

Election Shows Ike Enjoys National Popularity

By The Associated Press

A cold appraisal of election statistics Thursday leads to the conclusion that President-Elect Dwight D. Eisenhower enjoys a nationwide popularity to which few, if any other men in history could lay claim.

The political fires which blazed across this nation for four long months have been reduced to embers and it is easier to discard personalities and examine statistics. Here are some things the statistics show:

1. Eisenhower received more votes than any presidential candidate in history—nearly 10 million more than the previous record holder.
2. His immense vote appeal swept into office with him a majority of Republican candidates for the Senate, the House of Representatives and for governors of the several states.
3. His electoral vote total was the second highest ever piled up by a Republican—just a shade under the total accumulated by Herbert Hoover in 1928 when religious prejudice against his opponent, Alfred E. Smith, figured prominently in the returns.
4. Eisenhower shattered the once "Solid South," winning three of the most staunchly Democratic states

in the country and apparently adding four of the almost-always Democratic border states.

5. He punctured the Democratic strongholds of Massachusetts and Rhode Island where Irish-Catholic citizens have voted in bloc for the Democrats for a quarter of a century.

6. Of the nation's 146,370 voting units, all but 6,452 had been tabulated by noon Thursday.

Eisenhower had piled up a vote of 22,947,885 compared to 26,158,658 for Adlai E. Stevenson, his Democratic opponent. The total vote was 58,856,546—nearly 10 million more than the previous record high.

In the electoral college, where presidents actually are chosen, Eisenhower had won 442 votes against 89 for Stevenson. And Kentucky might yet go for Eisenhower.

Hoover received 494 electoral votes to 87 for Smith in 1928. Only one other Republican—Warren Harding—got more than 400 electoral votes. That was in 1920 when Harding won over James Cox, 404-127.

Virginia, Florida and Texas went Republican. In addition to Missouri and Tennessee, the border states that went for Ike were Maryland and Oklahoma.

Eisenhower ran far, far ahead of his party, sweeping Republicans

into office with him, in many cases over strong Democratic opposition.

In Wyoming, for instance, Sen. Joseph O'Mahoney, a highly ranked Democrat, lost to Gov. Frank Barrett when Eisenhower took the state, ending a Democratic grip on its voters. The same thing happened in Arizona where Sen. Ernest McFarland, Democratic majority leader, lost to Barry Goldwater, a political novice.

Whether Eisenhower will retain his tremendous popularity through the next four years remains to be seen. His majorities in both houses of Congress are very thin indeed—48 to 47 in the Senate and, at this moment, 229 to 214 in the House.

Eight races in the House have not yet been decided, but Democrats are leading in all of those contests and if they all win, the 229-214 alignment will result.

Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon holds the key to whether the Re-

publicans will have a working majority in the organization of the Senate. He was elected a Republican but bolted the party to support Stevenson.

If he lines up with the Demo-

crats, the alignment will be 48-48 with Vice President Richard Nixon having the opportunity to resolve the tie in favor of the Republicans.

Republicans gained five governors in Tuesday's voting, boosting their hold in the state's gubernatorial mansions from 189 to 19, that ratio will hold if the two races still in doubt, in Michigan and Montana, go the way they are

headed now.

Before the voting, there were 25 Republican governors and 23 Democrats. Now there are 29 GOP governors and 17 Democrats.

There are other statistics available for those who like such things:

Eisenhower is the oldest Republican ever elected to the White House, although three earlier Presidents were older on taking office. They were William Henry Harrison, 68; James Buchanan, 65; and Zachary Taylor, 64. The general is 62.

Eisenhower is the first Texan ever elected president. He is the 12th general to be elected. And he is the first man to be elected who has four syllables in his last name. Newspaper headline writers know this already.

Eisenhower Victory in U.S. Mirrors World-Wide Trend

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Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's victory in the United States, putting an end to 26 years of New Deal-Fair Deal administration, conforms to a swing from the cycle of social welfare experiment in most of the English-speaking world.

In the non-English speaking Western world, too, a trend to moderate or outright conservatism is apparent.

As the cleavage between the Communist East and the West has become sharper, socialist leftists decidedly liberal regimes that dating up in the depression and post-war years have fallen away.

Until the Republican landslide in Tuesday's election, the most startling reversal for socialism was in England, where Winston Churchill's Conservatives captured a slim parliamentary margin just over a year ago. There the socialists of the Labor Party, who came to power in 1945 even as the West was attempting to fashion a post-war understanding with Russia at Potsdam, were thrown out after six years of sweeping social and economic revolution, and nationalizing of industry that now is being dismantled but not wholly cancelled by the Churchill government.

The turn in the English-speaking world really was called by the voters of New Zealand three years ago this month. A Labor government which had pioneered a wave of advanced social legislation was turned out after 14 years in office by Nationalists pledged to free enterprise.

The following month, Australia's voters also turned against their Labor government that had been in power since 1941, and put into office a Liberal-country coalition headed by Robert G. Menzies.

In all these cases much of the pioneer social legislation has been retained by the more conservative regimes now in power.

The United States election Tuesday was closely watched by Canada, another member of the British Commonwealth, where the Liberal Party has been in power for 17 years. The Canadian liberals, most nearly comparable to the Democratic party in the United States, may call for a general election next year. They won a landslide victory in 1949 over the Progressive Conservatives of George Drew.

In its first post-war election has been gradually been shifting to the right. The Communists have been displaced as the first party in the national assembly by the right-wing De Gaulleists. Though the same middle-of-the-road group of parties, which had ruled France since 1947, emerged victorious in the last assembly elections in June, 1951, the emphasis was slightly to the right of center.

Italy's post-war political history

has been much the same. Communists and socialists, who together got nearly 40 per cent of the seats in the constituent assembly in 1946, dropped to 31 per cent in 1948 when the first chamber of deputies was elected under the new constitution. Since 1948 Italy has been ruled by a center coalition dominated by Premier Alcide de Gasperi's Christian Democrats.

Belgium's Social Christians finally got the upper hand in the 1950 elections, after a succession of socialist and coalition governments, though the social and economic issues were obscured by the controversy over former King Leopold.

The Netherlands' Labor Party nosed into the lead as the nation's strongest party in the lower house for the first time in history in elections last June. But the Communist vote took a nose dive, and the senate, chosen separately, took on a definitely conservative color. The coalition Labor-Catholic government was under heavy attack during the campaign for "socialism" and economic controls.

Denmark's minority Social Democratic government gave way in 1950, after three years' rule, to a Conservative-Agrarian coalition which made gains in the September elections. The coalition won an implied vote of confidence in April, 1951, by capturing nearly half the votes in the election of the upper house.

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