

FOUR DISTRICTS ARE DOUBTFUL

Landslide in Either Party Could Upset Picture, Analysts Say.

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It is possible that Indiana's delegation may be very close to a 50-50 division.

Of the four "doubtful" districts the Third and Sixth appear to be the most unpredictable, with leaders of both parties claiming "sure victories" without reservations. The present Congressmen in both districts are Republicans.

7th May Swing Democratic

In the Seventh District, which now has a Republican Representative, there is evidence that the area may swing back to the Democratic column.

A reverse situation also appears to be developing in the Eleventh District which two years ago re-elected a Democratic Congressman. Trends in that area this year appear to be leaning toward the Republican column.

However, in the final analysis few if any of the districts that now appear to be heavily Democratic would hold their present status in the event of a sudden, landslide shift of independent voters to G. O. P. Presidential Nominee Wendell Willkie.

True Too in G. O. P. Areas

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'Keep Your Minds Open'



Microphone in hand, oblivious to rain, Wendell Willkie tells New Yorkers: 'All I ask is a hearing.'

Willkie at Campaign Best During New York Invasion

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Norwalk and Bridgeport during the morning. At the latter city he told a crowd estimated at 10,000 that if Roosevelt Administration "continues present spending plus national defense you will be building a lot of armaments for some dictator who will rise in our midst."

He added that "if this Administration is re-elected, this country will go into the chaos of bankruptcy or inflation."

It was a Willkie at his campaign best who, his head bare, rain beating down in his face, pleaded with Manhattan workers:

"I don't ask you to be for me and don't ask you to be against me—but for a hearing."

"Ask you to keep your minds open and listen to the arguments of both sides, and then as persons possessed of the most precious right in this world, the right of being American citizens, to make up your mind and vote as your conscience and best judgment dictates."

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