



weekly Picture story

"F" For Freedom

● Taking a leaf from the historic book of resistance movements in German-occupied countries during World War II when the "V" for victory symbol was an irritating thorn in the side of German occupation, a well organized anti-Communist propaganda machine is using the letter "F" in a campaign for freedom. The letter makes mysterious appearances everywhere in eastern Germany. Peace raiders (above) splash their "F" symbol on a Soviet zone sidewalk. The symbol makes its appearance on ceilings of the Soviet elevated trains (right), on streets and any other available space the anti-Communist workers can find. If captured the workers face severe punishment.



● A group of peace raiders (above) embark on a mission. The faces of the youths working in this anti-Communist campaign have been partially blocked out for their own protection. They run the risk of capture by Communist police and threat of imprisonment and deportation to Soviet slave camps for periods as long as 25 years. On the east Berlin elevated trains which travel through all sectors of the city under the eye of Communist police, peace raiders (left) pass their pamphlets to east zone travelers.



● East Berliners (above) leaving the subway train are approached by the militant anti-Communist peace raiders. In just one mission, tens of thousands of these leaflets pass through their hands and into the hands of people living under Communist domination. When winds are favorable, pamphlets are attached to balloons and floated across into the Soviet zone.



Impact of Election

WHILE THERE will be comparatively few new faces in the 82nd congress and the Democrats will maintain "paper" control of both houses, the result of the recent election may be far-reaching in its impact.

These factors may be considered: (1) With a presidential election coming up in two years the Republican leadership actually did not want control of the 82nd congress; (2) Democrat leadership has been warned and forewarned concerning the issues to which the American people object; (3) Although Dean Acheson, the day after election, denied vehemently that he would resign as secretary of state, there is a persistent rumor here that he may quit, which will involve an extensive cabinet shake-up; (4) Despite the proportions of the victory of Senator Taft in Ohio, there is bound to be a clash in the Republican ranks over leadership of the party in the senate, and (5) it is evident Democratic policies will move over closer to the conservative side with every indication that the 82nd congress will be an anti-administration congress.

Prior to the 1948 election the Republicans found that performance, instead of promises, was a difficult feat, and as a result their control of the 80th congress was a factor in the Truman victory in that campaign. For this reason the GOP leadership believes their best position prior to 1952 is the minority in the congress where they will be free to act without the responsibility of making a record.

The GOP leadership, therefore, is elated over the election results for the reason that a definite Republican trend is indicated which puts them in position to go on from there in 1952. At the same time, the voters in the home towns throughout the country indicated in no uncertain terms they took to heart the fight made by Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin against Secretary Acheson and the alleged harboring of Communists in that agency. Although Senator McCarthy never proved his charges the folks back home acted as though there must be some fire there was so much smoke. The defeat of Sen. Millard Tydings of Maryland, veteran of 24 years in the senate, was because of this issue of "McCarthyism." Tydings, chairman of the sub-committee which probed the McCarthy charges, found them unfounded and was in turn charged with "white-washing" the whole thing. McCarthy stumped Maryland from one end to the other telling the people this story and lambasting Tydings unmercifully.

Duff Called Anti-Dewey

Although Gov. James Duff of Pennsylvania, who defeated Democrat incumbent whip of the senate, Francis Myers, was an anti-Dewey man at the Republican national convention, it is not believed he will team up with the Taft-Wherry-Millikin axis in the Republican leadership. Rather, because of his more liberal beliefs and his eagerness to clean the GOP of reaction, he is believed likely to throw his lot with Senators Lodge of Massachusetts, Ives of New York, and other more liberal senators on the Republican side.

May Drop Farm Plan

Significantly, Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan said a few days before the election that he might be willing to sidetrack his Brannan farm plan in the interest of unity. Also significantly, everywhere candidates supported the Brannan plan in the election they were defeated. This happened with Thomas in Utah, Thomas Fairchild in Wisconsin, Albert Loveland in Iowa, Ferguson in Ohio and others.

Tydings Big Upset

The only real upsets in the election were Tydings in Maryland and Thomas in Utah. However, one of the paradoxes which developed was in the Utah race and in Missouri where Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., defeated Republican Sen. Forrest Donnell. Both Thomas and Hennings made their campaigns on a straight fair deal program. Hennings won handily, but Thomas, one of the most scholarly men in the senate was soundly whipped by Wallace F. Bennett, Republican, former president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Balance of Power

If they desire, the southern bloc of Democrats can take over the reorganization of the senate. They have the votes to name one of their own members, probably Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia. However, the best bet is that the southerners will let President Truman name his leaders so they can feel free to oppose whatever legislation they desire including civil rights. It appears that Sen. Joseph P. Mahoney may succeed Sen. Scott Lucas.

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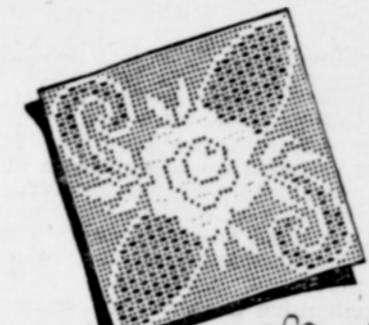
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