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RD3 Gerald Grant, OI div. of Kansas City, Mo. stands the aft lookout on sea detail as *Enterprise* puts to sea for carrier qualifications. (Ledger Staff Photo)

ELECTION UNDECIDED

The two most nervous men in the world at this hour (3 a.m.), are Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey. Both have a chance to become President of the United States.

The latest poll puts Nixon ahead in the popular vote count with the G.O.P. candidate currently holding 26,981,338 votes to Humphrey's 25,775,631 count. In the electoral count Nixon holds 197 to Humphrey's 137.

If Humphrey or Nixon fail to win the necessary 270 electoral votes, and that's a possibility, Wallace then would be in a position to deal with his 45 votes in the electoral college.

Both candidates are short of the needed majority and need victories in the remaining states

for the Presidency. However, to win the big prize, the Vice President probably will have to win California and Illinois as well. Those states are still a long way from being decided.

The Democrats, by all indications, are going to keep their grasp on Congress in voting today that has made Mrs. Shirley Chisholm of New York, the first Negro woman to be sent to Congress.

Chisholm scored an upset victory tonight over civil rights leader James Farmer, the former head of the Congress of Racial Equality.

Candidates Sit Tight as Record Turnout Expected

One of the tightest campaigns in recent American political history is over.

With a last week surge by Vice President Humphrey, the race became so close the professional pollsters said it was impossible to predict the outcome.

A telephone survey of voters by Sindlinger and Company gave Humphrey 35.6 per cent of the vote Nixon 34.1 per cent, and Wallace 13.8 per cent. Sindlinger said the remaining 16.5 per cent either was undecided or refused to express a preference.

The final Harris survey of the campaign gave Humphrey 43 per cent Nixon 40 per cent, and Wallace 3 per cent, with 4 per cent undecided.

A record turnout was expected for the election. It was estimated that 81 per cent of the registered voters, nearly 73 million people, would cast ballots.

This would be about two million more than the previous record turnout, in 1964.

At stake in the voting, besides the White House, were 34 of the 100 seats in the U.S. Senate, and all 435 seats in the House of Representatives. Twenty-one governorships were also being contested.

In the final day of his campaign, Hubert Humphrey received one of his best receptions as he spoke in Los Angeles.

Monday night Humphrey spent four hours on live tv, two hours going to the eastern half and two to the western part of the country.

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Loyalist Troops

Crush Jordanian

Dissident Revolt

An attempted uprising was crushed today in Jordan. It was described as an attempt by rebellious Palestine commandos to take over the government.

The government in Amman announced it was crushed by troops loyal to King Hussein after several hours of fighting. But hours after the main fighting died down, army tanks and armored tanks ringed the capital and patrolled the streets.

Isolated clashes persisted, but these apparently resulted from a mopping up by loyalist forces.

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America's Leaders Among First to Cast Ballots

Across America the great and near great made the quadrennial pilgrimage to the voting booth.

There wasn't much doubt that President Johnson balloted for Hubert Humphrey, but he wouldn't answer questions about his choice.

The President and First Lady were voters number 12 and 13 in Johnson City, Texas. The election was something of a novelty for the retiring President. It was one of the few national elections since 1937 when Johnson has not been a candidate, for Congress, the Senate, the Vice-Presidency, or the White House.

In Waverly, Minnesota, Humphrey presumably voted for himself, but told inquiring newsmen, "It's a secret." It was a bleak and cold day in Waverly as the Vice President and his wife Muriel cast the paper ballots Minnesota uses.

Humphrey's running mate, Senator Edmund Muskie, cast his ballot in Waterville, Maine, within earshot of about 175 anti-war demonstrators who chanted "free elections now." Muskie said the demonstrators didn't bother him.

Republican Veep candidate Spiro Agnew voted early in the day in Annapolis, Maryland. He said he was looking forward to victory, but was prepared to lose in case victory doesn't come.

Wallace's running mate, Curtis LeMay, voted near his home in a suburb of Los Angeles. Asked how he voted, LeMay replied, "How do you think?"

Voter number 67 at a polling place in Independence, Mo. was former President Harry Truman. Truman walked the two blocks from his home to cast his ballot in the building where he has voted for many years.

Truman was asked if he'd talked with President Johnson or Hubert Humphrey. He replied: "If they have not done enough to win the election now, it is too late for me to do anything for them today."

Around the country, voting was running at a record pace. Reports told of long lines in many areas.

In a suburb of Columbus, Ohio, 80 people were in line when the polls opened.

