

Texas Governor Holds Slim Lead

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—Texas voters returned the nation's two Democratic party leaders to Congress, but Gov. Allan Shivers was virtually assured Monday of being forced into a runoff in his bid for a third term.

With some 96 per cent of the votes in Saturday's Democratic primary tabulated, Shivers held a slender 17,000 vote lead over lawyer Ralph Yarborough, the nearest of four opponents. The count: Shivers 627,736, Yarborough 610,578, contractor J. J. Holmes 19,115, and fender mender Arlon (Cyclone) Davis 15,671.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson and House Democratic Leader Sam Rayburn were renominated by overwhelming majorities, Johnson for his second term and Rayburn for his 22nd.

Fire Destroys Five Homes At Sumpter

BAKER, Ore. (AP)—Fire destroyed five homes and damaged two others Sunday in the Eastern Oregon community of Sumpter, 30 miles west of here. No one was injured. A preliminary estimate by Baker firemen placed the damage at \$25,000.

Sparks carried by a brisk wind started three smaller fires in nearby timber of the Whitman National Forest. These were extinguished without much damage.

About 50 men fought the house fires. Warren McDonald, who owned one of the houses, said he started a fire in a kitchen stove and then went to the store. Passersby reported seeing flames spread from the McDonald home to adjoining houses. No one was home at any of the damaged homes.

Because of the long dry spell in this area, the Sumpter reservoir was nearly dry and there was practically no water pressure to fight the blaze. Most of the houses were leveled by the time firemen arrived.

The blaze was fought by Sumpter volunteer firemen, the Baker fire department and firemen from other nearby communities. Sumpter is a Blue Mountain community of 150 population.

Driver Cited After Intersection Crash

A two-car collision Saturday noon at the intersection of Patterson St. and 12th Ave., caused damage estimated at \$500.

Eugene police said the accident involved a 1953 Pontiac sedan, driven by James D. Ziegler, 26, of 874 E. 13th Ave., and a 1948 Chevrolet coach, driven by Morris P. Kietly, 25, of 60 N. Adams St.

Kietly was cited for failure to yield the right of way. His car, southbound on Patterson St., crashed into the left side of the Ziegler car, which was traveling east on 12th St. Damage to the Ziegler car was estimated at \$300, and damage to the other at \$200.

Envoys Confer On Soviet Bid

Russians Propose European Parley

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States opened talks with Britain and France Monday on the wording of a diplomatic note rejecting Russia's bid for a European security conference.

Officials said the Allies regard the Soviet offer as an ill-disguised effort to throw a new block in the way of the European Defense Community. They said it will be turned down cold.

In Paris, officials said Premier Pierre Mendes-France is in no mood to venture into a new conference with the Communists when the western alliance might be jeopardized.

OUTRIGHT REJECTION

British sources predicted London will back the United States in an outright rejection of the Moscow proposal. West Germany also was reported adamantly opposed on the grounds that a new East-West parley would deal a death blow to the European Army plan.

In diplomatic notes to the Big Three, Russia declared Saturday that the Indochina truce reached at Geneva has opened the way for a settlement of other international issues.

A state department source said the Big Three consultations are being conducted through normal diplomatic channels. He said officials have not had a chance to study the Soviet note fully.

But on first reading, he said, officials view it as similar to a Soviet conference proposal last March 31 when the Big Three agreed it was "unnecessary to emphasize the completely unrealistic character" of the idea.

3 REPLIES POSSIBLE

It was not known immediately whether the three Allies plan to send a single reply to Moscow or draft similar but slightly varying answers.

It was expected that British Ambassador Sir Roger Makins and French Ambassador Henri Bonnet would call on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles this week to help plan the general outline of the reply.

Dulles is expected to repeat his belief that there is no reason to believe the Soviet Union is willing to negotiate a settlement of such crucial problems as an end to German partition and the occupation of Austria.

PLANT TO BE REBUILT

SALEM (AP)—Owners said Monday the Northwest Poultry Plant, seriously damaged by fire here Friday night, would be rebuilt.



BEARLY ACTING—"That's not the way," snarls Minnie, right, a bear at the London, England, zoo, as she gives her cub a lesson in how to get food from visitors, top. Minnie sits up on her haunches and shows her baby exactly how it's done, bottom.

Scientist Says Heir's Death Resulted From Lung Ailment

CHICAGO (AP)—An end to the marathon inquest into the death of Monterey Ward Thorne was predicted Monday as four top scientists prepared to report the young heir probably died of pneumonia.

One of the scientists, who asked that his name not be revealed, said Sunday night that the panel would report that "Monty" Thorne died of a lung ailment, probably pneumonia.

The pathologists based their conclusion of natural death on examination of tissues taken from Thorne's exhumed body. The report has already been sent to Coroner Walter E. McCarron, the source said, and will be officially released later this week.

The report will probably force an end to the inquest and result in the signing of a death certificate, the source said. However, the scientists' report was not likely to end a bitter wrangle over the dead heir's will or stop lawyers' investigations into strange aspects of his last days.

Thorne, 20-year-old heir to a \$1,300,000 fortune, was found dead in his \$75 a month studio apartment June 19.

He had changed his will only nine days before his death, leaving most of his estate to his blonde sweetheart, 18-year-old

Bonneville Officials Schedule Meeting

WALLA WALLA (AP)—Bonneville Power Administration staff members will meet here Tuesday with representatives of BPA customers.

Dr. William A. Pearl, BPA administrator, and other officials will discuss the BPA program and current problems for the information of the power users. Topics will include power supply, "partnership" proposals, reorganization plans and proposed rate changes.

Flying Reindeer

PORTLAND (AP)—A Flying Tiger C-48 plane with a cargo of 13 Alaskan reindeer stopped here briefly Friday night enroute to Lake Placid, N.Y., where the animals will be turned into the pasture at "Santa's Workshop" to provide local color.

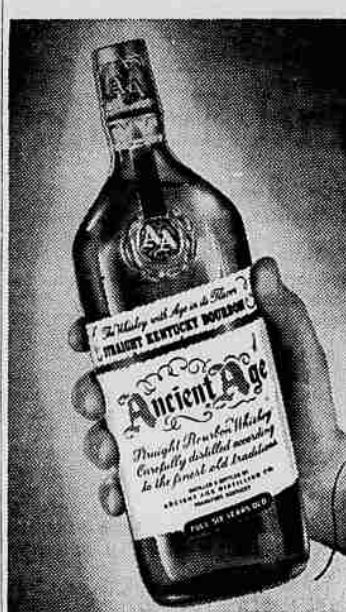
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