

# Negroes Carry Weight In Washington, D.C. Presidential Primary

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Washington — (U.P.) — District of Columbia Negroes ran away with the Democratic presidential primary here and gave Southern and border states Democrats something mighty serious to think about.

W. Averell Harriman ran as an administration favorite with special emphasis on civil rights, compulsory fair employment practices, and a bigger slice of pie for government clerks.

By a ratio of four to one, Harriman crushed Sen. Estes Kefauver who also took the administration line but no firm stand on civil rights.

Government clerk votes boosted Harriman's total. But Negroes were a powerhouse element of his strength. One pastor led nearly 500 of his flock from their New Jersey avenue church to the polling place. A marcher in the ranks was calling Harriman a "second Abe Lincoln."

In the "U" street area which is almost wholly Negro, the primary score was: Harriman 1,

158, Kefauver 80. If anything was needed to harden President Truman's determination to ram an all-out compulsory civil rights plank into the Democratic platform, the District of Columbia did the trick.

**Will Follow Policies**  
"Whichever candidate I endorse will follow my policies," Mr. Truman confidently is telling callers.

The primary returns were substantial evidence that the Negro bloc of votes outside the South must be reckoned with next November, and that government pay checks are powerful persuaders, too. The returns, also, suggested something else.

Kefauver was the favorite of labor in the primary here. If the labor vote had gone to the polls and voted for Kefauver he might have won. Certainly he would have made a better showing. The returns suggest that the labor bosses who shouted for Kefauver could not deliver their union members — anyway they didn't.

**To Be Challenge**  
Southern and border states Democrats will recognize these primary returns as a bare kuckled challenge to their plans for a compromise civil rights platform plank. The significance of the polling here far exceeds the number of convention votes involved. There were only six and Harriman got the lot.

The real winner, however, was Mr. Truman — who is cold on Kefauver but hot on civil rights — and who still is keeping his campaign convention strategy on ice.

## Kefauver's Oregon Vote Doubles That Of All Opponents

Salem — (U.P.) — Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee received more than twice as many votes as all other candidates combined for the Democratic presidential nomination in Oregon's May 16 primary.

Complete official figures announced by Dave O'Hara, state elections bureau chief, showed Kefauver polled 142,440 votes to 29,332 for Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and 20,353 for Gov. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Republican presidential nomination aspirant, got 4,690 Democratic write-in votes for president.

**Write-ins Counted**  
Write-ins for vice president gave Douglas 1,996; Gov. Earl Warren of California, a Republican, 1,280; Stevenson 1,197; Vice President Alben Barkley 960; Sen. Wayne Morse, a Republican, 108; Eisenhower 69, and Sen. Robert A. Taft, a GOP presidential nomination candidate, 21.

For Democratic national committee incumbent Monroe Sweetland of Milwaukee polled 138,287 votes to 61,705 for Mike DeCicco of Portland.

Mrs. Lillian M. Burton of Portland won the race for national committeewoman with 92,215 votes to 88,135 for Margaret Cawood, Portland.

## Mysterious Package Easily Explained

Worcester, Mass. — (U.P.) — A woman telephoned police to report that her small son had retrieved from shrubbery a package left there by a man in a green automobile.

"He got out of his car, looked all around and then crept down the driveway and left this bundle in the bushes," she said.

Police Sgts. Leonard A. Gribbons and Benjamin Epstein sped to the scene. While they were there, the man in the green car appeared again. A second man stepped out from behind a tree.

That solved the mystery. It seems that one of the men liked a nip of Scotch now and then but his family disapproved. When his stock ran low, the man with the green car replenished his supply by hiding a bottle under the bushes where it could be retrieved by the thirsty householder when the domestic coast was clear.

## 20 Jackson County Students Earn Degrees at OSC

Corvallis — Twenty students from Jackson county were among the 1,178 seniors and graduating students receiving degrees at the 83rd annual commencement exercises at Oregon State college last week.

Dr. A. L. Strand, OSC's president, conferred the degrees. Candidates represented 27 states, 17 foreign countries and possessions, and 35 of Oregon's 36 counties.

**Students Listed**  
Students from Jackson county and the degree they earned included:

Graduate school, Charles Arthur Meyer, Central Point, master of education. For his advanced work he minored in administration. He earned his bachelor of science degree at Oregon College of Education in 1947.

School of agriculture, Theron Charles Gorden, Central Point, bachelor of science.

School of business and technology, Rolland LeRoy Baughman, Ashland, and Joseph Edward Scott, Shady Cove, bachelor of science.

School of education, Jack Ross Dumas, Medford, and Benjamin Wade Ash, Trail, bachelor of science.

School of engineering, William Joseph Hayes and Carson Avery Thatcher, both of Medford; and Elmer Carl Biegel and James Elmer Bodine Jr., both of Ashland; bachelor of science. Biegel was also commissioned an ensign in the United States Naval reserve.

**New Foresters**  
School of forestry, Verlyn DuBois Thomas, Medford; Cecil Everett Rodgers, Butte Falls; Kenneth Raymond Palen, Central Point, and Randall Franklin Perkins, Shady Cove; bachelor of science.

School of pharmacy, Austin Dean Earhart, Medford, bachelor of science.

School of science, Vernon Everett Thatcher, Medford, bachelor of arts, and Richard Raymond Kyle, Ronald Gene Nutting and Mary Virginia Wait, all of Medford, and John Charles

Pendleton, Talent; bachelor of science. Kyle was also commissioned second lieutenant in the United States Air Force reserve.

San Francisco's municipal airport is the hub of an industry which brings about \$50,000,000 annually into the commercial channels of the area.

**PROPOSE HONDURAS CANAL**  
Ann Arbor, Mich. — (U.P.) — William Hobbs, University of Michigan professor, says a new canal across Honduras would relieve congestion in the Panama Canal.

A feature of the project, which he estimates would cost \$1,500,000,000 and take five years, would be two channels 146 miles long through which ships would be towed by electric locomotives.



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