In one precinct in North Carolina, cars were backed up for two miles at polling place.

Bad weather in some areas didn't keep voters from turning out in record numbers.

Clark Clifford Issues Veterans Day Statement

Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford issued a Veteran's Day statement today.

"What was once known as Armistice Day years ago, changed to Veteran's Day. I think we all understand the reason. The original Armistice Day was to celebrate the close of what was called 'the war to end war.' But that conflict, World War I, as costly in blood and destruction as it was, did not end war. War begins in the minds of men who choose to violate the rights of others. No real patriot wants war. But no American patriot wants a world in which the rights of others are without safeguard. History teaches one irrefutable lesson: It is the strong who are safe, but it is the weak who are the adversaries. Our nation is strong, and will remain strong so that our own rights, and the rights of all men who believe that rights are sacred, may be secure. We honor those who came bearing arms for our country. There is no greater pledge of patriotism than to risk one's life in the fight for people's rights. That pledge, every veteran has made. We are, all of us, in these brave ones' debt."

CAMBODIA CONTINUES TO HOLD U.S. RIVERBOAT

Cambodia once more has refused to release a United States river boat and its crew of 12. It has held them since they were seized in Cambodian waters last July 17th.

Cambodia's continued refusal to free them became known today when the United Nations circulated copies of a letter from the Cambodian government to the United States dated October 19th. The letter, in reply to two U.S. messages seeking the release of the LCU 1577 and its crew, was circulated at the request of Cambodia.

"The Royal Government," the letter said, "profoundly deplores the fact that the United States government persists in its unjust attitude towards Cambodia and by its systematic hostility prevents any improvements in relations between the two countries."

It added that: "In these circumstances, the Royal Government would in no way be justified in making a good will gesture with regard to the LCU 1577 and its crew."

JORDAN REVOLT

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There was no official announcement of casualties, but travelers who went from Amman to Damascus, the capitol of neighboring Syria, reported 16 persons had been killed and 40 wounded on both sides. The U.S. Embassy in Amman said no Americans had been harmed.

It was the most violent confrontation so far between King Hussein's moderate pro-Western government and the commando forces who have turned the kingdom into a base of operations against Israel.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council took up the latest hostilities between Israel and Egypt along the Suez Canal, and the deep penetration of the Nile Valley last week by Israeli forces.

Peace Talks Put Off, No New Date Set

South Vietnam apparently has thrown a monkey wrench into the new phase of Vietnam talks scheduled to begin in Paris tomorrow.

South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu repeated today his refusal to recognize the Viet-Cong in negotiations.

The United States today announced the talks are off indefinitely; possibly pending agreement with South Vietnam over its willingness to join the Paris meetings.

United States spokesman William Jordan says no date has been set for a fresh start to the expanded Washington-Hanoi talks. Jordan said the U.S. will consult with the Saigon regime with hopes President Thieu will decide to send delegates to Paris.

President Thieu has left open the possibility of future Paris negotiations. He says South Vietnam will not bargain with the Viet Cong tomorrow. But he says he has made no decision for the future.

Reports disclosed today indicate President Thieu agreed to the Paris conference before President Johnson called the bombing halt. But recent U.S.-Saigon disagreement led U.S. delegates to seek postponement in secret negotiations with Hanoi.

Rallies called by the Saigon government to support President Thieu's boycott of the expanded

Paris peace talks are scheduled in a few hours. But Thieu has warned against anti-American demonstrations. And in Paris, there is a report the Saigon boycott may delay the new talks tentatively planned to start Wednesday.

U.S. Ambassador Averell Harriman and North Vietnamese negotiator Xuan Thuy are said to have discussed the possibility of postponing the start of the talks. The Viet Cong delegation arrived today. Saigon has declined to send representatives because it does not want to deal with the Viet Cong in the negotiations.

An American spokesman said that as soon as a date is decided on for the expanded meetings, it will be announced.

The head of the Viet Cong peace team held her first news conference since arriving in Paris. Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, a veteran guerilla, said South Vietnam's political future could be discussed without the presence of representatives from Saigon, so far the U.S. has refused to consider this.

Mrs. Binh also served notice that the Viet Cong will not discuss a cease-fire at the peace talks until South Vietnam's political future has been settled.

HUMPHREY

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After the tv appearance Humphrey flew home to Minneapolis. He plans to rest for a day or two at his home in Waverly.

Humphrey said the U.S. should proceed with the peace talks regardless of what South Vietnam does. He added, "We have kept our word as an ally. We have every right to expect the government of South Vietnam to keep its word."

