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## French Tanks Storm Miners' Wall of Fire

Diggers Put Torch  
To Moat of Gasoline

PARIS, Nov. 2 (UP)—Government forces attacked with Sherman tanks and half-tracks today in an effort to dislodge several hundred pickets at the strike-bound Calonne-Lievin pitheads in northern France.

After barricading themselves in the mines, the strikers poured gasoline in trenches around the pitheads. Putting the torch to it, they were encircled by a protective wall of flame.

The violence at the Lievin mine near Lens in the northern tip of France was the main incident in a broad sweep by Republican Security Guards and troops to clear out the last of the strikers in both the northern and central coal fields.

Fifteen Injured

At least 15 persons were injured in the first outbreak at the northern mine. Later the government forces opened assaults described by a correspondent on the scene as a full-scale military operation.

Each time the troops tried to break through the barricades, the strikers sent a sheet of flame surging over the moat, and forced them back. Police said the strikers threw grenades into the moat, wounding at least five soldiers.

When the earlier attacks were thwarted by the wall of fire, military authorities brought up the Sherman tanks and bulldozers to spearhead the attack.

**Warren a Winnah  
In 1-Round 'Bout'  
With Cameraman**

OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 2 (UP)—Gov. Earl Warren started off election day today with a brief squabble with a press cameraman who photographed the GOP vice presidential candidate in his voting booth.

Gov. Warren burst angrily from behind the curtain and called the cameraman after he fired a flashbulb for an overhead picture as Gov. Warren pulled the voting machine lever.

**HE BACKED** the cameraman into a corner and asked him to destroy the negative.

The chastened photographer, who identified himself as an employee of Life magazine, apologized and promised his film would be burned.

**Today's Weather  
to Decide Whether**

Whose weather was it? Republican or Democratic?

Democrats said today's misty sun shone just for them. It would keep GOP farmers down on the farm and bring out the labor vote.

Republicans said it was their weather. Everybody would vote, farmers included.

The controversy didn't affect tomorrow's forecast: Fair for the winner, cloudy for the loser.

**Orchestra Leader, Aid  
Facing \$16,500 Suit**

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 2 (UP)—Orchestra leader Meredith Willson and his secretary, Carlos Morales, faced \$16,500 damage suit.

Thomas J. Powers, 22, night club singer, charged in a suit filed yesterday that Willson's car, driven by Morales, crashed into his on Oct. 17, sending him to a hospital.

**Native Hoosier, Former  
Congressman, Is Dead**

WALLINGFORD, Conn., Nov. 2 (UP)—Lindley Hoag Hadley, 87, who served as Congressman from the state of Washington for 18 years, died last night.

Mr. Hadley was a Republican member of the House from 1914 until his retirement in 1932. He was a native of Sylvania, Ind., and since 1940 had lived at Wilton where he has two daughters.

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## Reports of Heavy Vote Over U. S. Hint Count May Run to 50 Million

*Big Turnouts Showing Up in Cities;  
New York Expects Three Million at Polls*

By LYLE C. WILSON, United Press Staff Correspondent

The President-makers—American voters—turned out early and in large numbers today to decide who shall sit in the White House the next four years.

By the hundreds of thousands, they came out to vote in weather ranging from sunny to heavy rain.

The early outpouring indicated that an estimated 50 million will have cast presidential ballots before the day ends.

They are choosing between President Truman, the Democratic standard-bearer whose fate thrust into the White House 43 months ago, and Republican Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who is getting his second shot at the presidency.

Nine others are seeking the presidency, but the real contest is between these two men.

Judging Congress

The American voters are passing judgment, too, on the Congress which Mr. Truman repeatedly has denounced.

Early reports showed "heavy" to "very heavy" voting in Cook County (Chicago), Cleveland, Philadelphia, Detroit, Columbus, O., Des Moines, Iowa, in Connecticut, and in Syracuse, Albany and Binghamton, N. Y.

In New York City, where an estimated 3 million persons will vote during the day, voting was unusually light in the morning hours. The weather there was partly cloudy early but the sun broke through about mid-morning. Voting was also light in industrial Buffalo, N. Y., and the Atlanta, Ga., areas.

**Trend by Midnight**

Soon after midnight tonight press associations and newspapermen will have tabulated approximately eight million votes representing every state in the Union. Unless the election is very close the trend will have been established by midnight.

To win the White House, the two cabinet members, Premier Wong Wan-hao and Finance Minister Wang Yun-wu, formally presented their resignations to the legislative Yuan (parliament) today.

Previous reports said Chiang rejected the resignations when they were offered to him yesterday and had asked the two officials to carry on during the emergency period.

The officials told the Yuan they were resigning because their currency reform program failed. The gold Chinese dollar, introduced several months ago, has dropped from 25 cents to eight cents American.

The American embassy in Nanjing reported it had received a message from Angus Ward, American Consul General in Mukden, saying that all members of the American consular staff were safe.

Communist forces completed the occupation of Mukden yesterday afternoon, the message said.

Other reports said the Communists left only political commissars and a security guard in Mukden and had sent their main forces plunging south.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, Nov. 2 (UP)—Roger Lapham, head of the American Economic Mission to China, says that American policy toward China must be re-examined, no matter which party wins the election.

