

Truman's Victory Claim Challenged By G.O.P. Guide

WASHINGTON — (AP) — GOP national Chairman Guy Gabrielson has challenged President Truman's forecast that the Democrats would show net gains in both houses of congress in the Nov. 7 election. He told a news conference that the results "are going to be just the reverse," adding: "If we keep on working as we have been I think it is going to be very definitely Republican."

The President told his news conference Thursday he believed the election outcome would be a landslide for the party in power and that Republicans are going to be just as surprised as they were in 1948.

Gabrielson had just returned from a campaign tour of eight western states. He said the Republicans are "quite sure" of picking up Democratic senate seats in California and Idaho, and have good chances of doing the same in some of the other western states. On the other hand, President Truman's forecast was supported by Senator Clinton Anderson (D-NM), acting chairman of the Democratic national committee.

Prediction Countered
Meeting with reporters after the Gabrielson news conference, Anderson predicted that present Democratic majorities in the Senate and the House will be retained. He said he expected the Democrats

to pick up from two to four senate seats.
"There will not be a change of more than 10 or 15 house seats either way," Anderson continued, adding that if the Democrats add that many to their present house majority "that would be a landslide."
Taking up some of the states he visited, Gabrielson had this to say: Oregon — "There is no doubt but what Senator Morse (R) will win."
Washington — Walter Williams, Republican senate candidate is "putting on a very fine, aggressive campaign." Gabrielson said it was too early, however, to say whether he will beat Senator Magnuson (D). Democrat Anderson was in almost direct conflict with Gabrielson in forecasting state-by-state results. Anderson offered these comments on individual races:
Washington — Senator Magnuson "ought to be safe" in his race with Williams.
Oregon — party leaders here apparently concede the election of Senator Morse. Anderson said the Democratic senatorial candidate, Howard Latourette, has not contacted the national campaign committee.



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GOP Collegians Hit

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They called for repeal or revision of the McCarran-Wood bill for control of subversives, a measure which was passed by Congress over President Truman's veto.
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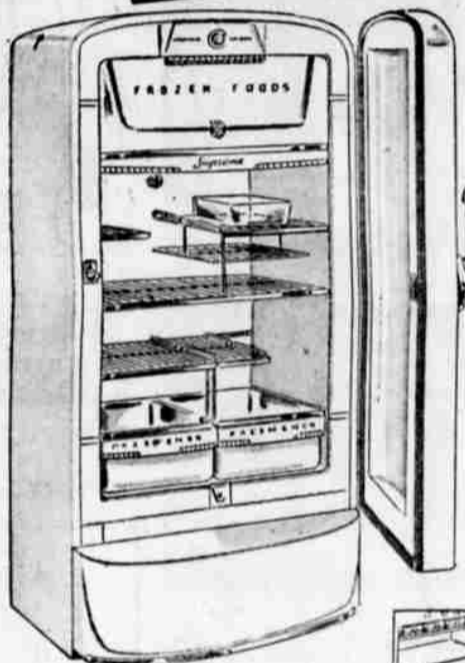
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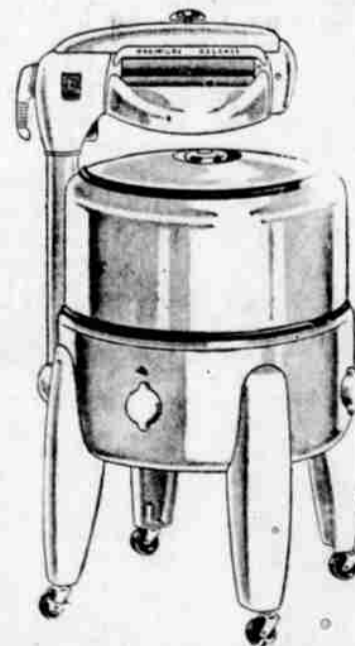
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