

Revision of State Election Laws - Needed, County Clerk Asserts

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Outside of the usual several hundred Marion county voters who will cast ballots in the wrong precincts, Marion county Clerk Harlan Judd expects the October 7 special election to run off smoothly.

But what about future elections in the county's rapidly increasing citizenry? Well, that is something else again, Judd said Saturday.

"With our outmoded laws governing elections dating back to 1851," Judd said, "Marion county's expanding population is headed for difficult times at the polls. Voting scandals and abuses are virtually unknown here because of the relatively thinly populated precincts compared with the other sections of the nation."

Critics of the system, Judd said, is the present system used here of registration cards and poll books. For each election poll books are made up from registration cards. Names are typed into the books for each precinct, listing the persons who are eligible to vote in that precinct.

Must re-register
If a voter moves from one precinct to another, he must re-register. It does not, then, his name automatically goes onto the poll book in his former precinct. And that is where the rub comes, Judd explained, because many people move, fail to re-register and then return to their former precinct to vote—which is illegal.

Another weak election provision, Judd said, is the one requiring that names be only typed into the poll books and that anyone "assuming" any one of the names is permitted to vote—without further identification required. Many states, Judd said, have remedied this situation by requiring the registering voter to sign a card. At election time the voter must duplicate the signature for the election board before he receives his ballot.

Suggests Signatures
The signature identification method would not only discourage illegal voting, Judd said, but would provide grounds for prosecution when offenders are caught. Another inconsistency in election laws, Judd pointed out, is the state's policy of requiring registrants to stipulate party allegiance while the civil service has regulations forbidding employee participation in political activities. Judd said that in the past several years his office has noted increased sentiment for the "open primary" in which swearing party allegiance is not required.

"Now is the time," Judd said, "to tighten our state election laws in preparation for the day when heavy population will demand modern, fool-proof control of elections."

U.S. Calls Red Accusations In U.N. 'Libel'

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (AP)—The United States opened its counter attack tonight against Russian charges of "war-mongering in this country. In a strong answer the U.S. said the whole Soviet declaration was a "libel" and an "absolute falsification of American motives."

The United States also gained strong support from France in the United Nations assembly and simultaneously spear-headed a drive to try to ease the "onerous" burdens of the Italian peace treaty on the Italian people.

Warren R. Austin, No. 2 man in the U.S. delegation, began the U.S. campaign against the Soviet attack which was launched Thursday on the assembly floor by Andrei Y. Vishinsky, No. 2 man in the Soviet foreign ministry.

Austin told the American association for the United Nations at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria hotel that "we refuse to believe it was Mr. Vishinsky's intention to reflect on the honor of our country." It was the first formal policy reaction from a ranking member of the U.S. delegation to the assembly.

Austin said the Vishinsky speech was meant for the people of Soviet Russia.

Student Vets Requested to Check with VA

Veterans who intend to enroll in Oregon colleges this fall have been cautioned by the veterans administration to check with their local VA offices to be sure they have necessary certificates and requirements, Wayne Smith, Salem VA training officer said Saturday.

A check list of requirements has been issued by the VA, Smith said, and if followed will save veterans a great deal of delay.

The list follows: If entering training for the first time, be sure to have a properly signed certificate of eligibility from the nearest VA office; if you have been in training and are returning to the same school and have not attended another school during the intervening period, apply directly to the school for enrollment; if you have been in training before and plan to enroll at a new school, you must obtain a supplemental certificate of eligibility; if you have been in training before and are returning to the same institution, but have decided to change your course of study, apply to your VA office for permission to change your course; be sure to file an estimate of your earnings at the time of registration so the VA can compute your subsistence; if you have been notified of an overpayment of subsistence, see your VA officer and arrange for repayment; if you are a disabled veteran desirous of training under the vocational rehabilitation act, report to your VA office before registering; keep the VA advised at all times on changes of address and employment; and apply for enrollment early at the school of your choice.

Flood Waters 15 Feet Deep In East Tokyo

TOKYO, Sunday, Sept. 21 (AP)—Flood waters running as deep as 15 feet over 20 square miles of eastern Tokyo threatened today to crush the Shin river dikes and engulf thousands of more homes. A 1.5 mile square area was menaced. Although the city government reported 10 already dead, 18 missing and 50 injured in three flooded areas, citizens were reluctant to heed police warnings to get out.

Police expected the dikes to give way by nightfall, turning that section into a churning lake. Waters there cannot escape into the bay because of a 10-foot seawall. In Katsushika ward, hardest hit of three flooded wards, an estimated 140,000 Japanese still living in their homes were being forced into second floors. Police said 280,050 Japanese already were in Tokyo refugee centers, with the total homeless in the three wards at 323,082.

IWA Leaders Split Over T-H Act Affidavit

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 20 (AP)—The CIO International Woodworkers of America signed affidavits of non-communism today, but two officers, the union president said, resigned rather than do it.

The union, important in the Pacific northwest's big lumber industry, voted at its St. Louis convention last month to sign the affidavits which the Taft-Hartley labor bill requires of unions wishing to make use of the national labor relations board.

