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## '52 Bolters Return To Democrats

By SAMUEL LUBELL

Throughout the country a sizable shift back to the Democratic party is underway by one-time supporters of Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman. These voters had bolted the party four years ago to vote for Dwight D. Eisenhower.

This break is heaviest in the farm belt, where even those farmers who "never had any use for Roosevelt" say they will be voting Democratic in November because "the little farmer is being squeezed out and no one in Washington cares."

Of all the farmers to whom I talked in eight Minnesota and Iowa counties who favored Eisenhower in 1952 fully one-third are changing. Others are still undecided. This represents a heavy enough swing so that Adlai Stevenson could win both states.

**IKE HOLDS IN THE CITIES**

In the suburbs and cities Eisenhower is holding much better. In some worker neighborhoods of Chicago, San Francisco, Des Moines and Detroit, he is losing half of the one-time Democrats who scratched their tickets for him last time. But in cities like St. Louis, Rockford, Minneapolis and Milwaukee his losses run far lower.

These losses, moreover, are offset partially by a shift to the President of voters who favored Stevenson four years ago because "the depression we were afraid the Republicans would bring hasn't come." Others who worried that "a military man might plunge us into war" now feel "he is our best bet for peace."

**If one balances these urban and rural showings, the net picture is of a far more closely fought election than in 1952, with Eisenhower still holding the edge. It is an edge, though, that could be wiped out if the Democrats get all the campaign breaks.**

This year marks my third effort to report a major election campaign in true "grass roots" style, ignoring what the politicians are saying and going directly to the people themselves. Because of the lateness of the conventions my survey was begun even before the candidates were named. As in 1952 and 1954, I selected the most sensitive voting areas in the country — urban and rural precincts whose shifting determined the outcome of past elections. Into each of these communities I then have gone, ringing doorbells and talking to voters of every kind — farmers, workers, housewives and businessmen, pensioners and first voters, the poor and the well-to-do.

**VOTER INTEREST IS HIGH**

Much has been written of the so-called "apathy" and "complacency" of the voters. In the 14 farm counties and 15 cities visited so far, there was no such indifference among the people I talked with. There is less excitement than in 1952, when the Korean War was still raging, and the vote undoubtedly will be smaller. Still, interest in this year's contest is running far higher than during 1954 Congressional elections.

The election will be settled, in my judgment, not by the voting turnout but by how the several million

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## This Man Lubell . . .

SAMUEL LUBELL

**Samuel Lubell, one of America's foremost political analysts, is unique in the talents he combines. He has an unusual understanding of economics, government, foreign policy and the nature of war. Over the years he has also made an exhaustive study of the voting of every county and major city in the U. S. since the Civil War. Having been trained as a popular writer and reporter, he has also developed a technique for interviewing people so that their voting and our national problems come alive in terms of their own experience.**

## Mother Grows Frantic Over Fate Of Lad's Eye

ATLANTA (AP)—The mother of 5-year-old Johnny Pair says she is "growing frantic" over the failure of her divorced husband to decide whether to permit an operation that may save the life of her sturdy little boy.

If the operation is performed it means blindness for Johnny. If it isn't cancer probably will bring death. Johnny's left eye was removed two years ago and then the malignancy spread to the right eye.

Mrs. Bessie Pair, a 32-year-old trimmer for a hat company, reiterated last night that an operation must be performed, and the sooner the better.

She pointed out that on Sept. 12 doctors said that a few days delay in reaching a decision about an operation wouldn't matter. But that was 10 days ago, she said, "and now I'm growing frantic."

Her divorced husband Arnold Pair, a 33-year-old machine operator, opposed the operation at first on the grounds he wanted Johnny to retain his sight as long as possible.

Later he said he would announce a decision after the morning service at the East Atlanta Baptist Church yesterday. He did not appear at the church. Later he said he still had not reached a decision.

Doctors say they must have the consent of both parents before performing the operation, even though Mrs. Pair was awarded custody of the lad by court decree.

Johnny, meanwhile, has a complete new cowboy outfit given him by neighbors who took up a collection. He also received a telegram from cowboy movie actor Roy Rogers saying a gun, a holster and a picture of himself were on the way.

Johnny's favorite pastime is playing cowboy.

## U. S. BACKS UN DEBATE OVER CANAL

### Dulles Believes Danger Reduced By West Moves

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Britain and France were assured today of full United States support in their decision to take the Suez Canal dispute with Egypt to the U.N. Security Council Wednesday.

