

**ELECTION RETURNS KILLED ENTHUSIASM**

**Congress for Special Session Already Tagged: 'Do Nothing'**

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Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—Administration enthusiasm for the special session of congress convening a week from today died with the general election returns.

This one already is tagged a "do-nothing" session. Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., uttered the opposition verdict on it when he was asked what he expects the special session to do. "Adjourn," Taft replied.

Mr. Truman's fair employment practices bill will be the star casualty of the 81st congress which will expire when the special session ends. The new 82nd, with considerable republican reinforcement, will convene January 3. Republicans will prevent any significant action until the reinforcements arrive.

FEPC was passed by the house. It was stymied in the senate by a filibuster and died when its friends were unable to vote a cloture motion which would have stopped debate.

Favorable house action on FEPC will not hold over to the new congress. All pending legislation dies when the congress considering it comes to an end.

Other house-approved bills now on the senate calendar which will die along with FEPC are those to admit Hawaii and Alaska as states and to rescind the orders of the postmaster general to curtail city mail deliveries as an economy measure.

Another casualty will be the bill to repeal and reduce some wartime manufacturers excise taxes. This bill was speeding through congress when the Korean war started. It was not long thereafter that all hope of tax reductions vanished and congress turned to tax-increases. The excise tax reduction had passed both houses and was due for last-minute review before final enactment when events caught up with it.

It will be a long time before another tax reduction bill gets much congressional attention.

Authority for a federal program for health services to school children has passed the senate and awaits house action. There seems little chance of action in the special session.

In the same fix is a senate-approved project for construction grants to medical colleges and for scholarships.

The senate also voted home rule for the District of Columbia, but the house never got around to it.

One of the most controversial bills which almost made it but missed was to overrule the su-

preme court opinion which held that oil bearing tidelands belonged to the federal government instead of to the states whose seashores they composed. That one passed the senate and had been marked for early house consideration.

Mr. Truman opposed that one. But he wanted many of the bills which now must die. Until the returns came in, he had been of a mind to call congress back to meet yesterday. But the returns convinced him that he could not expect anything from this special session even if it were extended a week.

**Rain Predicted for Next Thirty Days**

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—The weather bureau said today its 30-day outlook for mid-November to mid-December indicates temperatures averaging above normal in most of the southern and western portions of the country.

The greatest departures will be in California, the bureau said. Colder than normal temperatures are indicated in the northern lakes region, and near normal in New England, the middle Atlantic States, the Ohio valley, the northern plains, and the Pacific northwest.

Precipitation is expected to exceed the seasonal normal in the northern border states and also in Oregon and northern California. Less precipitation than normal is expected in the southern plains, the southwest, and Florida. Elsewhere near normal amounts are indicated.

**Flood Victims Await Aid**  
Anchorage, Alaska, Nov. 21 (AP)—Flood-threatened residents of Cooper Center waited anxiously today for clearing weather and arrival of jet fighter planes from the 57th fighter interceptor group. The planes are to bomb an ice dam at the junction of the Copper and Klutina rivers. Waters backing behind the dam threaten to inundate the small community.

Delaware is the state with the lowest elevation, averaging around 60 feet; Colorado, averaging 8,800 feet, has the highest.



No Sunday Service—Services were suspended Sunday at this little Baptist church located near Centerville, Calif., when flood waters swept it from its foundation and deposited it a block away. Heavy rains and melting snow caused similar scenes in many sections of California. (AP Wirephoto)

**Mrs. Truman Will Have a Lot To Say About 1952 Decision**

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 21 (AP)—Merriman Smith, United Press reporter who has covered the White House for nine years, said today that he thinks President Truman is still a long way from a decision on whether to run in 1952.

And when the time comes to make the decision, Smith believed, "Mrs. Truman will have more influence on the president's plans than all the democratic bigwigs combined."

He spoke before 300 civic leaders from Charlotte and the surrounding areas. The occasion was a kickoff luncheon for the "Carolinas Carrousel"—a pre-Christmas affair along Mardi Gras lines. Thomas L. Robinson, publisher of the Charlotte News, introduced Smith. The speech was broadcast over a statewide network.

After telling of his experiences in travelling tens of thousands of miles with Mr. Truman, Smith came to one of the current big political questions: Will Mr. Truman run again in '52?

"My guess," he said, "is that he's far from a decision. Most people think the question will be decided in consultation with big city political bosses and officials of the democratic national organization. That's all wrong. When the time comes, the matter will be decided right in the heart of the Truman family, between the president and his wife."

"Mrs. Truman will have more influence on the president's plans for 1952 than all the democratic bigwigs combined. She was much more disturbed than her husband by the gunfight in

front of Blair house. He accepted it as an unpleasant aspect of his job. But to Mrs. Truman, as it would be to any wife, it was a case of her husband getting shot at—and she didn't like it."

"In the long run, those 29 shots fired in front of the presidential residence may have a lot to do with the race in 1952."

**Troops to Eat Turkey On Banks of Yalu**

Tokyo, Nov. 21 (AP)—American troops will eat turkey on the banks of the Yalu river for Thanksgiving, a 10th corps spokesman said today.

