

Defeat in N.Y. Dashes GOP Hopes for Trend

Party on Spot For Winning Formula in '50



Lehman's Victory Seen as Vindication Of 'Fair Deal'

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—A strongly-running Democratic tide today washed out Republican hopes of a GOP trend.

It put the party on the spot to find a desperately-needed winning formula for the 1950 national election.

Here and there the GOP could claim an isolated victory. But mostly the morning-after spectacle for them was a melancholy one.

They had pinned their great hopes on winning the big one—the Senate race in New York and their New Jersey governorship victory and a few triumphs elsewhere just couldn't make up for it.

The Democrats were joyous.

President Truman and National Democratic Chairman William M. Boyle Jr. proclaimed at once that this was a happy augury for their party in the 1950 congressional elections.

Mr. Boyle said this would strengthen the Democrats in Congress in carrying out the Truman program.

Bitter, Personal Arguments
The New York election had been enmeshed in bitter personal, racial and religious arguments. Yet in large measure the contest between Democrat Herbert H. Lehman and Republican John Foster Dulles did constitute a test of the Truman fair deal program.

Mr. Lehman had peddled most of this program in one big, glittering package. He had readily proclaimed himself in favor of the "welfare state."

Mr. Dulles, a leader for his party in developing the post-war bi-partisan foreign policy, had criticized the Truman administration across pretty much the whole range of its domestic program.

When the campaign was over there could have been little doubt in the mind of any New York voter that if Mr. Lehman were sent to Washington he would be a steadfast Fair Deal adherent—and that if Mr. Dulles won he would be opposed to most of what Mr. Truman proposes.

Main GOP Question

Mr. Lehman and his advocacy of the Fair Deal won. And today the main question before GOP leaders was the direction their thinking should take on national issues between now and next year's election.

National GOP Chairman Guy Gabreski appeared to find some chilly comfort in the New Jersey situation.

There, Republican Gov. Alfred Driscoll defeated Democratic State Senator Elmer Wene, who had Boss Frank Hague's blessing but whose campaign was all but ignored by President Truman and other top Democrats.

But privately, Republicans were asking grave questions about the future and acknowledging that "we're right back where we were after Truman beat us in 1948."

"Me Tooism"
A year ago when Tom Dewey was licked, many conservative leaders said the Republicans would have won easily for Mr. Dewey's "me tooism."

This time, in Mr. Dulles, the GOP had a man who had worked closely with the Democrats in foreign affairs and hence had been criticized by some of his isolationist-minded party brethren. But Mr. Dulles was anything but "me too" on domestic issues—quite the contrary.

President Truman, on the strength of the latest showing, almost certainly will drive harder than ever for his program in the new session of Congress beginning in January.

The Republican National Committee is expected to meet in December or early January and the cry will be loud then for a new statement of party principles that might help next year.

President Truman himself wrote a letter and made a speech for Mr. Lehman. A couple of dozen of the biggest names of the Roosevelt-Truman era were hauled out in appeals for Democratic victory.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, on the GOP side, put everything he had into the campaign for Mr. Dulles. But it wasn't enough.

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Hague Resigns After GOP Wins In New Jersey

Driscoll's Victory Knockout Blow to Once-Mighty Machine

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 9 (UPI)—Re-election of Republican Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll finished off Frank Hague's once-mighty political machine today.

The Democratic boss himself resigned after more than three decades as a power in New Jersey.

The 73-year-old Mr. Hague had based his all-out try for a political comeback on State Sen. Elmer Wene, Gov. Driscoll's Democratic opponent.

Mr. Wene conceded defeat early today when returns from 2723 out of the state's 3707 precincts gave him 589,860 votes to 659,864 for Gov. Driscoll. Mr. Hague then announced his resignation as head of the state Democratic Party.

A power behind New Jersey politics for 33 years, Mr. Hague was one of the big campaign issues. Gov. Driscoll denounced Mr. Wene, a Cumberland County chicken farmer, as the "hand-picked" candidate of Mr. Hague.

Even Jersey City, Mr. Hague's old stronghold, heaped on the defeat. The city voted to end a 20-year ban on dancing in Jersey City night clubs and taverns.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 9 (UPI)—James Michael Curley slipped into seclusion today, a tired and disappointed old man toppled from his mayor's throne by the opponent who sat in while he fretted in jail.

The 74-year-old Curley sent a brief message of congratulations to his conqueror, City Clerk John B. Hynes, and then returned to his home.

He would see no one and would issue no statement.

Mr. Curley's defeat undoubtedly spelled an end to the stormy political career that began at the turn of the century and led him through four terms as mayor of Boston, two as Congressman and one as governor of Massachusetts.

There also was included a term of five months in a federal correctional institution for mail fraud.

City Clerk Hynes was lifted into the mayor's chair by the Massachusetts legislature while Mr. Curley was in prison.

Handbill Distributors Dismissed by Judge

Two persons arrested on vagrancy charges while distributing handbills on Oct. 22 were discharged by Judge Alex Clark in Municipal Court today.

The defendants, Abraham Boxerman, 2023 E. 54th St., and Edna Lee Cohen, 29½ S. Delaware St., contended they were not guilty of vagrancy as defined by the legislature, and that the city has no power to make definitions of its own.

