

Oregon's Governor Race Overshadowed By Important Senate Election Campaign

(This is the fourth of six stories about the candidates and issues in Oregon's general election campaign. This is about the races for governor and labor commissioner).

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SALEM, Ore. — The contest for governor of Oregon, overshadowed by the struggle for United States senator, hasn't developed any clear-cut issues, and Gov. Paul L. Patterson, a Republican, is heavily

favoring to win. Patterson, like his Democratic opponent, former Mayor Joseph K. Carson Jr. of Portland, never has faced the voters in a statewide election before. Both candidates are pitching

their election bids on promises of more industries for Oregon. Carson, a lawyer as is Patterson, says Patterson is responsible for the large unemployment each winter, and that Carson would get new industries through low-cost public power.

But Patterson, pointing out that he has a state development commission working on the problem, says he's doing all he can, and that the unemployment problem is greatly exaggerated by the Democrats.

Democratic leaders aren't very optimistic about Carson's chances, because they recognize that Patterson is very popular. His smashing victory in the primary election, over Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, is proof of that.

While Carson is all out for public power, Patterson hasn't mentioned where he stands on the power issue. However, some time ago he did say he supported the Eisenhower-McKay partnership plan.

Patterson was somewhat disappointed when he didn't get the endorsement of the state AFL and CIO organizations. He points out

that in the 1953 Legislature, he opposed the bill to limit picketing to organizations which have contracts with the employer being picketed. He did sign the bill, however, with the explanation that he just wanted a court test of it.

Patterson's supporters point out that back in the 30's, when Carson was mayor of Portland, he was a conservative Democrat, and wasn't considered a friend of labor.

Carson says he wants to do away with "useless boards and commissions" opposes legislation to restrict labor, would fight a sales tax, wants bigger old age pensions, and better schools.

Patterson, accused by Sen. Wayne Morse of "straddling" the issues, said he would support a sales tax only after all other kinds of taxes had been explored.

Patterson said his short administration has increased college education facilities, obtained lower freight rates for wheat, and "has done a realistic job" in running the state on a sound, economical basis. His slogan is "honesty and integrity" in government.

Patterson, then president of the State Senate, unexpectedly became governor on Dec. 17, 1932, when then Gov. Douglas McKay became secretary of the Interior.

Another man who was disappointed, and somewhat angered by labor's endorsement, is State Sen. S. Eugene Allen, Portland. Allen is the Republican candidate for labor commissioner, and the backing of labor went to his Democratic opponent, Norman O. Nilsen, Portland plumber.

The reason Allen is sore about this is that he was editor of the AFL's Oregon Labor Press for 12 years, and was credited by labor with having a perfect voting record for labor in the last Legislature. Allen thinks this is a stab in the back, and he takes to task his former AFL cohorts for becoming too wedded to the Democrats.

Allen resigned recently as secretary of the Restaurant Owners Assn. He also has been chairman of the Portland school board.

Allen, because he is much better known than Nilsen, is a heavy favorite to win. However, he's worried about his chances.

In the primary election, Allen defeated H. E. Barker, Salem labor leader, for the Republican nomination. Now Barker has bolt-

ed, asking his supporters to vote for Nilsen.

There aren't any issues in this contest. Both candidates say they will work for the benefit of all, and let it go at that.

Nilsen worked for the State Labor Department for five years, as state director of apprenticeship, and he was with the U. S. Labor Department for two years as a field representative.

The only other position on the statewide ballot is for state superintendent of public instruction. This non-partisan job has been held by Rex Putnam since 1937, and he again has no opposition.

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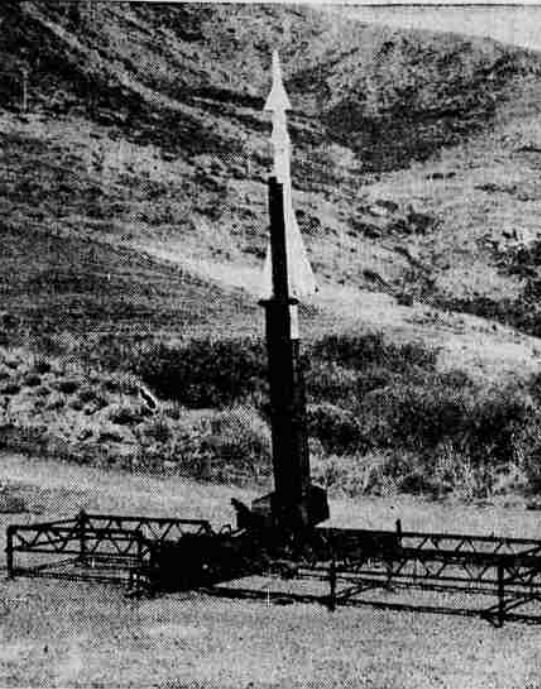


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