NIXON

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Richard Nixon spent the night watching the returns in a suite rented for the occasion in the Waldorf Towers in New York. He had voted by absentee ballot last week.

The G.O.P. candidate also spent his last day on the trail in Los Angeles. Speaking at his California headquarters, he said only his election could avoid "a diplomatic disaster in the Vietnam peace talks."

Nixon also restated his feeling that, in the event of a deadlock, whichever candidate gets the most popular votes should be president.

HUMPHREY AGREES

Vice President Humphrey has said throughout the campaign he agrees with Nixon, but felt such a solution would require a Constitutional amendment. In other words, Humphrey believes the winner should be chosen by the House of Representatives, if there is no majority in the Electoral College.

Spiro Agnew, Nixon's running mate, finished his campaign with a final blast at the bombing halt.

Agnew told an audience in Charleston, West Virginia he hopes Ho Chi Minh's statements about fighting on do not represent the attitude on North Vietnam at the Paris peace talks.

WALLACE CLAIMS 'VICTORY'

Third party candidate George Wallace and his running mate Curtis LeMay sat out the results in Wallace's home town, Clayton, Alabama. He told newsmen upon arrival that his "movement has already won."

"Already," Wallace said, "both national parties sound as if our party had written their speeches on many items. So our philosophy.. is going to be incorporated in the government from now on by those who run for Congress...and the Presidency."

Denny McLain

Wins A.L. MVP

The voting for American League Most Valuable Player is over, and it was one of the year's less exciting elections.

The winner by a landslide, in fact, unanimously, was Detroit pitcher Denny McLain.

McLain also won the Cy Young Award this year, the first American League pitcher to win both trophies. Sandy Koufax and Don Newcomb of the Los Angeles Dodgers had won the two awards before.

It was the first time since 1952 a pitcher was chosen American League M.V.P. In that year Bobby Schanz of the old Philadelphia A's won the award.

McLain won 31 games this year and led the Tigers to the World Championship.

CAL, OHIO STATE,

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AP TOP TEN

Both Southern California and Ohio State came through with victories last week, and they paid off this week in the Associated Press football poll.

While retaining their number one ranking, Southern Cal's margin over the Buckeyes narrowed considerably. The Trojans had a total of 816 points to Ohio's 803.

There were no changes in the top six teams, with Kansas third, undefeated Penn State running in fourth, Tennessee in fifth and Purdue in sixth place.

Michigan moved up from ninth to seventh, and Missouri moved up from tenth to eighth. Georgia dropped from seventh to ninth, and Texas rounds off the top ten.

California dropped from the top ten to the number eleven spot.

Notre Dame came in twelfth in the poll, followed by Houston, Arkansas, Oregon State, Ohio U., Michigan State, Auburn, Wyoming, and Louisiana State.

SPORTS SHORTS

With four official tournaments left on the schedule, Kathy Whitworth has boosted her golf earnings for the year to \$42,829.00. Carol Mann is next with \$42,271.

Earl Monroe, of the Baltimore Bullets, continues to lead the scorers in the National Basketball Association with 300 points. Elgin Baylor of the Los Angeles Lakers, is next with 249. Baylor has the best percentage per game with 31 points.

After three weeks of action, a pair of Chicago Black Hawks, Bobby Hull and Stan Mikita, are tied for the point lead in the National Hockey League with 18 points each. Bob Nevin, of the New York Rangers, is next with 31 points.

English Derby winner "Sir Ivor" has arrived at Laurel, Maryland, for the Washington D.C. International on Monday. He is the first English Derby winner to compete in this country since "Papyrus" was beaten by "Zev" in a special match race at Belmont Park in 1923. "Sir Ivor" is owned by the U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, Raymond Guest.

British amateur soccer player, Peter Terry, has been banned for six weeks after kicking an opponent during a game. When he isn't playing soccer, Terry is a policeman.

Linebacker John Huard, of the Denver Broncos, has been named the American Football League's Defensive Player of the Week, in an associated press poll.

Huard starred in last Sunday's 35 to 14 victory scored by the Broncos over the Boston Patriots. He made ten tackles; helped on four others and was the main reason why Jim Nance was held to 51 yards in 21 carries.

Other defensive standouts were Dan Birdwell of the Oakland Raiders; Steve Delong of the San Diego Chargers; Willie West of the Miami Dolphins, and Johnny Sample of the New York Jets.



An F-4 Phantom sends up a cloud of black smoke while preparing to launch a pilot for carrier landing qualification aboard *Enterprise*. (Ledger Photo Staff)