Police said Mr. Boxerman and Mrs. Cohen, when questioned, were distributing leaflets protesting conviction of 11 Communist leaders in New York and that they were charged with vagrancy when they refused to give their names.

College of Law Classes Name Officers

Fourteen members of the 1909-10 classes of the Indianapolis College of Law named officers and planned to meet annually at a reunion banquet last night in the Columbia Club.

Judge Dan B. White of the local probate court was elected president of the combined classes. Ralph S. Norwood, president of L. Strauss & Co., was named vice president; George O. Lehman, treasurer, and Arthur H. Stettler, secretary.

The Indianapolis College of Law is the forerunner of the Benjamin Harrison Law School and the Indianapolis branch of Indiana University's Law School.

Alfred E. Driscoll . . . he scored only major GOP victory.

Student Fatally Burned During Playful Fight

STILLWATER, Okla., Nov. 9 (UPI)—Turpentine, mistaken for water during a "playful fight" in a college boarding house, resulted in the death of a New Mexico student when the inflammable liquid ignited.

Bernard Freeburg, 21, Lordburg, N. M., suffered burns on three-fourths of his body yesterday when a classmate, Edgar Huxley, Blackwell, Okla., tossed a jar of turpentine at him during a water fight. The "water" splashed against a gas heater. Mr. Freeburg died a few hours later.

Elections at a Glance—

U. S. Senator

New York—Ex-Gov. Herbert Lehman, Democrat, elected over John Foster Dulles, Republican.

Congressmen

New York—(10th District)—Mrs. Edna Kelly, Democrat, elected over Jules Cohen, Liberal, and George W. Fankuchen, Republican.

California—(5th District)—John F. Shieley, Democrat, elected over Lloyd Congrove, Republican.

Governors

New Jersey—Gov. Alfred Driscoll, Republican, re-elected over State Sen. Elmer Wene, Democrat.

Virginia—John S. Battle, Democrat, elected over Walter Johnson, Republican, and Clarke T. Robb, Social Democrat.

Louisville, Ky.—Charles Franklin, Democrat, elected over H. Dickson, Republican.

Cleveland—Thomas A. Burke, Democrat, re-elected over Franklin Polk, Republican.

Boston—John B. Hynes elected over James M. Curley, Patrick McDonough, George Oaken, and Walter O'Brien (non-partisan).

Pittsburgh—David L. Lawrence,

Who's Doing the Hunting Anyhow?



New York Victory Hailed by Jacobs

Warms Party Not To Get Too Cocky

New York state election results should serve as a warning to both major parties, Rep. Andrew Jacobs, Indianapolis Democrat, declared today in Washington.

"The triumph of my party in New York carries with it the danger of Democrats becoming so cocky that they think they can't beat," Mr. Jacobs said.

"It should be a lesson to Republicans that they can't win by using such political cuss-words as 'statism' and 'welfare state.'

"Every good Democrat will agree that the state should not regulate everything, but Republicans make a mistake by giving the impression that they want the state not to regulate anything."

"Extremes breed extremes. As

President Truman has pointed out the approval of Democratic power should make our party more and more responsible. There is danger in swinging too far fast. If this is done, the Republicans will win, providing that they are not completely reactionary."

Tight-Lipped GOP

In Indianapolis boding Republicans stuck tight-lipped to their recent resolution of "no more self criticism."

Cale Holder, GOP state chairman, sounded the general attitude with the statement:

"We had a glorious victory in New Jersey. In New York—the Democrats seem to be retreating."

Hunters are urged to wear rubber gloves in cleaning rabbits. Rabbit fever may be contracted either from the fur or the blood, the Health Board said.

Diseased animals may be identified by whitish spots found on the animal's liver.

'A Most Happy Evening'

President Gets a Big Lift Out of Victory in New York

Declares Republican 'Fiasco' Sets Sights for 1950 Congressional Elections

By MERRIMAN SMITH, United Press White House Reporter
WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—It was a gay, festive occasion and President Truman was obviously enjoying himself. He grinned in delight as he looked over the crowd from his seat on the dias in the main ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel.

The occasion was a dinner given by the Women's National Democratic Club here in the District of Columbia.

Prosperity of the world as a whole."

He shuffled the election figures in his hands and beamed as the guests cheered.

"I am exceedingly happy," the President continued.

He said the Democrats' election victory in the home ballroom of his 1948 presidential opponent, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, was a GOP "fiasco" which would have a great bearing on the outcome of the 1950 congressional elections.

Right This Time, Gallup Chortles

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 (UPI)—Dr. George Gallup said today he

would "quit eating crow and try a little pheasant for a change" after his new system of pre-election poll taking correctly forecast Herbert Lehman's election as U. S. Senator from New York.

The Gallup poll met a storm of abuse last year when it predicted Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's election over President Truman.

In the New York senatorial election yesterday the new Gallup poll, based on areas rather than occupational quotas, predicted 46 per cent of the votes for Mr. Lehman and 34 per cent for Mr. Dulles with 20 per cent undecided.

The approximate vote was 53 per cent for Mr. Lehman and 47 for Mr. Dulles.

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