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Politics

BY EARL RICHERT

AFTER TOMORROW'S ELECTION, it will be eight years, 1952, before Indiana voters again choose a governor and United States senator at the same time.

That's the way things work out since senators hold office for six years and governors for four. Two years hence, 1946, the voters will choose a senator; in 1948, the governor will be the top man to be chosen; in 1950, the voters will pick a successor to or re-elect the senator chosen tomorrow; and in 1952, Hoosier voters again will have the task of picking a senator and a governor at the same time.

WORLD WATCHES ELECTION IN U. S.

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votes were decisive.

Final returns this year will be delayed for weeks until the absentee armed service vote has been counted. If the poll of civilian voters is close, the winner of this presidential contest may not be known until the battlefield ballots have been checked.

Eleven states will delay the count of absentee armed service ballots. They are California, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah and Washington. The delay ranges from a day or so to Dec. 7 in North Dakota.

Pennsylvania, whose 35 electoral votes may be decisive, will not count its armed service ballots until Nov. 22. That state has distributed 648,974 armed service ballots and expects approximately 210,000 of them to be cast. Altogether the 48 states have distributed an estimated 4,894,225 ballots and expect 2,855,865 of them to be returned.

Polls indicate the closeness of the presidential contest. A New York check puts the two contestants almost on the 50-50 line. National polls list 15 or more doubtful—very doubtful—states.

This election, therefore, is getting off to an uncertain start after a bitter campaign prelude under tradition-smashing circumstances. Mr. Roosevelt is seeking a fourth term, the first President in our history so to offer himself for such extended service.

Mr. Dewey, 42-year-old Republican governor of New York, would, if he should win, be the youngest chief executive in our history—younger by a matter of about three weeks than Roosevelt No. 1.

Congressional Control

If the world could hold its breath, it probably would do so in the anxious excitement of tomorrow's polling, because of its impact on foreign affairs. Not only control of the White House is at stake, but control of the house of representatives and the political complexion of the senate. House and senate standings are:

Senate—Democrats 58, Republicans 41.

House—Democrats 214, Republicans 210, Progressives 2, Farmer-Labor 1, American-Labor 1, vacant 7.

There are sufficient safe and Southern Democratic seats among the 36 for the senate at stake tomorrow to assure that the Republicans will not be able to increase their membership to 49 which would be necessary for them to obtain control of the upper house. Of the 36 senate seats up now, one is for a short term which ends Jan. 3, when the new 79th congress meets.

Republicans insist, however, that they will be able to win the eight or more additional house seats which would give them a numerical majority of the whole house and control of that chamber.

As of now, 51 Democratic candidates, including Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas, are unopposed, and five Republicans are without opposition. In addition, three Republicans were elected to the house in Maine's jump-the-gun election last September.

Democrats are depending on Mr. Roosevelt's vote appeal to reverse an anti-New Deal—Democrat trend. It became emphatically evident in the 1942 general elections and has persisted through a series of subsequent by-elections in which the slim Democratic house majority has been whittled down until it no longer exists.

There are 432 house seats at stake tomorrow—and three already seated from Maine equal 435.

31 Governor Races

Maine also elected a governor last September. Gubernatorial elections are fixed for tomorrow in 31 states in which 19 governors now are Republicans and 12 are Democrats.

The states outside the solid south among which the Republicans may hope to increase the number of G. O. P. governors are Arizona, Rhode Island, Utah, Indiana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Tennessee and West Virginia.

This presidential election looks close and it appears that both major parties have a real chance to control the new house of representatives.

The President to be elected tomorrow and the legislators who win seats in the 79th congress will make the decisions by which this country's role in the post-war world will be decided. The President and senate are charged variously with responsibility for our foreign policies, but the house has been increasingly directing itself in on such matters in recent years.

But win who may, both candidates have promised that the war will continue with increasing tempo until the Germans and the Japs are licked—and under the same generals and admirals who have been directing the fighting heretofore.

SINGAPORE RAID HINTS ASIA JAP

Superforts Soften Jap Base In Preparation for Landings.

BY UNITED PRESS

A major amphibious landing in Southeast Asia was believed today to have been delivered by a B-29 Superfortress raid on the big Japanese naval base at Singapore yesterday.

Meantime, American invasion forces stormed against the last enemy stronghold on Leyte.

Southeast Asia headquarters have

sent word that Lord Mountbatten would

send invasion forces ashore in Burma or Malaya, possibly in the Rangoon area, with the monsoon season ended. Any Japanese counter-measures against such an invasion would be based in Singapor.

Bomb Control House

The huge bombers scored direct hits on a control house in the largest dock area in Singapore, bombed other "vital points" and hit a ship in drydock.

