

# Leader Elected Governor; Democrats Gain in House

## 274,384 Plurality for Leader -- House Margin, 112-99; Senate Battle Close

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 3 (AP)—Jubilant Democrats today celebrated the election of 36-year-old George M. Leader as governor of Pennsylvania despite storm warnings already flying for the 1955 Legislature session.

The lanky, soft-spoken York County chicken farmer, vaulted from political obscurity to national prominence by an astonishing 274,384 plurality, swept with him to victory a Democratic house majority. But he appeared to have missed up a narrow margin enough Senate votes to carry his legislative program.

About the same situation resulted in the Pennsylvania congressional delegation: Democrats gained three seats, but still were outnumbered by the Republicans, 16-14.

### Called Upset

Winning with Leader in what must be reckoned an astounding upset of Pennsylvania political routine were his two running mates for lieutenant governor and secretary of internal affairs, and the three incumbent judges of the Superior Court, all Democratic nominees.

This was the final unofficial tabulation of the results by the Associated Press:

Governor—8,636 of 8,647 precincts, Leader 1,980,520; Lloyd H. Wood, Republican, 1,706,136.

Lieutenant Governor—Roy E. Furman, Democrat, of Waynesburg, 1,886,915; Frank F. Truscott, Republican, of Philadelphia, 1,686,849.

Secretary of Internal Affairs—Miss Genevieve Blatt, Democrat, of Pittsburgh, 1,890,281; Mrs. Gaynelle Dixon, Republican, of Butler, 1,752,836.

### Democrats Win House

On the legislative side, Democrats won control of the House, 112-99, with five votes more than a constitutional majority.

But in the Senate there was this confused situation:

Republican winners and hold-overs totaled 26 of the 50 seats, but one Republican incumbent, Sen. John Carl Miller, of Beaver, announced he will vote with the Democrats. Miller jumped party lines during the campaign to support Leader and the Democratic ticket.

A democratic win in this Somerset-Fulton-Bedford contest, plus Miller's vote, would result in a 25-25 split.

### Million Dollar Religious Campaign Started

NEW YORK, Nov. 4 (AP)—A multi-million dollar campaign is on today to develop more allegiance to God.

Top experts of modern advertising—on the air, and in print—are drumming the theme:

"He restoreth your soul . . . worship together this week."

The nationwide drive—to enlist more people in the cause of religion—also is being carried out locally in hundreds of communities.

# State Seeks Youth Charged With Murder

GREENSBURG, Pa., Nov. 3 (AP)

—A statewide search was on today for a youth charged with murder and his companion after their sneak-escape from the Westmoreland County Juvenile Detention home.

The two youths, identified as James Hill, 16, of Derry, and John J. Dickerson, 14, of Monessen broke out of the detention home Monday. Dickerson is under indictment for murder in the slaying of Newton Phillips, 76.

The slain man was breasted to death with a hammer as he lay in bed at his Monessen home.

Hill was being detained on an auto larceny charge. A third boy, Joseph Salinger, 14, escaped with the two but was captured soon after.

Police said the three used a long piece of wire to spring a lock on their door and then fled down a fire escape.

### Election Results Cause Stock Market Spree

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (AP)—The stock market launched its greatest buying spree in 15 years today in an election celebration.

Prices shot ahead with the heaviest gains since the start of World War II.

On average they neared the highest levels since the grim October days of the great crash of 1929.

The market fell all last week as Wall Street made up its mind that a resounding Democratic victory was in the cards. When today's results were in, the financial community decided that the Republican showing was much greater than they had expected.

# 'New Phase' Will Start In Atomic Negotiations With Soviet Union—Ike

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (AP)—President Dwight Eisenhower chose as his first postelection statement today an announcement that the United States is trying to open up a "new phase" of Russian-American negotiations for creation of an international atomic pool.

The chief executive's action at a news conference underscored the importance he attaches to foreign issues which may dominate the second half of his term.

He said himself the field of foreign affairs is one where it should be possible to get ahead with Republican leadership in the White House and Democratic leadership in Congress because a bipartisan basis for action already exists.

### Atomic Pool Plan

Eisenhower disclosed that Soviet Ambassador Georgi N. Zarubin was receiving from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles within a few minutes a reply to the Russian not of Sept. 22 on the atomic pool plan, a plan which Eisenhower initiated.

"I hope," the President said in a statement, "this will start a new phase in the U.S.-U.S.S.R. negotiations which will be more fruitful than the first phase, during which the Soviets showed a lack of interest in cooperating with the United States to further international cooperation in developing the peaceful uses of atomic energy."

### Moscow Proposal

The Sept. 22 note from Moscow proposed publication of all exchanges of secret messages between Dulles and Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, but said that negotiations should go on, a position which the United States had also taken.

