

Oregon Republicans Blame Defeat Last Year On Lack Of Precinct Organization

By GORDON G. MACNAB

PORTLAND (AP)—The Republican defeat in Oregon last year still ripples.

A dozen top office holders and professional Republican Party workers made that clear here early this month.

They said, though, they had learned a lesson from that defeat. And they said they would use that lesson to capture the national—and Oregon—elections next year.

These things emerged as the view of top Republicans who spoke at the Republican Western Conference here early in November, and spread out for local study their design for victory in 1956.

Their overall view is this: America is at peace and is prosperous. The Eisenhower administration can be credited with both.

Because of these two things the people—if they are approached properly—can be counted on to return the Republicans to office.

This approach to the people is the key.

Robert Humphreys, the Republican organizer, said it was a matter of organizing right down to precinct and block level.

"We got out-organized," he said of the 1954 Oregon election of Democrat Dick Neuberger over Republican Sen. Guy Gordon.

Issues alone are not going to decide the next election, he said. Organization will be the determining factor.

Democrats haven't had a meeting comparable to the Republican Western Conference. If they do have one, it's not likely that they will soft-pedal the need for organizing either. They can be expected to say that if the Republicans are convinced it was organization which cost them an Oregon Senate seat, they'd better get set to run into more of the same.

And the Republicans left no doubt they do think it was organizing. Leonard Hall, national chairman, put it in those words. He said, "We lost a senator in Oregon last year because of the lack of precinct organization in the city of Portland."

Hall said too, looking toward next year's senatorial race: "The people of Oregon will take care of Morse."

So from the Republican Western Conference, and from the assur-

ance that the winner isn't likely to change tactics, the people of Oregon can look for as lively and as close-to-home campaigning as they have ever known.

The contest to unseat Sen. Wayne Morse, whose switch to the Democratic Party was particularly irritating to the Republicans, will be the central point of the Oregon campaign.

At a meeting in which names of candidates and prospective candidates were so conspicuously avoided, the frequent references to Sen. Morse were notable.

"Senator Flip-flop," said Bertha Adkins, assistant to the national chairman, with obvious distaste. "Demagoguery, especially in Oregon," she said, is going to be one of the things to overcome.

So the talk of the need to organize and ring doorbells and to chat with voters at coffee parties, got down often to the point of saying that the Republicans are aiming strongly at beating Morse.

There was no mention of anyone who might oppose him.

There has been occasional reference to Rep. Sam Con on as a possible candidate. Whether it was with this in mind, or whether it was in salute to him for having carried on a lively series of debates with Sen. Neuberger on power, he got a mighty round of applause when introduced at a dinner meeting of the Western conference.

It seemed to some to have been the most spontaneous and most hearty applause of the three-day meeting.

A national news magazine has said without qualification Gov. Patterson will be the candidate to oppose Morse.

The prime aim of the conference was, of course, to outline what the party has done and to talk about plans for winning the national election next year.

But it was interesting to observe how much of the talk centered around the problems which are close to Oregon: Power and the other natural resources.

And it was of interest, too, to note how often the talk turned to the Oregon voter—that man who so long was a staunch Republican and who now has become, surprisingly, someone who must be courted.



CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR—That's why Santa Claus Lucky S. Squire is signing up for a postholiday-season job in New York City. After all, Santa has to eat the year round.

Wrong Answer Given To Question

NEW YORK (AP)—A Czech-born naturalized citizen gave the wrong answer in part of his reply on "The \$64,000 Question" television and radio show Tuesday night, but he won \$32,000 anyway because the producer made an error.

Steven Frolich, 39, a Princeton, N. J., seed dealer, was asked the name, year of enactment and the subject of the last seven amendments to the Constitution.

When he came to the 19th he gave the subject—women's vote—correctly and started guessing about the year, stating 1920 and

1921. Finally he settled on 1921 and the producer accepted it as correct. Records show it became law in 1920.

"This is our error," a spokesman for the producer said Wednesday. "And if ever any error is made by us we have to rule in favor of the contestant."

The spokesman said this is the first time such an error has been made.

As a result, Frolich can try for the top prize next week, or he can stop and keep the \$32,000.

Frolich's correct answer on the other amendments was: 16th, 1913, federal income tax; 17th, 1913, direct election of senators; 18th, 1919, prohibition; 20th, 1933, inauguration of president and congress moved up; 21st, 1933, repeal of prohibition; 22nd, 1951, restriction of presidential terms.

