

Poll Results Hold National Attention

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Election news dominated the American scene Tuesday as millions of persons trekked to the polls to cast their ballots. Their main task was picking a congress for the next two years, sure to be clouded with uncertainty over war or peace.

The first straggling returns furnished no major surprises. Republicans were out in front in normally GOP territory and the Democrats led in areas they usually control. The returns did hint that there might be some narrow margins in some of the races.

A total of 36 senators, 432 house members, and 32 governors were to be chosen, and the women of the nation were sure to play a large part in their choosing. Figures on registration show that there are one million and a half more women voters than men. However, it is expected that these women will vote as citizens not as women, which should make the men breathe easier.

President Truman...

... returned to Washington after voting in Independence, Mo., and promptly set up a round of top level conferences obviously dealing with the new communist threat in Korea.

In succession Mr. Truman summoned to the White House his Secretary of Defense, George C. Marshall, Secretary of State Acheson, and the U. S. Ambassador to Korea, John J. Muccio.

Andrei Y. Vishinsky...

... Soviet Foreign Minister was also in Washington Tuesday, but for purposes of pleasure rather than business. He first payed a courtesy call on Secretary of State Dean Acheson, after which he told reporters that no business was discussed.

Vishinsky came to Washington as the guest of honor for Tuesday's party at the Russian Embassy celebrating the anniversary of the Red revolution in Russia. Acheson himself decided to pass up the embassy party to keep a date at the ballot box.

Puerto Rican Elections...

... won't be held until next June 4, but the final returns in the weekends registration are in, and they showed 70,955 women and 86,947 men as new voters will cast ballots in the coming election in a plebiscite on a new Puerto Rican constitution.

Governor Luis Munoz Marin said the registration total was boosted by last week's violence and proved that Puerto Ricans were democratic. Meanwhile, in Havana the Cuban House of Representatives adopted a resolution demanding the independence of Puerto Rico, a U. S. possession.

Puerto Rican Soldiers...

... along with U. S. artillerymen Tuesday drove back a coordinated Korean Red attack in the Northeast after six hours of close in fighting. The Red assault was on both sides of the river bisecting Yongchung, about 30 miles northwest of Wonsan.

Allied officers are still pondering about the reasons for the Chinese withdrawal on the northwest warfront, where allied troops had been forced back as far as 50 miles. They speculated the Chinese either were regrouping for a large-scale attack, or were deploying new lines. In the latter event it was possible the Chinese only intended to hold a buffer area guarding the Yalu rive hydro-electric power grid, vital to Manchurian industry.

MacArthur's Charges...

... will be the main problem of United States diplomats as they meet today. MacArthur's charges were that Red China troops are now fighting in Korea against U. N. forces. Informed sources said the United States favors a simple demand by the U. N. Security Council that Red China cease her aid to North Korea.

The King of Nepal...

... has sought refuge at the Indian embassy in his capital at Khatmandu. Sources close to the ministry said he was anxious to come to India for a change from the present autocratic, feudal type of government to a democratic system.

However, the official announcement said his majesty, Maharajahiraja Tribbuvana Bir Bikram, desired to come to India for "medical treatment" but his government objected so he had sought the assistance of the Indian ambassador.

The British ambassador at Khatmundu reported to his government that all was quiet. Britain signed a treaty of perpetual peace and friendship with Nepal last week.

Nationalist China Leaders...

... met Monday night and decided they were ready to fight side by side with Western powers if events in Korea lead to a new World War.

There was no indication whether Chiang Kai-shek intends to renew his offer to send Nationalist troops to Korea. His offer was rejected previously. It is generally believed that any new offer would be turned down on two accounts. One to keep the Chinese Reds from having a pretext to enlarge the scope of fighting, and two, Chiang might need his troops elsewhere if a World War III came about.

A Mass Flight...

... of U. S. jet fighters has arrived in Germany after a trans-Atlantic trip to re-equip two groups based in that country. A total of 180 Republic F-84E Thunderjet fighters were flown to Germany in two groups of 89 and 91 planes each.

They will replace the F-47 piston engine planes and the old F-80 jets of the 36th and 86th fighter-bomber groups based at Furstenfeldbruck and at Neubiberg.

A Proposed Rail Link...

... between Seattle and Alaska will be included in a possible joint U. S.-Canadian economic survey "within a few weeks," according to Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash).

Interest in the rail link has heightened in recent months with the outbreak of the Korean situation.

