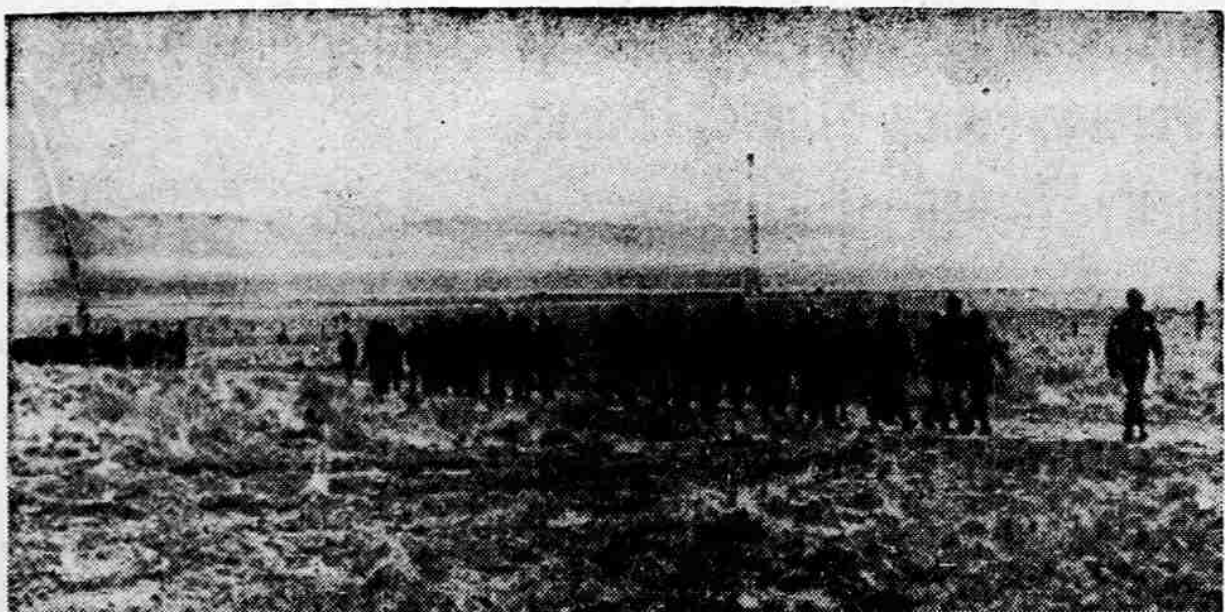




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Oregon GOP Sees SF Selection As Aid in Move To Beat Morse

By A. ROBERT SMITH
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Washington — Oregon Republicans here were jubilant over selection of San Francisco as the site of the party's 1956 national convention, hoping its nearness to home will infuse the party rank and file with the necessary spirit to make a successful comeback in the senatorial contest coming up against Sen. Wayne Morse.

The convention which will select the GOP presidential and vice-presidential candidates is expected by State Chairman Ed Boehnke to attract many special trains and buses from all over Oregon, taking the party clan to the party's biggest clam-bake. Boehnke foresees many of the faithful taking their vacations in August next year in order to make the Bay area convention.

By the time the Republicans have rung down the curtain after four or five days of drum beating, speechmaking and intra-party transfusions of confidence, it will be nearly Labor Day, the traditional time for opening presidential election campaigns, as well as those on the state level.

Republicans, in a word, have higher hopes now that they will swing into their campaign to unseat Morse with a full head of steam, regardless of whom they have nominated in the spring primary to be the GOP challenger.

Speculation, meanwhile, about the Republican "most likely to succeed" against Morse has picked up in the last two weeks in party circles here, although there is general agreement that no one at this point is completely head and shoulders above the rest of the party crowd.

The recent story printed by the Seattle Times that Gov. Paul Patterson was approached by President Eisenhower or his close associates at the White House recently in an effort to persuade Patterson to run

against Morse is now generally regarded by Oregon Republicans here as a phoney.

Yet Patterson is regarded as the man to beat for the nomination, if he wants it. There is one reservation mentioned here among veteran officials: that as long as the Oregon legislature is in session, anything can happen to the governor's prospective appeal as a Senate candidate next year.

The governor's edge, as seen by most observers, stems from his handsome victory last fall over Democrat Joe Carson, following his record shattering primary margin over State Secretary Earl Newberry. As one party cohort put it:

"Who else do we have who has demonstrated that much strength in a statewide race?"

One obvious answer to that question is Douglas McKay, popular as governor of Oregon but generally thought to be less so today as secretary of the in-

terior where he's borne the brunt of Demo charges of "give-away" of natural resources by the Eisenhower administration. So McKay's name is seldom heard in current talk about senatorial candidates.

Mention of the three Republican members of Congress from Oregon is usually coupled with the observation that none has ever run statewide, strong as they may have become in their own congressional districts.

Rep. Walter Norblad in recent years has piled up big reelection margins in the first district (Northwest Oregon), and Rep. Harris Ellsworth has won with heavy victory margins in all of his campaigns in the fourth district (Southwest Oregon).

In Democratic circles, the GOP search is being watched with intense interest and some amusement, the latter because they enjoy seeing the shoe on the other foot for a change after experiencing many such quests themselves in the past.

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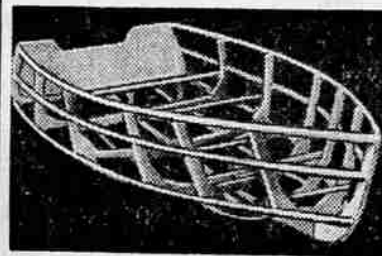
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