ELECTRICAL DECORATION

Why not add a two-way plug with a length of electrical cord, to the gift of an electrical appliance as a useful gag that says, "Plug in to a Merry Christmas."

Grange To Fight Taxation Against Farmer Co-op

CLEVELAND (AP)—The National Grange has served notice that it will fight any taxation "which restricts or penalizes the operation and services of farmer cooperatives."

Delegates to the 10th annual convention of the Grange expressed opposition Tuesday to such a taxation in approving a report by a committee on cooperative activities.

Delegates also went on record as opposing a recommendation of the Hoover Commission to abolish the Rural Electrification Administration.

They called upon Congress "to provide loan authorization and administration funds for the REA to insure continued progress so that extensions can be made into unserved areas, existing electric systems modernized to meet increased energy demands and generating plants and transmission lines constructed where reasonably necessary."

It was voted to hold the 1956 convention in New York State, the city to be selected later.

Congressional Group Ends Income Hearings

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Senate-Economic subcommittee today winds up a five-day hearing on ways and means to improve the earning power and the level of living of low-income families.

Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.), subcommittee chairman, said Labor Department statistics in September showed that there were 26 major and 94 smaller areas of substantial labor surplus in the United States.

The areas, Sparkman said, included 200,000 of the approximately three million unemployed in the nation at the time.

He said the hearing has brought out a decided need for federal help along with local and state participation in aiding distressed labor areas that have lost their industry. Technical guidance as well as money is needed in these areas, he said.

MESSIAH REHEARSAL

A special rehearsal for the Messiah Festival Chorus has been called for Sunday at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Roseburg. All members are urged to attend.

Garden Valley Students Visit Roseburg Library

By ADDIE SCHNEIDER

Twenty-two second graders of the Garden Valley School were taken on a field trip recently to the Roseburg library.

They took with them a gift of autumn leaves to the librarian, Miss Muriel Mitchell. There they saw the library and heard stories.

They especially enjoyed the exhibit from Jerusalem by Mrs. Florence Aiken Banks.

Mothers, Mrs. Frank Kees and Mrs. Don Nickson, assisted the teacher, Mrs. Davis, with the tour.

Students were transported in the school bus driven by Mrs. Beverly Christian.

Receives Promotion
Jack Walters has sent news to his wife, Molly, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Walters, that he has been advanced to Machinist Mate first class. He expects to be discharged from the Gen. A.

Portland Will Vacate Streets Needed For Center
PORTLAND (AP)—The Portland City Council will vacate streets needed for the proposed sports center either near the civic auditorium or near the east end of the Steel Bridge. Both those sites have been proposed.

The council also will turn over the auditorium to the commission directing the sports center if the commission wants it.

These were unanimous decisions. However on the question of turning over Buckman Field—a city park on the east side of the river near the city's geographical center—Commissioner Stanley Earl dissented for a 4-1 vote.

Hearings Set On Hoover Commission Report

WASHINGTON (AP)—A special House subcommittee studying the Hoover Commission report on water resources announced Wednesday it will hold hearings soon in six West and Midwest cities.

Chairman Jones (D-Ala.) said the sessions will be open to anyone wishing to submit oral or written testimony.

The hearings and dates include: Lewiston, Idaho, Dec. 2; Lewis and Clark Hotel, Portland, Ore., Dec. 5-8; Portland State College auditorium.

Dillard Man Taken To Portland Hospital

By ROSA HEINBACH

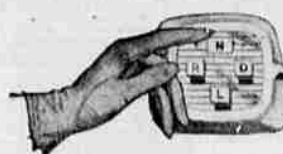
Russel Bryce of South Dillard was taken to Portland Saturday for emergency treatment for asthma. He is reported by his wife, who accompanied him to the Portland Sanitarium, that his condition is responding favorably to treatment and he will return in a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haven and Ralph Green of Medford came to Roseburg to attend and participate in the bowling tournament Saturday. They were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Prowell and also visited Mrs. Prowell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gordon, Los Angeles, and the latter's mother, Mrs. M. F. Rice, Roseburg, were guests of Mrs. Mercy Buell in Dillard Saturday. Joining the group for brunch were Mrs. Buell's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Buell.

Mrs. Stanford Buell took her mother, Mrs. Grace Barnes, and Mrs. Belle Clark to Eugene Monday on business.

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