

OREGON TIPS SENATE SCALES

Political Spotlight Focuses On Neuberger's Election

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Editor's note: The political spotlight of the nation is presently focused on Oregon, where voters in a surprising turn-about elected Richard L. Neuberger, tipping the Senate scales to Democratic control. In an effort to determine why the tables have turned in Oregon after 40 years of Republican senate rule, and what the political prognosis future shows, the Emerald has interviewed Waldo Schumacher, professor of political science.

"Neuberger is probably better known to the voters of Oregon, because of his state political record and his writing, than Cordon is after 10 years in the Senate," says political scientist Schumacher pointing to one of many reasons for the Cordon defeat.

The record of the incumbent, in Schumacher's opinion, was one of the main issues of the campaign. "In my opinion, Cordon took the wrong stand on a number of issues, such as the Bricker amendment. Also he was a nationalist against internationalists in his opposition to NATO, foreign aid and point four."

The increase in Democratic power could very well be attributed to the immigration to Oregon in the past 15 or 20 years, suggested Schumacher. Also there has been an influx of young people who seem to be less inclined to accept traditional attitudes.

Morse Aid Termed Assistance

On the significance of Senator Morse's part in the Neuberger campaign, Schumacher was cautious. "I think he was of definite assistance. However, there were a number of factors which contributed to Democratic success. Because the election was so close, possibly the absence of any one of these factors would have given the victory to the Republicans.

"I think many people were reluctant to follow Eisenhower's plea for the election of a Republican congress, when they knew that the Republicans would not support him on certain issues," said Schumacher, evaluating the President's role in the national campaign.

It would have been to Eisenhower's advantage, Schumacher believes, to have remained aloof from politics and supported candidates strictly on an individual basis. "As it is, the effect of the

election is to reduce Eisenhower's ability to appeal to congress and the nation on a non-partisan basis."

Men Agree on Issues

"Morse will not give Neuberger orders in the senate." The two men are in agreement on many issues, but Schumacher believes that they will both go pretty much their own way.

Regarding Neuberger's role as the new junior senator, Schumacher commented, "Any new Senator must observe closely, and if he goes out on a limb, there will always be someone there to cut off the limb."

Schumacher believes that the election has increased Morse's prestige. "Never sell Morse short," he says, referring to the 1956 senatorial race. "If the Democrats put up a man, making it a three-man race, the Republicans will probably win. But if it's Morse versus a Republican, that Republican will know he's been in a battle before the final results are in."

Positive Policy to Profit

On the whole, Schumacher believes that the Democratic congress will profit more by promoting a positive policy and working with Eisenhower than by playing politics. They will disagree on the tax issue, but will probably support the administration on its foreign policy, even better than did the Republicans.

While the Republicans will probably go along with the President, they'll be out to get Nixon and McCarthy. "Nixon, who has done the most to link the Democrats and communism, will be the primary target. By controlling the committees, the Democrats will control the investigations," explains Schumacher.

"The election was a shot in the arm to the Democrats," concluded Schumacher. "Now the future depends on the record that these people make."

Election Results In Many Firsts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are some of the "firsts" produced by the election:

First write-in candidate to win election to Congress, Democrat J. Strom Thurmond for U.S. senator from South Carolina.

First Republican elected to the House from Florida since reconstruction days, William C. Cramer of St. Petersburg.

More women, 16, sent to the Senate and House of the 84th Congress than ever before. The old record, 14, was set in the 83rd Congress. Also sitting in the House will be Mrs. Joseph Farrington, non-voting delegate from Hawaii.

First Ohio governor to win five terms, Democrat Frank F. Lausche.

First Michigan governor to win four terms, Democrat G. Mennen Williams.

First Maryland Republican governor to win re-election, Theodore R. McKeldin.

First Negro elected to the Maryland legislature, Truly Hatchett Baltimore Democrat chosen for the House of Delegates.

First Democratic - controlled legislature elected in Hawaii.

Democrat Victor, Edith Green, Hopes to Get a Few Days' Rest

PORTLAND-(AP)-Mrs. Edith Green, the housewife who broke a long string of Oregon Republican successes in House of Representative elections Tuesday, hopes she can just get away from "everything" for a few days' rest.

Her victory over Republican

Tom Lawson McCall became certain as returns piled up Wednesday. Her margin wound up at 10 to 9.

Mrs. Green, who campaigned on a platform of federal hydroelectric power development, increased aid to schools and conservation of resources, greeted victory with an attack of laryngitis that all but silenced her.

When her 12-year-old son Dick and his father, Arthur Green, interrupted her lunch with Democratic leaders at a downtown hotel Wednesday, she managed a hug and a misty eye, but if there was any word, those nearby couldn't hear it. Missing was their other son, Jim, 20, who enlisted in the Army a week ago and is at Ft. Ord.

The Greens, who have a trailer court, expect to sell it when they move to Washington.

Neuberger Gives Success Formula

PORTLAND - (AP) - The formula for political success:

A month before the election quit reading the newspapers or listening to broadcasts.

That was the method of Richard L. Neuberger, the 41-year-old Democrat who apparently had nosed out Republican Sen. Guy Cordon of Oregon.

"I made up my mind long ago that the only way was to avoid personalities. So on Oct. 1 I quit reading the newspapers—except for an occasional article pointed out to me by others—and I never listened to an opposition broadcast," said Neuberger.

"That way I avoided the danger of being angered and being tempted to respond," he said.

Red Aide Tries Defect

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