The two who resigned were Karley Larsen, vice president, and Ed Laux, secretary-treasurer. President James Fadling said they gave up their reasons that they "cannot agree to become a party who voluntarily complies with the provisions of the Taft-Hartley act as it applies to the labor management board."

Fadling himself said that he "resented signing. While I had no hesitation in signing an affidavit that I am not a communist, I resent the fact that employers have the full rights of the law without being forced to sign the same affidavits. I signed because it was the wish of our membership."

Fadling appointed Joe Huber to fill the vice presidency and Virgil Burtz to fill the secretary-treasurer post. Huber Burtz, along with William Botkin, another vice president, signed the affidavits.

GOP Women to Dissolve Group

PORTLAND, Sept. 20 (AP)—Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, republican national committeewoman, said today that she was dissolving the corporation of the Republican Festival Association and the Council of Oregon Republican Women.

Mrs. Gerlinger, an officer in both organizations, took the action to comply with the Taft-Hartley act, which forbids corporations and labor unions to contribute to political causes.

Streetcars Crash In Frisco Tunnel

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20 (AP)—A streetcar crash inside the Twin Peaks tunnel converted the dark, three-mile-long tube into a terrifying scene of splintered wreckage and screaming injured late today.

Twenty persons were hurt—some critically—as one streetcar smashed full force into the rear of another.

The most seriously hurt was the motorman of the moving car, Patrick Gibson, 60. He was too badly injured to explain why he failed to stop.

It took more than two hours to clear the wreckage.

Willamette University Sororities Pledge 77 as Rush Week Ends

A total of seventy-seven coeds were pledged by the four Willamette university sorority chapters Saturday night at the close of the annual rush week. Pledge breakfasts will be held this morning at the houses at which time the girls will receive their pledge ribbons. Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Chi Omega both pledged twenty-one girls each with Delta Gamma pledging twenty and Chi Omega fifteen.

Pledges of Pi Beta Phi are Sally Smith, Carol Ashcraft, Pauline Morse and Josephine Gunnar, Salem; Diane Allen and Nancy Glenn, Berkeley, Calif.; Paulene Foote, Chester, Calif.; Eileen Forsythe, Burlingame, Calif.; Marie Glasse, Alameda, Calif.; Martha Bernard, Barbara Guzman, Lu Deane Hargrave, Diane Proctor, Carolyn Sloum, Janet Stark, Nancy Welch, Portland; Barbara Miller, Gresham; Margaret Guice, Seattle; Arden Hebb, Tacoma; Pat Richmond, Kelso; and Mary Jo Wigginton, Evanston, Ill.

Alpha Chi Omega pledged Barbara Bates, Annabelle Kropp, Ellen Reynolds, Jane Schmidt, Louise Ulvin and Barbara Halvorson, Salem; Marcia Dunell, Palo Alto, Calif.; Dorraine Praed, Oakland, Calif.; Kathleen Kinder, Margaret Powell, Portland; Jackie Chute, Maureen Lyons, Mary Lynne Scott, Bend; Ella Lou Ball, Raymond, Wash.; Charlotte Hendricks, Fossil; Connie Hunt, Klamath Falls; Betty Lancaster, Gresham; Donna Lanham, Park Rose; Mary Lumjarvi, Astoria; Gloria Nandia, Grants Pass and Patricia Ryan, Vancouver, Wash.

Wearing the pledge ribbons of Delta Gamma will be Katie Anderson, Alene, Astoria; Patricia Curtis, Patricia Long, Peggy Moritz and Marian Sparks, Salem; Norma Lee Faaborg, Honolulu; Marian Densen, San Mateo, Calif.; Shirley Ambler, Jean Bevens, Carol Dimond, Joan Holbeck, Joan Klindworth, Portland; Pearl Mann, Dorothy Taylor, Milwaukie; Betty Mae Jackson, McMinnville; Gloria Palo, Longview, Wash.; Beverly Plummer, Coos Bay; Margie Seavy, Bend; and Jackie Weller, Coulee City, Wash.

Chi Omega pledges are Jeanne DuBuy, Jean Gilmer, Margaret Newton, Patricia Zahare, Salem; Betty Cummings, Palo Alto, Calif.; Evelyn Blaxendale, Viona Noyes, Portland; Virginia Allen, Gosh; Beach; Helen Blevins, Fossil; Donna Roberts, The Dalles; Barbara Robinson, Gooding, Idaho; Marian Spann, Payette, Idaho; Beth Tedford, Camas, Wash.; Lisbeth Trullinger, Warrenton; and Wesley Woodward, Milwaukie.



QUEEN - Mrs. Sabine Lucas, (above) 84 years old, of Bruges, Belgium, won the title of "lace queen" at a recent exhibition of hand-made lace. She began at the age of 7.

Wallace Files Suit Contesting Demo Election

PORTLAND, Sept. 20 (AP)—Lew Wallace, democratic national committeeman, and seven other democrats filed suit in circuit court today contesting the election of the democratic state central committee officers.

