

Taft Leads in New Hampshire Vote

Early Unofficial Returns Show Eisenhower Running Second

Early skeleton returns from New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation "popularity test" election last (Tuesday) night gave Senator Robert A. Taft an edge over Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

An unofficial check of 32 out of the state's 297 precincts found Taft with 1171 votes, Eisenhower 1032, Harold E. Stassen 161, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur 61 write-ins. The early returns were from small towns scattered throughout the state.

Pa. Democrats Favor Truman

PHILADELPHIA, March 11—(P)—Pennsylvania's delegation to the Democratic National Convention will wear the Truman label.

A majority of the men and women who will represent the state at Chicago next July disclosed in an Associated Press poll that as of today they favor the renomination of President Truman. They made it pretty plain that should Mr. Truman choose not to run they will be ready to support the candidate he endorses. The Democratic State Committee has urged Mr. Truman to seek reelection.

The attitude evident among the Democrats is in considerable contrast to the views expressed in similar Associated Press polls among Pennsylvania delegates to the Republican National Convention.

The GOP leadership in the state, and many convention delegates, are plugging for an unpledged delegation without advance commitment to support any candidate.

Among the Democrats, the AP poll contacted 79 out of the 99 possible members of the convention delegation; 48 said flatly that they favor Mr. Truman. Twenty-one others said they have not decided whom they would support.

WASHINGTON, March 11—(P)—The House today voted authority for a special committee to go abroad to further an investigation of the Katyn Forest massacre of thousands of Polish officers in World War II.

UN 'Fed Up' with Reds; Red Base Demolished

MUNSAN, Korea, Wednesday, March 12—(P)—Allied truce delegates, fed up with Communist stalling, today faced their toughest test of patience to keep the deadlocked talks alive.

Today's sessions at Panmunjom were set, as usual, for 11 a.m. (9 p.m., EST, Tuesday).

Exasperated by the Reds' verbal gymnastics, U.S. Rear Adm. R. E. Libby told the Communists during Tuesday's meetings:

"We are getting fed up with your attempts to make things appear as facts that are not facts."

Calls Reds Liars

Even Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway was irked to the point of calling the Communist negotiators liars, but in carefully-chosen phrases. The Allied supreme commander, briefly visiting Munsan from Tokyo, said future of the truce talks was unpredictable.

The talks remained firmly knotted on two of several major issues—Allied insistence on voluntary repatriation of prisoners and Red demands that Russia be included as a "neutral" armistice inspector.

The staff officers meeting on armistice supervision lasted only six minutes for a total of 13 minutes in three days. The discussion on prisoner exchange lasted 45 minutes.

No Challenge

The Communists did not challenge an Allied demand of Monday that the Reds stick to the basic issues and refrain from propaganda tirades. Allied delegates had said they would not listen further to such "tripe."

Although the tone of the Chinese and North Korean delegates was milder in Tuesday's sessions, they again accused the United Nations command of delaying the talks and raising what they termed "trifling odds and ends."

SEOUL, Wednesday, March 12—(P)—Allied planes dealt a knockout blow Tuesday to a great Red base only 30 miles from the truce town of Panmunjom, leaving a sea of flames that "looked like hell itself."

Swarms of Communist MIG jets flashed southward from Manchurian bases 160 miles north of Sinmak, trying to protect the vast store of supplies for the western front.

They were met by an aerial screen of 26 U.S. Sabre jets which knocked down two MIGs, probably destroyed a third, damaged four, and sent the remainder reeling back north.

This brought the Sabres' day total to three kills—one MIG was shot down in the morning—and the two-day bag to 10 MIGs destroyed. Allied losses, if any, will be announced in a weekly summary.

While the air battle raged, fighter-bombers were subjecting the Sinmak base to an ordeal by fire which the Air Force said probably was the most intense of the Korean War.

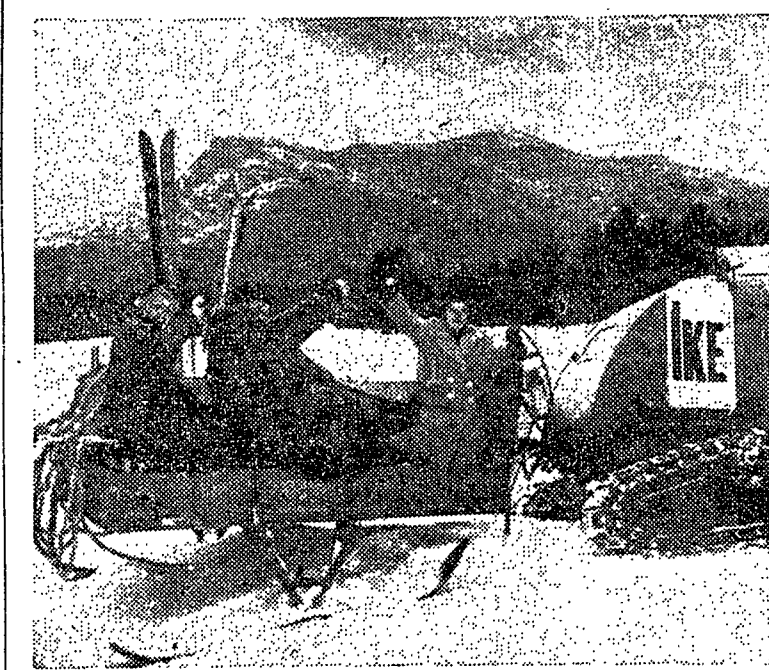
Allied fliers spotted the Red supply base when melting snow exposed the camouflage. The base, covering about four square miles, was laid out near Sinmak on the main rail line northwest of Panmunjom.

