

American Public Apathetic In 'Hot' Political Campaign

By ED CREAGH
WASHINGTON (AP) — The political campaign is getting hotter. The candidates are raising their voices and extending their crusading range. But what do the voters think about all the shouting?

Until recently, at least, they have taken it with remarkable calm.

Some political professionals, admittedly with an ax to grind, say this apathy has been sloughing off in the past few days.

The Republicans say President Eisenhower's Oct. 8 call for a GOP

Congress gave their campaign a among Republicans.

Associated Press political reporters touring the country, however, find there still is no hot public interest in the campaign—whatever its final 2½ weeks may bring — except here and there, shot in the arm. The Democrats say the only apathy they find is where special issues or unusual situations have arisen.

"The 1954 campaign is a play without a villain and the comedy isn't even good slapstick," says the AP's Don Whitehead. "The

politicians are working hard to keep the audience awake, but everybody seems pretty sure nothing exciting will happen in the next act either."

Much the same appraisal—voter apathy, except in certain areas where unemployment or other issues stir interest—comes from other traveling AP men—Douglas B. Cornell, Reiman Morin, Jack Bell and Morrie Landsberg.

All their reports came in before there was time to assess the possible effect of Secretary of Defense Louis A. Howie's now-famous remark about bird dogs and kennel-fed dogs.

Whitehead has been in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan. Cornell has visited Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Bell is reporting on Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Mon-

tana. Morin's territory includes New Jersey, Delaware, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Landsberg has been in California, Oregon and Nevada.

Privately, and sometimes publicly, many political professionals agree with Whitehead's appraisal, written from Louisville, Ky.: "So far as I can see there isn't a compelling issue or personality around to get the mass of voters excited. Business generally is good. There's no war. Nobody seems to be very mad about anything, unless it's a man who's out of a job."

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ROME (AP) — Europe's towering Alps jured at least 146 adventurers to their deaths in the 1954 mountain climbing season. Last year Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France and Germany counted 269 mountain deaths.

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FROM NINE TO FIVE

By Jo Fischer



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About Animals

ACROSS

- 1 Vulpine animal
- 5 Hibernating animal
- 9 Ham-producing animal
- 12 State
- 13 English princess
- 14 Japanese sash
- 15 Blacken
- 17 Sesame
- 18 Come in
- 19 Blandest
- 21 Lateral part
- 23 Male child
- 24 Arabian garment
- 27 Farmer popular song
- 29 Shoshonean Indians
- 32 Direct
- 34 Trigonometry function
- 36 Newspaper executive
- 37 Walks
- 38 Bird's home
- 39 Blackthorn
- 41 California
- 42 Consume
- 44 Nomad
- 46 Sponsors
- 49 Move to music
- 53 Social insect
- 54 Re-examiners
- 56 Follower
- 57 Observes
- 58 Ages
- 59 Legal matters
- 60 Advantages
- 61 Cupola

DOWN

- 1 Walk in water
- 2 Baking chamber in a stove
- 3 Fasting season
- 4 Cooks in fat
- 5 Barrier
- 6 Glossy paint
- 7 Opposed
- 8 Staggers
- 9 Possible
- 10 Wading bird
- 11 Golden
- 16 Foreigner in Mexico
- 20 Dip in water
- 22 Workers
- 24 Prayer ending
- 25 Commanded
- 26 Liqueurs
- 28 Thespian
- 30 Within (prefix)
- 31 Soap-making frame
- 33 Perfume
- 35 Mountain nymphs
- 40 Endured
- 43 Body trunk
- 45 Halted
- 46 Couple
- 47 Poker stake
- 48 Lack
- 50 Roman emperor
- 51 Stuff
- 52 Essential being
- 55 Worm

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9-Month Traffic Fatalities 281

Oregon's nine-month traffic death toll now stands at 281, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry reported today.

September accidents claimed at least 35 lives although there is a possibility that the count may go higher if delayed reports are received or if injured persons succumb.

Last year, September traffic claimed 42 lives and the nine-month toll was 293.

While traffic deaths were down for the month and year, the secretary noted that traffic violation convictions were up to nearly an all-time high with 11,009 reported to his office.

Driver license suspensions likewise were up—742 during September alone. Driving while intoxicated convictions, an offense which calls for mandatory suspension, accounted for 316 recalled licenses. Two hundred twenty

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