The News in View



SIXTEEN CHINESE CAPTURED near Changjin Reservoir near the Manchurian border are questioned by U. S. Army Lieut. Reynold Muranaka of Honolulu (right). Army officials said they are wearing Chinese Communist army uniforms and that the men said they were part of a non-combat group supplying the North Korean forces with ammunition.

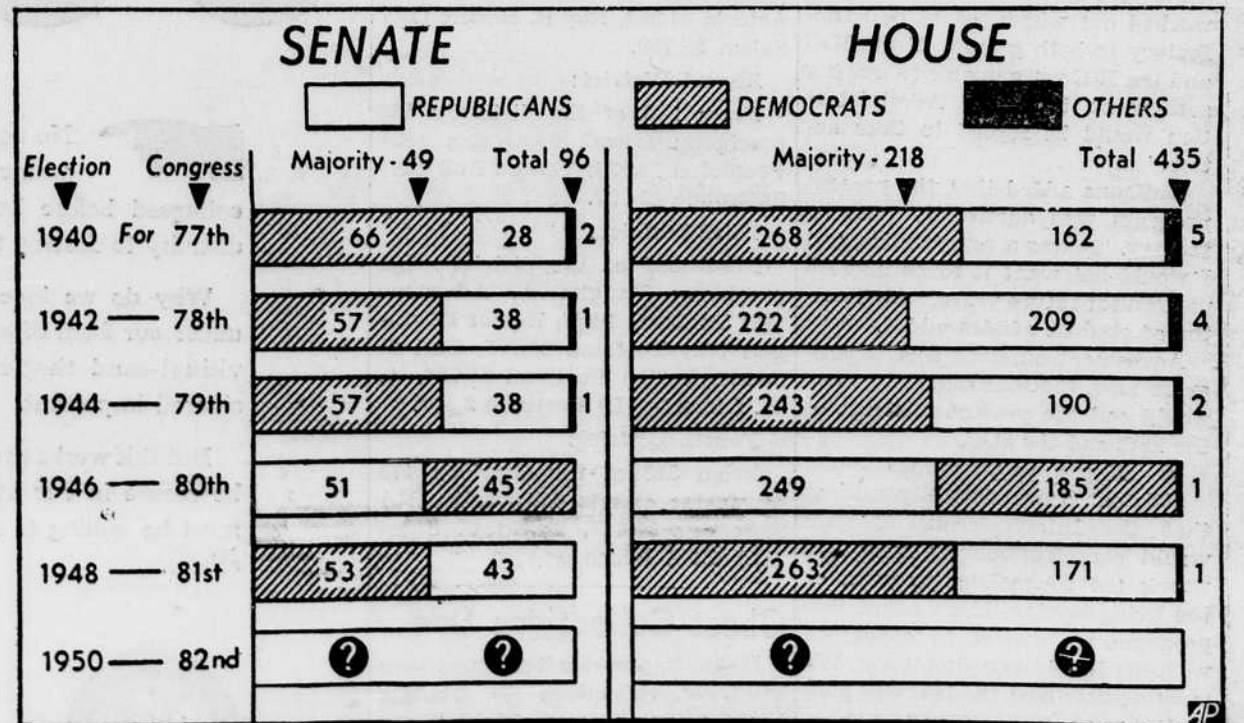
SAMPLING SODAS at the opening of the Student Union were Edgar Smith, (right) chairman of the State Board of Higher Education, and Dr. E. E. Kleinsorge, chairman of the board's building committee. Director R. C. Williams is serving the two officials. (AP WIREPHOTO)



TIBET'S BOY LAMA, who is now said to be safe in his capital directing the Tibetan war effort against three Chinese Red columns, is pictured above his crest, the thunderbolt, insignia of his power. (AP WIREPHOTO)



UNITED NATIONS forces in Korea are stabilizing their lines and appear to have been able to hold firm against anything the newly committed Communist Chinese forces can throw at them. Area (1) is the Unsan-Kunu sector, which appeared quite serious for awhile, but is now well stabilized. Area (2) is just north over the Manchurian border where about 300,000 more Chinese Reds are waiting to go into battle. In area (3) a Marine detachment was cut off last week but has now freed itself. (AP WIREPHOTO)



SHIFTS IN CONTROL of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives in the last five congresses—four of them controlled by the Democrats—are shown in the above chart. (AP WIREPHOTO)