

Right To Vote for 18-Year-Olds May Be Placed on General Election Ballot

Oregon Senate Puts Decision Up to Adults

Salem—(U.P.)—The adults will get a chance to decide if the right to vote should be extended to 18-year-olds, as recommended by President Eisenhower, if the Oregon House approves a proposal to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot reducing the voting minimum age from 21 to 18.

The Senate voted 21 to 9 just before adjourning yesterday to leave it up to those who already have the vote, at the 1956 general election, whether Oregon should let the young folk vote.

Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Salem) said citizens at 18 now are fully enough informed of civic affairs to vote intelligently.

Georgia now lets its citizens start voting when they reach 18. The Washington Legislature has voted to refer the matter to the people.

Awareness Shown

Sen. Hatfield said that President Eisenhower, as general in World War II probably came into contact with more young men 18 to 21 than any American. After becoming thoroughly acquainted with their capabilities, he urged that they be given the right to vote.

The Salem senator said youth have demonstrated their awareness of civic affairs by the time they are 18. Under our present law, he said there was a "citizenship lag" between the ages of 18 and 21. Only one of three high school graduates continue to college. The other two, who have studied civic affairs and become interested in government, have an intervening period between their studies and the time they can vote and lose a certain amount of interest.

Said Bipartisan Issue
Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) said it was a bipartisan issue, with both Republicans and Democrats in favor of the proposal.

Sen. Paul Geddes (R-Roseburg) said youth showed outstanding intelligence at a hearing held by the judiciary committee last Saturday on the resolution, but the youths themselves were divided on the issue. In the only discussion against the measure, he said those 18 to 21, while intelligent, were impetuous; more interested in establishing homes than accepting the responsibilities of citizenship.

Broader Tax Base for Oregon Included in Tax Committee's Plan To Balance Books

Salem—(U.P.)—Rep. Loran Stewart (R-Cottage Grove) and his tax committee told the House and Senate last yesterday how they propose to balance Oregon's books, but they admitted

it was no permanent solution and the job would have to be tackled all over again in 1957. Stewart made a series of fiscal points in his explanation of the program:

Paul McNutt Died in Disappointment After Yielding To Roosevelt

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Washington—(U.P.)—Paul V. McNutt died in disappointment and political obscurity well able to remember and probably to regret what might have been.

The time of his eclipse was mid-evening of July 18, 1940. The place: Chicago Stadium where Franklin D. Roosevelt had directed that the Democratic National Convention assemble to draft him for a third term.

It was the day and night of the bitter showdown on Mr. Roosevelt's determination that Henry Agard Wallace should be the next vice-president of the United States. Just previously the Republicans in Philadelphia had nominated Wendell L. Willkie for president and Sen. Charles L. McNary of Oregon for the second spot. Willkie almost could have been FDR's selection because the President knew he could lick him and relished the chore. The men nominated by the Democrats were sure to be elected.

Pressure Builds Up
It was a set-up year for Mr. Roosevelt and for those Democrats faithful to him. Of all the other there came only to McNutt the chance to upset the cherished plans of the mightiest politician of his time. The opportunity came. McNutt seized it—and let it go.

Nearly a dozen Democratic aspirants to the vice-presidential nomination had pulled out of the contest by the time the conven-

tion got around on July 18 to picking the man. White House pressure was too much for them. Wallace stayed in as Mr. Roosevelt's choice. Speaker John H. Bankhead was in as the last-stand, anti-New Deal candidate. And there was McNutt, who had been named the year before to be federal security administrator, a maneuver generally regarded as intended to put the brakes on the former Indiana governor's ambition to get the 1940 presidential nomination for himself.

Gets FDR's Call
On the evening of July 18 it was still a contest with good prospects for McNutt over Bankhead and Wallace. Failing that, the political experts figured McNutt could at least split the New Deal vote and give Bankhead a chance to slip in. A very large proportion of the delegates was frantically looking for a way out of supporting Wallace.

That's the way it was when McNutt was called away. The White House was calling. And from Washington spoke Mr. Roosevelt in one way or the other telling McNutt to get out. What passed between the two men has never been published. But it persuaded McNutt.

Very shortly afterwards McNutt was on the convention platform. The hoarse and angry crowd would not let him speak. The word already had passed that "Paul is going to quit" and they did not want him to do it.

Last Political Say
But he silenced the convention crowd in time and had his say. And that, politically, was the last heard of Paul V. McNutt who had a real chance, if he could have withstood FDR's pressure, to be vice-president of the United States.

Four years later, FDR had to drop Wallace but not for causes which could have disqualified McNutt. So take it from there. McNutt might have been nominated for a second vice-presidential term—the one that fell to Harry S. Truman.

By ALINE MOSBY
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Around Hollywood

Hollywood—(U.P.)—The world still looks black-and-white to most TV viewers. But color TV will be nailed down to stay Sunday when NBC opens the first new color studio with the fanfare of one of TV's biggest all-star shows. Many a viewer complains that the supercolossal musicals are designed for color sets, yet most of the audience hasn't the \$900 to enjoy the glorious red, blues and greens.

Some trade experts insist color isn't sweeping TV and lowering the prices of sets as fast as expected.

First for Color
But NBC indicates color TV will march on regardless. Next Sunday the network unveils the first studio built only for color TV, a colossus in Burbank equipped with an impressive array of lights and control boards like the inside of some futuristic space ship.

The new color studio means more color TV programs will be produced in Hollywood, an uncomfortable reminder to the movie studios over the hills. The kick-off program, NBC claims, will be one of the biggest yet as to the number of appearing stars. The program, "Entertainment, 1955," will have Bob Hope representing the movie business and Dinah Shore, records. Leontyne Price will represent opera in a telecast from New York while Helen Hayes and the play that wins this year's Antoinette Perry Award will appear for do a segment representing television.