"Our middle of the road policy over there isn't getting us anywhere," he told a press conference yesterday.

"Those in Washington, whatever administration wins out, must re-examine U. S. policy in China.

"I advocate a real, affirmative policy. Stick our neck out. Help those who really want to resist the Iron Curtain."

Mr. Lapham was scheduled to return to Shanghai today to his post as chief of the Economic Co-Operation Administration there.

## Cleveland Wife Charges Trucker Has 3 More Here

**Election Day Delays Probe as Police  
Quiz Local Driver on Bigamy Count**

Cleveland police today were lost in a maze of names, dates and conflicting addresses furnished by an Indianapolis truck driver who is charged with bigamy there.

Because Marion County Courthouse was locked up for Election Day it was impossible to check the story of Ronald B. Moore, 32, "admitted" bigamous marriages to three Indianapolis women.

The case came to light when Mrs. Gloria H. Moore, 24, Cleveland, investigated the cause of her husband's lengthy absences from home and learned she was sharing him with three other Mrs. Moores.

**Flies for Divorce**

So when Ronald came "home" to Gloria, who was Mrs. Moore No. 2, he found a policeman and a divorce petition waiting for him.

Moore, on the other hand, said he told Gloria to get an annulment of their marriage when he learned that he had not been divorced by his first wife and that the marriage was not proper.

He said he gave this advice to Gloria when he heard from another truck driver that his decree from Mrs. Moore No. 1 had not become final.

He added that he felt free to release Mrs. Moore No. 3 and 4 because he thought Gloria had taken his advice.

**Detectives Hunt Thief  
In Clare Luce Robbery**

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (UP)—Detectives hunted today for the pugnacious thief who picked up \$200 worth of jewelry in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel suite of Clare Boothe Luce, playwright and ex-Congresswoman from Connecticut, while she was vacationing in New York.

Because Democratic strongholds are largely machine voting areas, the Democrats were expected to show most of their strength early in the counting tonight while Republicans would seem likely to gain as the paper ballots in the rural areas came in later.

The wife of Henry Luce, publisher of Time, Life and Fortune, reported to police that the burglary occurred sometime Sunday night.

"I don't know exactly what the date was," he told questioners. "I have an awful time trying to remember all those names," agreed 9 and dates. "He also gave addresses for each Indianapolis woman he met. Marriage No. 3 lasted until the fall of 1946 when Josephine divorced the truck driver, he said.

On Sept. 20, 1947, Moore said, another Indiana girl named Mary night.

## Votes Speed Up Here, May Pass 220,000 Mark

### Heavy Crossing Of Party Lines Seen in State

Both Major Parties  
Remaining Calm

By ROBERT BLOEM

Early reports indicated heavy crossing of party lines today as Indiana voters rushed the polls in the early stages of the voting.

At the same time an air of calm prevailed in state headquarters of both major parties.

Battalions of lawyers, gathered to cast fast action on reports of fraud or trouble at the polls, sat around with virtually nothing to do but speculate on the outcome.

Scattered reports from precincts of known political leanings indicated that as many as 10 per cent of Republican voters may be crossing over to vote for Democratic Governor candidate Henry Schricker.

All reports, however, were based on a very few votes and no definite trend appeared to have been established yet.

Scattered reports here in the city bore out reports of unusually heavy voting elsewhere. One precinct reported nearly half of its eligible voters had cast their ballots by 9 a. m.

Other reports also showed disproportionately large votes in the first half of the day's balloting.

**Supreme Test**

Early indications were that the total vote might easily exceed the 1,660,000 votes cast in 1944.

Showery weather which ushered in election day in the southern part of the state was moving up from the southwest more slowly than the weather bureau had anticipated, further encouraging prospects of a heavy turnout.

Supreme test of the organization set up by labor unions to get out the vote was expected by mid-afternoon when many plants will close down to give workers a chance to go to the polls.

Republican presidential nominee Thomas E. Dewey went to the post a heavy favorite to carry Indiana. But in the governor race between Democrat Henry F. Schricker and Republican Hobart Creighton, election day betting was being held at even money.

**Heated State Contests**

Nominees for the Progressive, Prohibition, Socialist and Socialist Labor Parties were just going along for the ride. It didn't appear likely to be much of a ride, either, with realistic Hoosiers reluctant to throw away their votes in the face of the hotly contested state races.

Right up to the last, dozens of independent polls continued to give Mr. Schricker the edge in the governor battle. Republicans, relying primarily on their hopes for a Dewey landslide to carry the entire ticket, were grasping such hopeful straws as a report that a local gambler was "betting his own money" on Mr. Creighton to win.

Other state office candidates were almost certain to be coast-to-coast winners one way or another with little voting pull of their own.

A huge Schricker plurality, analysts believed, would be required to drag in the rest of the Democratic state official family but it could happen.

Should Mr. Creighton be elected, he was mathematically certain of a Republican State Senate in the 1949 General Assembly. Twenty-one of the 25 holdover Senators whose seats are not at stake in this election are Republicans.

Democrats would have to elect 22 or 23 Senators to control the upper chamber. The lower House may well be close but on the basis of the odds in favor of a heavy Dewey plurality, the Republicans were given the edge there, too.

**Lineup in Congress**

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