He said the turkeys are "going up right now" from Hamburg, Korea, to the forward lines. They are the first fresh meat brought ashore for the troops since the corps landed in Korea.

**Hunters Successful**  
Grand Island—Claude Pilcher and R. R. Rockhill of Grand Island and Ersel Gubser of Unionvale returned home last week from an elk-hunting expedition in the Jordan Creek area near LaGrande. This was the only group from this area to return with 100 percent luck.

**Sen. Downey to Resign Nov. 30**

Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 21 (AP)—Sen. Sheridan Downey (D., Calif.) says he will resign November 30 because of ill health.

Gov. Earl Warren said he will appoint republican Senator-elect Richard M. Nixon to his place.

Downey, 66, made his announcement after a conference with the governor yesterday. He has been under treatment for a stomach disorder and did not seek reelection.

Warren said: "Congressman Nixon was the people's choice for the post. I will, of course, appoint him upon receiving the resignation of Senator Downey."

The appointment, 30 days ahead of scheduled induction January 1, will give Nixon seniority over other freshman senators for important committee assignments.

Nixon, 38, was elected to the senate over Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas by a majority of over 600,000 votes in a battle that saw Downey opposing Mrs. Douglas' candidacy.

His 14th district California house seat will be vacant from the time he takes the oath as

senator until Patrick J. Hillings, a republican elected November 7, is sworn in January 1.

Downey plans a brief farewell speech to the senate between November 27 and the 30th.

Then, he said, he will return to California to practice law.

**Community Club Meet**

Salem Heights — The Salem Heights Community club met on Saturday night at the Salem Heights hall. President Archie

McKillop presided at the meeting. The board of maintenance reported on the condition of the hall. The group discussed hall rentals and the possibility of a gas stove for the kitchen. A Christmas program is planned for Friday, Dec. 15, at the hall, with Mrs. Lyle Zobel in charge. Rev. Homer Berner showed col-

ored slides of different states, and comics for the children. Mr. and Mrs. Myron Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawkins were in charge of the refreshments.

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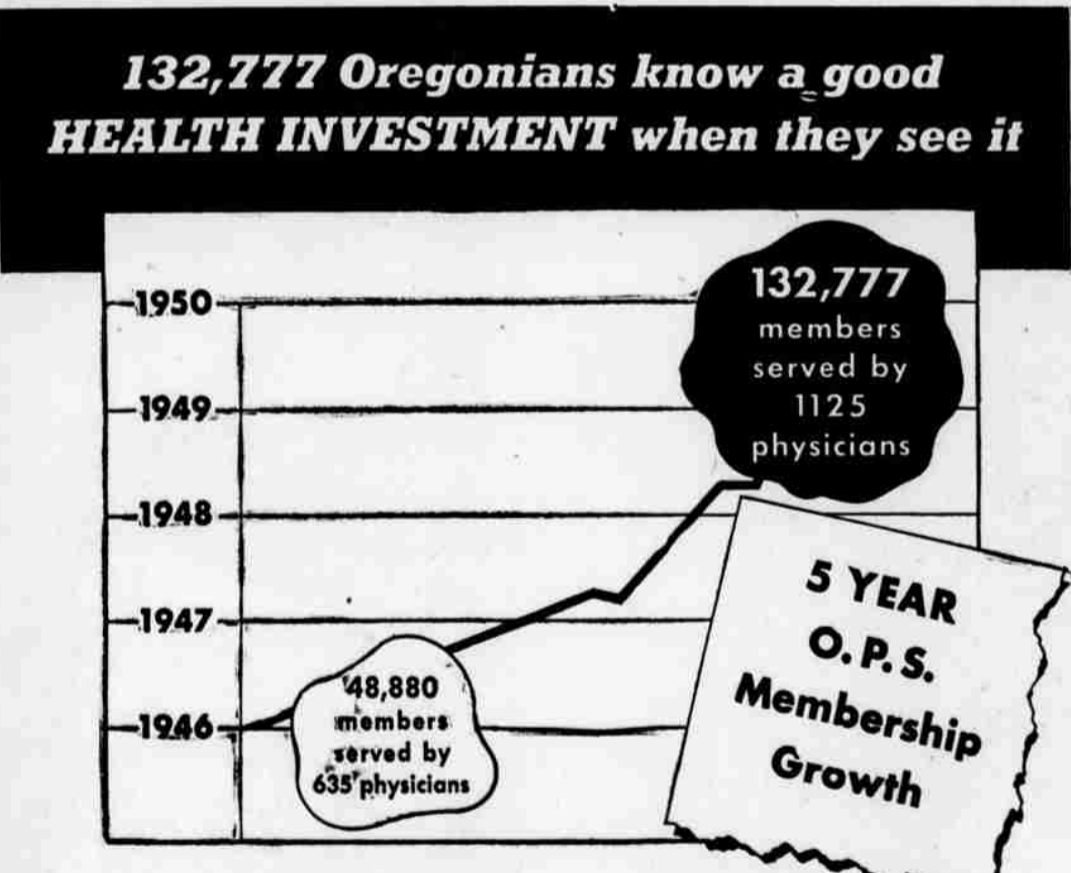
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