3700-mile round trip mission

against Singapore—longest daylight

strike by military planes—was one of a mounting series of allied air attacks on widespread Japanese bases.

Superfortresses also raided the Pangkalan-Brandon oil refinery at the northern end of Sumatra in the western Dutch East Indies.

Heavy bombers of the Eastern air command attacked the railroad area of Rangoon, main supply hub for all Burma.

Hill Shipyard

Other planes hit the Vichy shipyard on the Gulf of Tonkin, French Indo-China.

Tokyo said American carrier planes in the Philippines raided Manila, Clark field and the Legaspi area of southern Luzon yesterday.

Liberators bombed at least 12 ships in harbors in the Bonin islands and attacked the Iwo Jima airstrip in the Volcanoes.

Among other claims, Tokyo radio

said a "submarine unit" was operating off the Pacific coast of the United States and had sunk "several oil tankers and transports."

On Leyte, American forces

stormed up the west coast to within

12 miles of Ormoc and rained shells

and bombs into the enemy's last

stronghold on the island.

Reinforced Japanese columns were

reported to have reached Hsien

less than 50 miles east of the Liuchow airbases. A communiqué re-

ported "no change" in the battle for

Kwei-ling key city farther north in

Kwang province.

The Republicans think their chances have been hurt in the eighth district because of the opposition of the Evansville press to the state ticket, particularly to G. O. P. Gubernatorial Nominee Ralph Gates. The Evansville papers, however, are supporting Mr. La Follette and the Republicans here think he will "squeak through."

Democratic leaders think they have a good chance of unseating Congressman Robert A. Grant of South Bend, in the third district, because of the bitter P. A. C. opposition to him. Although the P. A. C. is strong in St. Joseph County, Republicans believe that Congressman Grant will carry the three other counties in the district by a wide enough margin to offset any margin that his opponent, Marshall Kizer, might roll up in St. Joseph.

Isolationism Issue

"ISOLATIONISM" is an issue in the seventh district where Republican Congressman Gerald W. Landis is seeking re-election.

He is opposed by Arthur Greenwood, former Democratic whip in the house, who is seeking to make a comeback. Mr. Greenwood has made a vigorous, door-to-door campaign and a "so-called inde-

pendent" record.

Bloomington has been blasting

Mr. Landis via radio, for his al-

legedly "isolationist" record.

Big Vote Expected

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS think tomorrow's vote total will exceed the 1940 all-time record of 1,790,109 for the state as the result of the two-hour extension of the voting period.

Republican leaders, however, do not believe as many votes will be cast because more people are working now than in 1940. They do not think that women now working in war plants will be likely to vote as were the same women who were housewives four years ago.

In 1940, 81 per cent of the potential voters in Indiana voted, making Indiana the fifth highest state in the nation in this respect—behind Utah, West Virginia, Illinois and South Dakota.

Indiana's 1940 per cent of voters compared to total population (52%) was second highest in the nation, Illinois, with 53.4% was highest.

HOME FIRE DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$2000

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Humphrey, 307 N. Denny st., was partially destroyed by fire early yesterday.

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SALES' TOPIC FOR LIONS

James A. Thorson, sales executive of the Inland Container Corp., will be the speaker at the Lions luncheon at noon Wednesday in the Claypool hotel. His subject will be "Streamlining Sales to Help Meet the Present Challenge to Sales Management."

IN INDIANAPOLIS—EVENTS—VITALS

EVENTS TODAY

Indians Hairdressers and Cosmetologists, all-day meeting, Hotel Lincoln.

Indiana Retail Alcoholic Beverage association luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Hotel Lincoln.

Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce industrial safety club executive committee luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Hotel Lincoln.

Citizen's Gas Company meeting, 10 a. m., Hotel Lincoln.

Board of Trade luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Alpha Omicron Alpha, Upsilon chapter, Hotel Indiana.

Currie-Wright Corporation, Firemen's club, meeting, 8 p. m., Hotel Lincoln.

Council of Jewish Women, luncheon, 12:30 p. m., Hotel Washington.

Indiana Council of Defense, board of directors, meeting, 7:30 p. m., Hotel Washington.

EVENTS TOMORROW

National Election.

Indianapolis Newsboys head alumni, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Hotel Washington.

Alpha Delta Omega sorority, meeting, 7:30 p. m., Hotel Washington.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Rolle Smith Jr., Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; Betty Summer, 1053 W. 32d.

Adger Gordon, Dunn, U. S. navy; Charles B. Dunn, Dunn, U. S. navy.

Elmer A. Fulk, U. S. navy; Betty Jane Shore, 1424 N. Delaware.

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