Other celebrities appearing in person or via film include Charleton Heston, movie pioneer Adolph Zukor, Judy Holliday, Caesar Romero, Jimmy Cagney, Fred MacMurray, Donna Reed and John Derek. A salute to radio is conspicuously absent, but producer Jack Rayel, who sped here from New York to master-mind the program, shrugged that "I tried."

"Fred Allen was going to do his 'Allen's Alley' from radio with Dennis Day playing all the characters," he said as he paused between rehearsals in the new color studio. But Day came

down with pneumonia. He'll be sick for another two weeks. So we just had to leave out radio. We wanted to include the circus but that didn't work out either."

The biggest headache of producing a "spectacular," he added, is the problem of which stars should twinkle the brightest.

"The performers are very sweet, but their agents!" he groaned. "Each agent is very concerned that his client gets the same billing in the same size type and has the same amount of time on the program as the other stars."

"But once I produced the 'Home' show with 30 women," he added after a thought, "and nothing could be worse than that!"

Multnomah Moves Fund For Welfare Payments

Portland—(U.P.)—County Commissioners yesterday authorized transfer of \$89,831 from the emergency fund to the general assistance fund to be used to offset a recent cut in welfare payments.

The resolution carried a provision that the State Welfare Commission furnish matching funds so general assistance payments can be restored to at least 87 per cent of those made before the reduction last month. If the state commission approves the increased payments would start in April.

Dairy Cooperative Against Minimum

Portland—(U.P.)—Directors of the Dairy Cooperative Association today announced their opposition to any new state milk marketing law which would set minimum producer prices.

A bill providing for a new milk control administration with authority to fix producer prices has been introduced in the Legislature. It has the backing of the Grade A Milk Producers Association and several other producer groups.

However, directors of the cooperative, the state's largest milk processing and marketing organization, said they believe provisions of the bill would result in lower prices to producers than are now being paid.

Leathernecks To Get Purple Heart Award

Washington—(U.P.)—The Marine Corps announced today that it will award the Purple Heart to Leathernecks killed or wounded while carrying out the corps' traditional duties of protecting American overseas interests in time of peace.

1. Oregon's tax base should be broadened to include more of the one-third of the wage earners who are now paying no income tax.

2. Budgetary controls can hold down costs but can never avoid the increased costs based on increasing population and the public demand for new services.

3. Further study should be given to the California system of a combined sales and income tax whereby the lower income groups pay no income tax and the upper and middle groups pay both taxes.

Principal interest among legislators was in the new income tax law proposed by Stewart's committee. He explained that it would hit the upper income brackets hardest but would draw in a few taxpayers who are now escaping altogether—a broader base in other words.

Special Election
Stewart revealed that his

committee was considering for the first time a piece of legislation that would automatically call for a special election within 60 days after referral petitions are filed against any part of the revenue tax program. Though the legality of such a plan is still being investigated, it would speed the process by which voters would decide the state's fiscal dilemma, if a referendum succeeds in stalling enactment of the tax plan.

Chamber Directors Hear of Gas Ruling

A description of effects of the recent supreme court decision, which requires regulation of the price of natural gas at the well-head, was given to directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce yesterday by Hal Edwards, of the Standard Oil company here.

Edwards is supporting a bill which would establish the intent of congress as not requiring such regulation.

A committee of the board was named to prepare a resolution on the matter for submission at the next meeting.

Don McNeil, chamber manager, reported that a discussion on the state tax problem will be conducted in Grants Pass Saturday evening, and that Medford people are invited to attend. State Rep. Loren Stewart, Grants Pass, chairman of the house tax committee, will lead the discussion, which will be taped and broadcast over radio station KUIN, Grants Pass, and later over Medford stations.

The average housewife spends one third to one half of her working day in the purchase, preparation and care of food and related activities, estimates the Twentieth Century Fund.

Postal Pay Raise Won't Be Retroactive

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate decided today that any pay raise it approves for postal employees will not be retroactive.

By voice vote, the Senate agreed to an amendment by Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) making a proposed 10 per cent pay increase effective on the first day after it becomes law instead of retroactive to Jan. 1. The 10 per cent increase proposal had carried the retroactive provision.

The administration was threatened with defeat in its efforts to hold postal pay increases to 7.6 per cent.

The administration bill, sponsored by Sen. Frank Carlson (R-Kan.) contains no retroactive pay for most workers.

Fire Fighters To Sponsor Auto Show

The auto show which will be presented in connection with the Pear Blossom festival on April 23 will be sponsored by the local unit of the International Association of Fire Fighters. In cooperation with the Medford Automobile Dealers association, it was announced today.

The show will be a part of a fund-raising program undertaken by the fire fighters to raise some \$20,000 for the purchase and equipping of a disaster car for the Medford area. It is hoped to net some \$1,000 through the show.

Details are being worked out by Floyd Courtright, chairman of the show committee, and will be announced soon.

It was also reported this morning that many donations have been received so far, but they are "just a drop in the bucket" compared to the \$20,000 needed for the project. Individuals or organizations wishing to contribute may send their donations to Fire Fighters, Medford.

Portland Meatcutters Schedule Vote Monday

Portland—(U.P.)—Portland's meatcutters will meet in two groups at the labor temple here Monday to vote on a "final" management offer to end a two-month labor dispute. The management offer was made yesterday evening at a negotiating session attended by Federal Mediator Leroy Smith. Smith, who did not disclose its terms, said the offer probably averted a strike for this week-end.

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