The secret documents were published Sept. 25, exposing the deep split which existed between Moscow and Washington over control and use of the mighty atom.

# Eisenhower's Farm Program Survives Test

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower's flexible farm price support program was generally credited by observers here today with having survived its first test of voter sentiment.

Despite Democratic efforts to make the farm program a major campaign issue in many places, Republican marked up significant election victories in farm belt states where the new program would have the most effect, and Democrats who favored it were generally successful.

Supporters of the plan were heartened especially by Republican Thomas E. Martin's victory over Sen. Guy M. Gillette in Iowa and Sen. Andrew F. Schoepel's re-election over former Democratic Sen. George McGill in Kansas. The farm issue was sharply drawn in both states.

Some Republicans who won elsewhere differed with Eisenhower on that issue but the overall results, observers felt, at least provided no repudiation of the program. Most Democratic gains were confined to urban areas.

# Hays Elected State Senator

Jo Hays, supervising principal of the College Area schools, defeated Republican incumbent A. H. Letzler in Tuesday's general elections to end the latter's State Senate service after 16 consecutive years of service.

Letzler carried Centre County by 54 votes but Clearfield County gave the Democratic candidate a 1316 vote majority to swing the election.

Centre, Clearfield, and Blair County voters returned Rep. James E. Van Zandt to Congress by an overwhelming majority for the Republicans. Van Zandt defeated John Stewart, Altoona lawyer, by 10,833 votes.

### Navy Calls Off Search

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (AP)—The Navy said today it has called off the search for the Navy Super Constellation plane which disappeared over the Atlantic Saturday with 42 persons aboard.

# Fine Offers Aid to Leader

HARRISBURG, Nov. 3 (AP)—Gov. John S. Fine today offered his "fullest cooperation and assistance" to Gov.-elect George M. Leader.

Fine, in a telegram to the successful Democratic candidate, said:

"Congratulations and best wishes for a most successful four years in Harrisburg. This office offers its fullest cooperation and assistance as you prepare to assume the governorship of this great commonwealth.

"I shall direct the respective departments to extend every effort to be helpful to you. Do not hesitate to call upon me personally."

Leader, who returned to Harrisburg this afternoon after sleeping several hours at his York County farm, immediately promised to "avail myself of his offer."

"I certainly think that is a very generous, and thoughtful gesture on the part of Gov. Fine," he added.

Leader said that he actually had not received Fine's telegram yet but he believed it was among hundreds at state Democratic headquarters that had not been opened yet.

# Accused Child Slayer Waives Hearing; Held for Grand Jury

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Nov. 3 (AP)—Trembling and manacled, Harry Gossard whispered, "I waive a hearing," at his arraignment today on a charge of murder in the brutal "trick-or-treat" slaying of little Karen Mauk, 6.

Gossard, brought to nearby Conemaugh for the surprise hearing, appeared before Justice of the Peace Stephen McGanka. The hearing originally was scheduled for tonight. Gossard was immediately ordered held without bond for the Cambria County grand jury.

Dist. Atty. Fred Fees said Gossard had admitted the slaying in a signed confession. He lived a few doors away from the blonde youngster in Conemaugh.

Police took the precaution of the unscheduled hearing because they say "feeling is running very high in Conemaugh."

The nude body of the little

girl was found early last Friday in a graveyard two miles from her home. She was allowed to go out by her parents on a round of "trick-or-treat" Halloween calls in the neighborhood the night she was killed.

Round her body were tattered pieces of the "dress-up" costume the child wore and a bag of candy and an apple she had been given as a "treat."

Gossard was arrested Sunday night as he returned from a trip to Philadelphia. Police withheld news of the arrest until Monday night. Gossard is a former merchant seaman and was employed by the Atlantic Refining Co. He has not worked since early this year.

Fees said Gossard had served a 90-day prison term for Taft Jr. will sit in the Ohio on a morals charge and also a House of Representatives next federal prison sentence for January as his famous father did stealing from the U.S. mails.

An autopsy showed the child had not been criminally assaulted. Police said the crime was committed by a sex maniac. They said Gossard had been under suspicion from the time the little girl's body was found.

Fees said Gossard admitted the slaying after questioning all day yesterday. He was also taken to the cemetery where Karen's body was found.

In his statement, according to Fees, Gossard told of picking up the child near her home and driving her in his car to the cemetery. Fees did not disclose other details. Karen died of suffocation.

### Taft Wins Seat

CINCINNATI, Nov. 3 (AP)—Robert Taft Jr. will sit in the Ohio House of Representatives next January as his famous father did three decades ago.

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**"SUDDEN FEAR"**  
Jack Palance