The plaintiffs, charging that the May 17 election meeting lacked a quorum and rejected valid proxies, asked the court to nullify the election, declare the previous officers still in office, and direct a new election.

Byron G. Carney, Milwaukie, was elected state chairman in the long-disputed election. Colin Gavin, The Dalles, was re-elected vice chairman; Clifford T. Howlett, Portland, secretary, and E. P. Ivory, Klamath Falls, treasurer.

The plaintiffs, besides Wallace, included several state central committee members whose proxies were rejected at the May 17 election.

Rockefeller Heiress Weds

PASADENA, CALIF., Sept. 20 (AP)—Heiress Anita Oser, 23, great granddaughter of both the late John D. Rockefeller and Cyrus Hall McCormick, and Linus Carl Pauling, Jr., 22, were married today in an informal ceremony at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

Pauling is the son of Dr. Linus C. Pauling, chairman of the chemical and chemical engineering divisions at California Institute of Technology.

Miss Oser, born in Bern, Switzerland, is the daughter of the late Mathilde McCormick Oser and Swiss army officer Max Oser. She and her brother Max, inherited an estate of \$3,800,000 when their mother died last May.

Miss Oser was the first great grandchild of Rockefeller, Sr.

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Taft Pledges To Promote Reclamation

RENO, Nev., Sept. 20 (AP)—Making his first major speaking appearance in the west without benefit of pickets, Senator Robert Taft (R-Ohio) tonight pledged the republican congress to a program of reclamation within budgetary limits and suggested a secretary of interior from the west to administer it.

An audience packing a local movie theater heard Taft state the "republican party is the party of reclamation," but that "the country cannot be made over in a single year."

Departing from his prepared text, Taft observed that he thought a western reclamation program could be "more sympathetically carried out if the secretary of the interior should come from a western state."

In introducing Taft, Senator Malone (R-Nev.) commented on the absence of pickets and said "I happen to know a lot of union members are here tonight, looking for information."

At the conclusion of his prepared address Taft launched into a blistering exposition of the Taft-Hartley labor law, in particular labor's attitude toward signing anti-communist affidavits.

Demonstration Fizzles in Italy

ROME, Sept. 20 (AP)—Reports from throughout Italy tonight said the communist and socialist inspired "Great Day of Manifestation" against economic conditions under Premier Alcide De Gasperi's Christian Democrat government had passed quietly and, in some cities, met with indifference.

Most cities reported that crowds which gathered at afternoon mass meetings were smaller than expected.

The audiences gathered quietly and listened without much response to speakers from several leftist parties denounce the government, then furled their red banners and Italian flags, put their placards bearing anti-government slogans under their arms and, just as quietly, went home.

Phone Workers May Sign with CIO

PORTLAND, Sept. 20 (AP)—Officers of two independent telephone unions said today they had approved joining the CIO and were submitting the proposal to their 6,000 Oregon and southern Washington members.

The two unions are the United Telephone Employees of Oregon and the American Communications equipment Workers. Cecil M. Bixler, president of the UTEO, and Dan Harris, president of the ACEW local, predicted that their membership would approve CIO affiliation.

FIRST LADY FLIES HOME

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 20 (AP)—The presidential plane, the Independence, bearing the chief executive's wife, Mrs. Bess Truman and daughter Margaret, arrived at Fairfax airport here at 4:58 p. m. (CST).

Pro Gridders Slate Crucials

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (AP)—Cleveland's defending champions and the powerful San Francisco 49ers take perfect records into tomorrow's All-America football conference schedule when the Browns entertain Baltimore and the 49ers play hosts to the New York Yankees.

San Francisco, which downed Baltimore, 14-7, last Sunday, may set a new home attendance record for the Yankees, with Buddy Young and Spec Sanders in the lineup, are one of the highest scoring clubs in the circuit.

Theft Laid to Salem Juvenile

FRESNO, Calif., Sept. 20 (AP)—U. S. Marshal Joseph D. Tracey said today that a Salem, Ore., juvenile is in the Fresno jail, charged with transporting a stolen car from Salem to Porterville, Calif. The youth is held for action of the juvenile section of federal court.

Held as witnesses in lieu of \$1,000 bail are four others from the Salem area, identified by Tracey as Lorna Blunt, 19, Walter M. Kenfield, 19, Lowell W. Mowry, 19, and Bobby Miller, 21.

Army Plans Arctic Tests

FORT LEWIS, Sept. 20 (AP)—Another spectacular cold weather maneuver, to test men and equipment under rigorous Arctic conditions, will be carried out this winter at Big Delta, Alaska. Units of the 2nd infantry division, now stationed here, will

establish a snowbound "air head," the army announced today. The maneuver will begin November 1 and last four months. The operation has been planned by Gen. Mark Clark, commander of the sixth army, and Maj. Gens. George P. Hays and Paul W. Kendall, all veterans of mountain fighting in Italy.

Planes of the 62nd troop carrier group will land the units and supplies at the "air head."



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