

Italian Voters Flock To Polls In Election; Reds Said Drafting Germans

Italy's parliamentary elections, which may hold the key to the world's peace, ended today after a mighty turnout of voters which cheered anti-communist forces.

First, fragmentary returns in Rome senatorial districts gave the Christian democrats almost a 5 to 1 lead over the communist-led popular front.

Counters proceeded at once to tally the contents of 83,294 ballot boxes which hold the Italians' choice between communism and western democracy. Officials estimated 90 per cent of the 25,000,000 eligible voters cast ballots. This may be a world record for a free election.

The senate vote was counted first. Early senate returns were expected late tonight. First returns on the 574 chamber of deputies' seats, which hold the best barometer of Italian sentiment, are due tomorrow.

The grim struggle between Russia and the West in Italy was reflected in the often violent three months of campaigning, but the threat of violence which hung over the two-day voting dissolved. Authorities maintained a few outbursts in the strongly leftist north—attacks on ammunition dumps—as having little relation to the election.

The government had 330,000 armed watchers on guard. Tanks, armored cars, jeeps and soldiers patrolled cities.

Bishops, priests, monks and nuns voted in large numbers, mindful of the Pope's warning that failure to vote would be a mortal sin.

Western Talks

The three western powers will begin a new series of talks tomorrow on the future of western Germany. The British foreign office announced. The benelux nations—Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg—will be represented at the meeting, and occupation chiefs from Germany will sit in. France, Britain and the United States held a conference on Germany two months ago which resulted in an agreement on international control of the Ruhr and ultimate establishment of a federalized German nation.

The German socialist press reported that Russians are drafting young Germans of the Soviet zone for red army service. The newspaper Social Democrat said Russians were choosing former German army men who did not serve on the eastern front in the late war. No Soviet comment was available.

The British government issued a white paper blaming the Russian pilot for the April 5 collision of a Soviet fighter and a British transport plane.

The Russian pilot and fourteen aboard the British plane were killed. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said he would ask compensation from the Russians.

French Election

France's Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the rightist rally of the French people, repeated his demand last night for a new French election. Speaking at Marseille, he said such an election would place him at the head of a strong government able to face up to Russia.

In Palestine, Jewish forces still held Neve Yaacov, five miles north of Jerusalem and commanding a highway to the Arabs' stronghold in the north. British and Arab reports said last night soldiers of the Trans-Jordan Arab legion had seized the settlement.

The Jewish agency accused the British of sanctioning an Arab legion offensive in Palestine in violation of a March 15 British treaty with Trans-Jordan. The British had no comment immediately.

An American statement that the United States will not shoulder alone the burden of solving Palestine's troubles puzzled United Nations delegates. The U. N. assembly, in session in New York on the Holy Land problem, heard the American statement yesterday. Delegates apparently are waiting for a formal U. S. proposal for a temporary U. N. trusteeship over Palestine.

Ecuador was on guard against an official report that Guayaquil communists might attempt an uprising. The Ecuadorians sought to shut off any influx of undesirable elements from Colombia, which has just experienced a bloody uprising blamed by the United States and others on the communists.

In the Orient, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was elected first constitutional president of China, with virtually dictatorial powers. He had told the assembly he did not want to be president but wanted the premiership so he could be free to wage war on China's communists.

Klamath Falls Officers Complete Police School



Mayor Ed Ostendorf, left, presents certificates to members of the city police force on completion of a police school covering all phases of law enforcement work. The school ended here this past week and was sponsored by Oregon Cities Police Officers' association, League of Oregon Cities and the FBI as well as other groups. The mayor presents certificate to Assistant Chief Leigh Ackerman. Lined up, front row, left to right, James Brown, John F. Olin, Jack Linkenbach, N. A. Schleeper, John Mathews, John Rizzo, Second row, Carl Kelley, Wesley Ray, Jack Tilman, Oscar Gerleve, Anthony Passarelli; third row, Albert Premo, Paul Robertson, Victor Murdock, R. N. Adkins, Sam Malshary, Fourth row, R. E. Switzer, Charles Howard, Hap Brandness, Archie Huff, Fifth row, Frank Blackmer, Walter Thorne, Hogan Moore, Police Judge Howard Strode, Thomas Gordon and Odell Olson.