Secretary of State Dulles said last night he "thinks well" of the move and believes it can lead to peaceful and just solution of the canal crisis "if Egypt wants a peaceful solution at all."

In a radio-TV discussion of the prolonged Suez controversy, Dulles also made these other main points:

1. He will suggest to Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey immediately that the present freeze on Egyptian funds in this country be broadened to prevent the payment of canal tolls directly to Egypt by American ship operators. The tolls would be paid, instead, into blocked accounts in this country. This tightening of the economic screws on Egypt is designed to bring American policy on this point into line with that of Britain and France.

**TO HESITATE**

2. American vessels going through Suez would, in Dulles' opinion, "hesitate a long time before taking a Soviet pilot on board." The Egyptians have been hiring some Soviet pilots. Dulles implied that no ship captain could tell whether the pilot employed by Egypt might also be a spy for Russia.

3. The danger of war over the canal has "not been ended" although Dulles thinks "it has been reduced" by recent moves of the Western powers.

Dulles said he opposes use of **military measures except possibly** as a last resort, but added, "I don't think you can go on forever asking people not to resort to force."

Whether in the long run it will be possible to avoid the use of force, he said, will depend on whether it is possible to get an acceptable settlement with Egypt. He declared that "so far it has not been demonstrated that it is possible to get a settlement with international peace and justice."

In response to reporters' questions, he said that the users' association, which would hire its own canal pilots, collect tolls and make its own payments to Egypt — if Egypt agreed — offered the possibility of arranging a practical, day-to-day system of getting ships through the canal. The arrangement, he said, should "help the United Nations very much."

## Voters Face Bond Issue

Mecklenburg voters probably will go to the polls Dec. 8 to vote on a $5 million school bond issue.

Commission Chairman Sid Y McAden suggested the date today after being informed by the local government commission that the election can be held 40 days after the Pearsall Plan vote on Sept. 18.

The Dec. 8 date also is 30 days from the November general election.

The letter from W. E. Easterling, secretary of the local government commission in Raleigh, was turned over to County Attorney Henry C. Dockery. He will work out the final details for setting the election date.

Mr. McAden called the Board's attention to the latest Engelhardt Report that recommends Charlotte and Mecklenburg put $23 million into its school systems within the next five years.

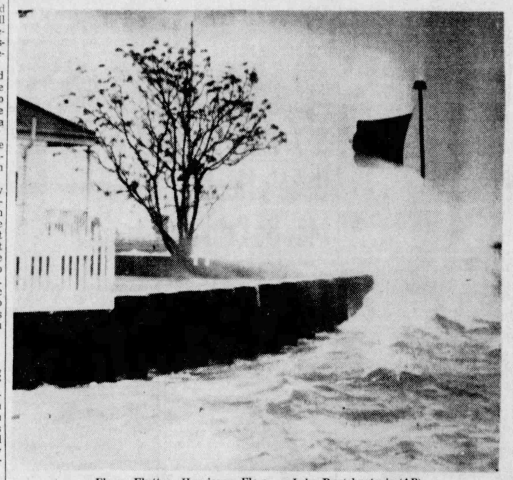
It appears, Mr. McAden said, that the remaining $18 million will have to be financed by bonds and a pay-as-you-go plan.

Mr. Easterling is scheduled to come to Mecklenburg soon to discuss methods of meeting school financial needs. A date for his visit has not been set.

## There Was A Purpose Behind His Running

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Many a Kentucky moonshiner was apprehended because Charles D. Campbell was fleet of foot. Campbell, 72 who died yesterday, developed his speed as a pioneer prohibition agent and later a "revenooer." When he was 45, Campbell said he could run 100 yards in 11 seconds.

# Hurricane Rips Gulf; 3 Deaths Reported



Flossy Flutters Hurricane Flags on Lake Pontchartrain (AP)

## Somoza's Condition Worse After Four-Hour Operation

PANAMA (AP)—President Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua, shot down by an assassin Friday night, took a turn for the worse today in a Panama hospital.

A medical bulletin said he had developed paralysis of the entire left side of his body and that an emergency tracheotomy —opening a hole in the windpipe to facilitate breathing — had been performed.

The bulletin called the paralysis "an unexpected postoperative complication which has not been fully evaluated." Somoza underwent a 4 hour and 20 minute operation yesterday at Gorgas Hospital, in the Canal Zone.

About 200 persons, including two newspaper editors and a former president, were being questioned in a police search for possible accomplices of the assassin.

