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By Jimmy Hatlo



Grass-roots political impact of civil rights 'revolution' gets major assessment in voting

By Raymond M. Lahr UPI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The grass-roots political impact of the Negro civil rights "revolution" gets its first major assessment today in off-year state and local elections across the nation.

The racial controversy was particularly in evidence in the spirited contests for governor conducted in Mississippi and Kentucky, and in Philadelphia's mayoralty election.

The response to the Negro demands was not of major concern to most political strategists; it was the reaction of the white majority to those demands that was thought to provide a clue to 1964's general election.

State's 6-year fire jinx has been broken

By Zan Stark UPI Staff Writer

SALEM (UPI) — Oregon's six-year fire jinx is broken. Jubilant state forestry officials, eyeing rain-dripping timberlands, have declared the fire season over in Western Oregon.

They find it hard to believe that the state was not ravaged by flaming disaster again this year — as it has been every six years since 1933, except for 1957.

For this year forestlands were ripe for disaster. Millions of board feet of standing timber were toppled in the savage Columbus Day, 1962 storm.

The "jinx" was born in 1923 in the first great "Tillamook Burn." That fire exploded over a 407-square mile area — almost half the size of the state of Rhode Island.

Destroyed was 12 billion board feet of timber — more than enough to build a million five-room houses. It was one of the worst forest disasters ever recorded in the United States.

Six years later the same region was laid waste by a fire which ravaged more than 200,000 acres. Then in 1945 the area was hit again, this time by a 182,000 acre fire.

In 1951 a series of three major blazes took a 55,000-acre toll, although the Tillamook area in Northwest Oregon was spared. The myth of the terrible "six year jinx" was firmly fixed.

Foresters prepared for the jinx in 1957 — but there were no major fires that year. With Oregon's timberlands this year described by State Forester Dwight L. Phipps as "potentially the most dangerous in the recorded history of the state" because of storm blow-down, officials prepared for the worst.

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