Some Political Gleanings

By HALE SCARBROUGH

The best campaign platform I've heard yet is that of R. A. (Smiley) LaLonde. Smiley is one of the eight democratic candidates for sheriff and he promises, if elected, to run the office in the same manner Lloyd Low has been running it for the last couple of decades.

LaLonde opposed Low for sheriff a couple of times in the past and always campaigned on the same level. Lloyd, on the other hand, always told his listeners "If you'd rather have him for sheriff than me, go ahead and vote for him."

High-pressure campaigning. Henry Agard Wallace, the third-party flag bearer, has scheduled for himself a trip to Oregon and a possible speaking visit in Klamath Falls in June. . . . Henry is trying to get on the Oregon ballot for November and petitions are being circulated in his behalf. . . .

If Wallace comes to Klamath Falls there probably won't be much trouble in finding a hall to hold all his rosters. . . . apparently there aren't enough to overflow a fair-sized front porch. . . .

The spud cellar at Henley which belongs to Dean Hall is liberally furnished with posters urging the election of Dean Hall to the sheriff's office. . . . Dean is a republican candidate.

Why people who are well enough off to own ranches and spud cellars want to settle in a not particularly well-paid public office is one of the mysteries of the current campaign. . . . especially after the U. S. department of agriculture has predicted that 25 good years await the agriculturist. . . .

Stanley Jones, who used to be police chief or something here in Klamath Falls considerably before my time and ran for district attorney every four years, is opposing

George Neuner for the republican nomination to the job of attorney general. . . . He is living in Portland these days. . . .

Some years ago Jones had a \$20,000 libel suit pending against the old Herald but it came to naught. . . . After hanging fire in court for several years the libel suit died of non-usage. . . .

Both democrats and republicans are claiming that Klamath county's registered strength will be on their side for the May 21 primary. . . . Registrations close at 5 p. m. Tuesday and the counting will start immediately. . . . By the end of the week we should know where the margin is. . . .

Klamath county has long been in the democratic column and may be again. . . . there was an early shift toward the GOP but later registrations, particularly in the outlying districts, have been reported going democratic two to one. . . .

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Pan-America Meet Slated

Klamath unit, American Legion auxiliary, will have a Pan-America and child welfare program Tuesday at 8 p. m. in Memorial hall.

The history of Argentina will be presented by Mrs. H. W. Petrick. Argentine dolls will be displayed by Mrs. Pauline Nichol. Argentine cooking will be discussed by Mrs. James Gilson.

Junior members of the auxiliary are invited to this meeting and to participate in a national doll dressing contest using Argentine costumes.

Child welfare reports will be given by Mrs. Carl Schubert. Poppy posters will be displayed by Mrs. Loy Barker.

Mrs. M. E. Cooper is collecting old hose and other rayon garments for veterans hospital patients at Roseburg to use in physical therapy and asks that these be brought to the Tuesday meeting.

Club President



Chet Main, newly elected president for Tulelake Rotary club, will be chairman for the day at the Wednesday luncheon meeting at the Sportsman's hotel. Main is a well known Klamath basin rancher.

Ankeny Trial Set Monday

Trial of Lewis H. Ankeny, former Klamath Falls stockbroker, on a charge of larceny by baillee is scheduled to begin in circuit court Monday, April 26, and the regular panel of jurors is being called for 10 a. m. that day.

Ankeny is accused of mishandling funds placed with him in the conduct of his business. He was acquitted of a charge of embezzlement last year, and is free on \$5000 bail set for the larceny by baillee indictment.

He is represented by Attorney Ben Anderson of Portland.

Cuba is larger than most people think, being almost as large as Pennsylvania.

Giraffes can gallop at a rate of more than 30 miles an hour.

Indians Hold Salmon Party

CELILLO, Ore., April 19 (AP)—Visiting Indians from throughout the Pacific Northwest gathered with the Celillo tribe today to welcome the salmon back again.

Six hundred Indians gathered about the tribal longhouse today for the annual feast celebrating the spring chinook salmon run.

The three-day festival opened yesterday. Chief Tommy Thompson, 84-year-old Celillo patriarch, spoke in gratitude to the salmon.

The braves sang hymns and beat tom-toms; women prepared the ceremonial dinner; the tribe, before dining, drank a swallow of water in tribute to the element that supplies the Celillos' historic main food supply.

The scene could have been from 200 years ago except for small Indians in the background briskly blowing bubble gum.

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