The Nicaragua strongman's son Luis, 34, took a firm hold on the country while Somoza underwent treatment at a U.S. hospital in the Panama Canal Zone for four gunshot wounds.

Somoza was reported in satisfactory condition after four separate operations performed by a surgical team sent by President Eisenhower. A medical bulletin said it was uncertain whether the Central American President would regain use of his right leg, paralyzed by a bullet in his spinal column.

**SHOOTER SLAIN**

The assassin, Rigoberto Lopez Perez, 27, was slain by Somoza's guards immediately after emptying a revolver at the 60-year-old President just before midnight Friday at a reception in Leon, 45 miles from the capital.

Luis Somoza and his younger brother Anastasio Jr., 32, were directing the search for the assassin's helpers. Luis acted as first vice president designate, an arrangement Congress was expected to approve at a meeting tomorrow.

The younger Anastasio, West Point-educated commander of Nicaragua's National Guard, kept a firm hand in command of the armed forces. Each son has been acting chief of state during previous absences of their father from the country.

There was no indication of the Somoza dynasty had been shaken by the attempt to kill its founder. Managua was as quiet last night as any Central American capital.

A state of siege imposed Saturday meant that people who ordinarily sit on their porches in the warm night air had to be indoors by 9:30 p.m. Luis Somoza told reporters that in effect Nicaragua was under martial law.

Among those arrested for questioning were Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, editor of the opposition daily La Prensa; Diego Manuel Chamorro, editor of a political weekly; Gen. Emiliano Chamorro, head of the Conservative party who was President of Nicaragua before Somoza rose to power 20 years ago, and Enoch Aguado, who has been trying to organize an independent Liberal party to oppose Somoza's bid for re-election this year.

The strongman's two sons told a news conference they knew little about the man who tried to kill their father.

## Adlai Turns Fire On Foreign Policy

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adlai Stevenson launched an all-out Democratic attack today on what he called a "dangerous drift in foreign affairs," while President Eisenhower worked on a major farm address scheduled for tomorrow night.

Stevenson, switching his presidential campaign aim to Eisenhower administration foreign policy said, "We must stop bluffing our enemies, boasting to our friends and misleading our people at home."

Eisenhower arranged to devote part of his time today to working on his second major campaign speech, a nationwide radio - TV talk from Peoria, Ill., tomorrow night. It was expected to hit back at recent Stevenson charges on the farm issue.

Stevenson, in a hard - hitting address prepared for a courthouse rally in Tulsa, Okla., told his audience:

**DANGEROU SDRIFT**

"We cannot stop this dangerous drift in foreign affairs by pretending that all is well while Communist influence is spreading everywhere, while North Africa is in rebellion, while the guns are loaded in the Formosa Strait, and when the Russians have a foothold in the Middle East for the first time, when the Suez life line of Western Europe is in peril for the first time, when Arab nationalism is rampant and communism its ostensible proctector."

Stevenson now on a 6,790-mile tour of Western, Midwestern and Southern states, also announced a new tour starting next week. This will take him by plane, train and automobile to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

In Washington, presidential press secretary James C. Hagerty replied indirectly to Democratic charges relating to Eisenhower's health. He said Eisenhower is "feeling fine and looking fine," and is back on a full work schedule.

**YEAR AGO**

A newsman had asked how the President felt a year after he suffered his heart attack, which was a year ago today.

Hagerty said Eisenhower is expected to have a general pre-election checkup about mid-October. Eisenhower has said results of the

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## Our Weather

Mostly cloudy and not so warm today with occasional rain. Moderate to heavy rain tonight, gradually ending Tuesday and cooler.

Low this morning .....66
Low tomorrow morning ...65
High today .....82
High yesterday .....86
High tomorrow .....78
Sunrise today 6:12 a.m.; sunset today 9:07 p.m.

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## Northwestern Florida In Path Of Flossy

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Hurricane Flossy, packing 100-mile-an-hour winds, swept toward northwestern Florida today, leaving three men reported dead and 42 missing after it lashed near southeastern Louisiana.

The New Orleans Weather Bureau said in its 10 a.m. (CST) advisory the storm, sixth of the season, was centered about 80 miles southwest of Pensacola, Fla., and moving toward the east-northeast about 12 miles an hour.

"Movement is expected to continue toward the east-northeast at the same time, bringing the center inland between Pensacola and Apalachicola (Fla.) this afternoon or tonight," the advisory said.

