

Kennedy assassination expected to alter lineup in next year's Oregon primary

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SALEM (UPI) —The political pulse recorders in the secretary of state's office here were thrown into temporary confusion by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.
Until the tragedy in Dallas, it was expected the Republicans would have a wide open race in the May 15 Oregon primary—but everyone conceded Kennedy would get the nod from the Democrats.
Now the Democrats face a possible battle, and everyone expects the lineup of Republican candidates will be significantly affected.

Because of its unique election law, the Oregon primary may be one of the most significant in the nation in the pre-convention jockeying for strength.
Under Oregon law, the secretary of state arbitrarily lists on the ballot whomever he considers is "generally advocated."
To determine who is being advocated he has assigned his staff to check the daily newspapers and national magazines to keep track of the changing national political pulse.
Before Kennedy's assassination, observers expected Oregon Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. to list Arizona Sen.

Barry Goldwater, New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, former Vice President Richard Nixon, Michigan Gov. George Romney, and Pennsylvania Gov. William Scranton.
Observers didn't think Appling, a Republican, was spending much time seeking out possible Democratic candidates. It was assumed the Democrats wanted Kennedy to run for a second term.
While President Lyndon Johnson now tops the list of Democratic candidates, observers can't yet guess who else might get on the list—if anyone.
Appling will announce his bal-

lot list March 6.
Oregon was conceded by many Republicans to be "Goldwater country" before the tragedy in Dallas. Many observers now feel Goldwater's strength has been severely weakened.
Appling adamantly refuses to speculate as to whom he might list on the primary ballot. He said speculation could affect the campaign plans of candidates.
The Oregon law was changed before the 1960 election to make the state's primary more meaningful. The new law is designed to eliminate favorite sons, publicity seekers and self starters, and to offer the voters

a real selection among the most prominently mentioned hopefuls.
Shortly before Kennedy's assassination, Gov. Mark Hatfield urged all Republican hopefuls to enter the Oregon primary. Hatfield, who has been mentioned both as a GOP vice presidential, and presidential possibility, has remained neutral in the Republican power struggle.
Hatfield expects to head the Oregon delegation to the July GOP national convention in San Francisco. In Oregon, convention delegates are elected, and must support the winner of the state's primary.

Quiet Christmas planned by Mrs. Kennedy

PALM BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, buoyed by the good wishes of her countrymen, prepared a quiet but bountiful Christmas today for her children.
She planned a private Mass with the children of the late President at the home of his parents, former Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy.
A spokesman said Mrs. Kennedy and the youngsters, Caroline, 6, and John Jr., 3, would also eat Christmas dinner in the evening at the oceanside home of the elder Kennedy, about a mile from the mansion of C. Michael Paul where Mrs. Kennedy and her family have been staying.
The former First Lady has been in seclusion since arriving

here last Wednesday, but ventured out on a last-minute shopping trip late Monday on Palm Beach's exclusive Worth Avenue. When a crowd gathered, she cut the trip short.
Accompanying Mrs. Kennedy were the youngsters, Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, and Secret Service men. Mrs. Kennedy
"SPRANG TO MIND"
STAMPELFORD, England (UPI)—A housing firm spokesman explaining today why four roads in a new residential development were being named for America's four assassinated presidents.
"Some people may think it is morbid, but we needed four names and these just sprang to mind," he said.

went into two shops but when people began recognizing her, she climbed into a car with the children and drove away.
Christmas at the Kennedy winter home will not be the same as in other years when a gathering of the clan had been traditional. This year, there will be Mrs. Kennedy, the elder Kennedys, the former First Lady's sister, Princess Lee Radziwill and her two children, and perhaps one or two other family members or close associates.
The attorney general and the other brother of the late President, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., were here during the weekend, but planned to return to their own families in Washington today.



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