter Woods of The London Daily Mirror flew out with the first wave of transport aircraft in company with troops of his former regiment, the "Red Devils" of the Airborne Brigade.

As the paratroops descended on their objective — Port Said's Gamil Airfield — "the sky became littered with white, black, green and khaki parachutes," Woods said.

"Anti-aircraft guns, machine-guns, tanks and small arms made the air around a screeching, crackling hell of lead."

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Our Weather

Sunny and mild today. Fair and cool tonight. Wednesday fair to partly cloudy and mild.

Low this morning 49

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High today 71

High yesterday 75

High tomorrow 75

Sunrise today 6:49 a.m.; sunset today 5:25 p.m.

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Evening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, may we not spend the beauty today through our worry about the gloom and trouble that may come tomorrow. May we learn to take one day at a time, and by faith trust in Thee, at all times for the future. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.



Mary Jane Beaver Joins Thousands Here In This Proud Boast (News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Hunter)

Unexpectedly Heavy Voting Jams Polls Across Nation

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An unexpectedly heavy vote — exceeding the 1952 pace at some ballot boxes — marked the early balloting in today's presidential election.

Four years ago it went to Eisenhower 54. From a scattering of New Hampshire boxes the total vote was 25 for Eisenhower and 5 for Stevenson.

Eisenhower got all 15 votes in Pointe Aux Barques, Mich., just as he swept it four years ago when 14 were cast.

In Kansas, where there is counting before the polls close, Leavenworth precinct got 59 for Eisenhower and 38 for Stevenson out of the first 37 cast. In 1952, this precinct went to Eisenhower by 303-240.

The impact of international developments seemed to be overshadowing to some extent the campaign arguments.

Republicans contended Eisenhower's attempts to bring peace in Egypt and Hungary — initially unsuccessful though they were — could help America from involvement in war.

Democrats said events had substantiated Stevenson's charges that Eisenhower had "blundered" and "blundered" in Hungary.

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Women, Children Join Fight To Save Budapest From Reds

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — to come Hungary would be in a period of bitter guerrilla warfare waged by holdout rebels from strongholds in the interior of the country.

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radio, which along with Budapest, were broadcasting the appeals.

But the insurgents were on the air again too, from unlocated points inside the country, begging the rebels not to surrender their arms, but to keep them hidden for future use against the Russians.

Information was scarce here on the situation within the Hungarian army, much of whose stores appeared to have been handed over to rebel forces. From the reports looked here it seemed the Russians and the Kadar government (naming a large section of the Hungarian army as unreliable).

There is a severe shortage of food, fuel, building materials, drugs and other necessities in Budapest, and the Kadar regime broadcast an appeal to the "friendly" Socialist-Communist countries "to send in stores."