The Red Cross in Biloxi said it appeared there was no further threat to Mississippi's Gulf Coast.

The hurricane had winds estimated at 100 miles per hour near the center at 10 a.m. and gales extended outward 150 to 200 miles from the center.

The weather bureau reported a large squally area off the extreme northwestern Florida coast was causing winds to blow offshore and hold back the tide.

"This creates a dangerous situation," the weather bureau said, "since the hurricane winds will suddenly shift and may cause a rapid rise in the tide to about eight feet. This situation exists all the way from Pensacola to St. Marks."

Residents of low-lying areas in the southern Alabama and northwestern Florida areas were moved to emergency shelters while hundreds of persons in southern Louisiana began moving back to their homes.

The storm, which developed early Saturday, originally pointed toward the New Orleans area but took a northeasterly course early today.

Heavy rains fell along the Gulf Coast in advance of the storm. The Weather Bureau cautioned persons living in southern Alabama and Georgia and extreme northern Florida to watch for possible flood warnings.

Harold D. Adair, Mobile, Ala., was killed early today when his auto skidded on a rain-slickened suburban road.

Two men were assumed drowned below the mouth of the Mississippi River. Capt V. J. Greene of the motor vessel Carport reported that Charles Ayres, 47, Brooklyn, N. Y., chief mate of the 300-foot vessel, fell overboard and second mate John Ritter jumped in after him and disappeared.

## Sec. Wilson Has Surgery

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson underwent surgery today for a benign prostatic condition," the Pentagon announced.

The operation started at 11:30 a.m. (EDT) and was completed one hour and 15 minutes later at Walter Reed Army Hospital here. The Pentagon announcement said the 66-year-old defense chief was expected to be back at his office in about 20 days.

A spokesman said the decison to operate was reached late last Thursday, after Wlson's news conference.

## California Forest Fire Roars High

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.—(AP)—Smoke - blackened firefighters battled today to ring a "fire storm" that has destroyed at least 20 homes and burned more than 8,500 acres of brush and timber near the Lake Arrowhead mountain resort.

The "fire storm"—so-called because it can generate its own intense winds—swept through the crest park summer home tract, about five miles east of the lake in the San Bernardino Mountains.

A. U. S. Forestry Service spokesman said the area is still "too hot" to inspect closely but at least 20 homes were destroyed.

Working within the crackling-hot glow of the flames, some 1,500 firefighters manned 18 bulldozers, 60 water tank trucks and fire hoses in an effort to hold back the flames from the Cedar Glen area, near the northern tip of the lake.

Seven crop - dusting biplanes and a war surplus Navy torpedo bomber planned to continue dropping water and chemicals on the flames that have fused mountain peaks into a massive mile-high torch.

## President Lags In Paper Poll

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Times said today President Eisenhower seems to have lost strength in the farm belt.

In a dispatch from Des Moines, Iowa, the newspaper said it took a sampling poll among crowds gathered at the National Plowing Contest at Newton, Iowa, when Eisenhower spoke last Friday and Adlai E. Stevenson the next day.

The Times said the poll showed:

1. 10.6 per cent of those who said they voted for Eisenhower in 1952 now say they will shift to Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee, next November.

2. That 13.4 per cent who said they voted for Eisenhower four years ago now say they are undecided.

A team of six times correspondents who took the poll found no farmer who said he was for Stevenson four years ago and for Eisenhower this time. They found a "handful" of pro-Stevenson voters of four years ago who said they still were undecided.

The Times said the main reasons given for the loss of Eisenhower strength were lower farm prices and resentment against his retention of Ezra Taft Benson as secretary of agriculture.

The big issue still working for the president is "peace," the newspaper continued. The feeling among farm families is that Eisenhower ended the Korean war and kept their sons at home.

## Evening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, help up to remember that Thou art always ready to hear the prayers of the humble and contrite heart, and everyone who turns to Thee may discover Thy gentle peace, whether on a battlefield or in a storm at sea. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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## Magazine Feature Brings Action From Cartoonist

**LAST WEEK'S ISSUE of Life Magazine had a photo feature story of Gov. Luther Hodges and Tar Heel products. Today on the editorial page, 8A, cartoonist Hugh Haynie slyly digs at "Luth" and North State politics.**

**MANY YEARS AGO a young German emigrated from Europe and found Charlotte to his liking. A fascinating sketch of Louis Leon, fighter for the Confederacy, follows on Page 12-A.**


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