The melting snow showed that what appeared to be houses actually were stacked boxes covered with straw roofs.

The first Allied planes appeared over Sinmak in the morning. They dumped the first of the 33,300 gallons of jellied gasoline that were to fall on the base, starting the first fingers of flame reaching out for the supply stores.

Communist anti-aircraft gunners then opened up, exposing their positions. Other flights thundered in, knocking out the guns one by one.

Voters Arrive



THREE RESIDENTS of the tiny mountain ski village of Waterville Valley, N.H., arrive by Sno-Cat from the highway in preparation for elections March 11. Left to right are Mrs. Agnes C. L. Donohugh, who lives in New York City for part of winter and a resident of this town for 40 years; David Austin, and Mrs. Ralph H. Bean, librarian and wife of the town clerk who is operating the Sno-Cat. Note the IKE poster on the vehicle. (AP Wirephoto)

CIO Steelworkers Threaten to Strike

PITTSBURGH, March 11—(P)—The CIO United Steelworkers spread the word through the nation's steel mills today—"Get ready for a possible strike at the stroke of midnight, Sunday, March 23."

About 650,000 USW members who work in basic steel producing plants across the country will stop work to back up contract demands unless the government's Wage Stabilization Board (WBS) advances a recommended settlement by then which is acceptable to both union and the steel industry. Union chieftains are setting up plans for a walkout by holding mass meetings of workers in various steel centers at which international officers and district directors outline procedure, in the event of a strike.

The mass meetings on strike plans don't mean a work stoppage is inevitable. It does mean the union is serious about its strike threat and is laying the groundwork for a strike which could be called off in a moment's notice in the event of a satisfactory settlement.

Food Subsidies Cut

LONDON, March 11—(P)—Britain ordered a 38 per cent slash today in food subsidies, thereby raising the prices consumers must pay for meat and bread.

Morris Says Not Guilty

WASHINGTON, March 11—(P)—Newbold Morris faced a battery of Senate investigators today and briskly told them they would find no "wrong-doing" in the part he played in a profitable series of surplus ship deals.

If some of the ships were used later in trade with Red China, he said, it was not his doing—he only found out about it by reading the papers.

President Truman's anti-corruption chief drew a capacity crowd when he appeared before a Senate subcommittee for the first time in his extraordinary role of the investigator under investigation.

The senators are primed to question Morris closely about his business relations with Chinese-financed shipping interests which ferried oil to Red China until just before the Korean war, and for some months thereafter carried on a trade with the Communists in other goods.

Attlee Censure Motion Beaten Down by Beran

LONDON, March 11—(P)—Rebellious Aneurin Bevan, aspirant to the Labor Party leadership, beat down a censure motion by former Prime Minister Clement Attlee 172-62 in a crucial powwow of Laborite members of the House of Commons today.

Batista Takes Over In Cuba

HAVANA, Cuba, March 11—(P)—Fulgencio Batista proclaimed himself undisputed, all-powerful ruler of Cuba today.

The 51-year-old former President suspended for the next 45 days all government processes except by his own decrees, a day after his almost bloodless revolution overturned the government of President Carlos Prío Socarras. Prío took refuge in the Mexican embassy.

As the country returned to almost normal police arrested Roberto Agramonte, a leading presidential candidate in the scheduled June 1 election, which has been suspended by Batista.

Agramonte, leader of the Orthodox Peoples Party, was seized at his home with his teen-age son Roberto Jr., and one aide, although friends said Batista forces had told him he would be untouched there.

The police said Agramonte had violated new government rules by receiving visitors.

The police held Agramonte for three hours and then released him.

In a statement afterward, Agramonte said he "could not accept suspension of constitutional guarantees as dictated by a de facto government which has usurped power."

The political leader said his arrest followed his refusal to disperse a group of friends in his home on police orders.

Batista's army following helped him clean out the Prío government starting at dawn yesterday. Two men were killed in a brief gun battle at the presidential palace were the only reported casualties.

Batista followed a day and night of clamping down controls throughout the country by proclaiming himself formally in charge of "all powers and functions" of both the executive and legislative branches.

His decrees forbade any strikes in the 45-day period; congress and constitutional guarantees are also suspended.

French Assembly Approves New Cabinet

PARIS, March 11—(P)—The National Assembly today voted its approval, 290-101, of Conservative Premier Antoine Pinay's new French cabinet, pledged to stand against Communist aggression in both Europe and Asia.

But two powerful groups abstained.

The cabinet's support came from middle and rightist deputies.

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