

Vote Returns Show GOP Could Be Bolder in Labor Union Dealings

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Washington—(U.P.)—Election returns from the Midwest suggest the Eisenhower administration could dare be a bit more bold in dealing with labor leaders.

The unions and how to deal with them baffle the Republicans. The political tie of most of the top union leadership with the Democrats is close, open and effective. Many persons assert that the union leaders will carry the party.

The Republican Party line, in general, is to get along with the union leaders, if possible, which it probably isn't. There are occasional party lapses, such as last summer's indictment of the Michigan CIO Auto Workers on motion of Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. The charge was violation of the Corrupt Practices Act by use of union funds in the 1954 senatorial election.

But only a few weeks earlier the administration had polished the unions with fast approval of CIO President Walter Reuther's drive toward an automotive industry annual wage. Reuther had not quite got it from General Motors and Ford, but the new contract did provide a large chunk of lay-off pay.

Nixon Approves Pact
Vice-President Richard Nixon quickly spoke for the administration in saluting the new contract during a Detroit speech. The administration's applause may have been over hasty. There is some evidence now that the voters do not approve.

The Reuther contracts depended in some states on changing laws which forbade unemployment compensation to persons

also receiving lay-off pay. Such a state was Ohio.
The CIO appeal to the Ohio legislature failed to obtain the desired change. The CIO then teamed with the AFL and the Railway brotherhoods to put their proposition on last week's election ballot.

The proposal submitted to the voters was substantially to increase unemployment compensation and to legalize receipt of lay-off pay in addition.

The response of Ohio voters was a stunning No! By almost two-to-one the proposition was rejected. Only half dozen or so of Ohio's 100-odd counties approved the proposal behind which was the all-out weight of

Aquapop Escapes From Prison Guard

New Orleans—(U.P.)—Russell Tongay, serving 10 years for the death of his famous aquatut daughter, last night escaped from a Florida prison guard who brought him here for a lung examination.

The once-burly, ex-coast-guardman had obtained approval of the trip from Gov. Leroy Collins of Florida on a plea that he is dying of lung cancer or tuberculosis. He was to have been examined today.

Guard Jimmie G. Simmons of the Florida State prison said Tongay "played possum" when they had a minor auto accident on arriving yesterday afternoon and later sprinted from custody at a downtown restaurant.

"He may be sick but he sure can run," Simmons said wryly.
Tongay has served one day less than six months of his sentence in an unprecedented manslaughter conviction for forcing his flaxen-haired daughter Kathy, 5, to make a fatal, 33-foot dive at Miami Beach on May 3, 1953.

organized labor. Counties with big industrial concentrations beat it, including the counties in which are located the cities of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Akron and Dayton.

Possible GOP Issue
If the Republicans are looking for an issue upon which to challenge union leaders, it looks like they may have had it in their grasp. Perhaps the unemployment compensation hike may have contributed greatly to defeat of the union proposition.

The returns strongly suggest the administration could have made some political hay by challenging Reuther last summer on a new round of wage benefits. It's too late now.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson dared do it last September with a charge that farm equipment industry wage hikes were very much responsible for the farm price squeeze. But he got in trouble on that and has not dared repeat it. It is not the administration party line.

The Republicans are not as politically acute as Ohio's Democratic Governor Frank J. Lausche. Lausche helped beat last week's labor thrust in Ohio.

Central Point Cubs To Meet Tomorrow

Central Point—Pack four of the Cub Scouts of Central Point will hold its November meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Central Point Junior High school library. Awards will be presented, and several speakers are scheduled to give short talks.

Jim Glen, new Cub Scoutmaster, will be introduced to parents of Cubs. Parents, grandparents, and other interested persons have been invited.

Grange

Phoenix Grange met Nov. 8 and elected officers for the coming year.

Elected were Master Melvin Lattie; Overseer Lester Carr; Lecturer Dee Hendrickson; Steward Bernie Lewin; Assistant Steward Mervin Hixson; Lady Assistant Myrtle Hixson; Chaplain Gertrude Lewin; Treasurer Olen Poe; Secretary Dolly Lottie; Doorkeeper Edith Poe; Ceres Mabel Cox; Pomona Myrtle Ferns; Flora Ethel Hockersmith; Executive Committee Saul Cox, Charles Johnson and Charles Hockersmith.

Marian and Arthur Detrich were elected to become members.

Attendance pins were presented to Ethel and Lester Carr and Christine Dinsmore.

HEC will meet at the hall Nov. 16 for a covered dish dinner at noon, with Mabel Quackenbush, Florence Hartley and Evelyn Gysen as hostesses.

The next Grange meeting will be at the hall Nov. 23. Installation of officers will also be held.

Butte Falls Grange met in regular session with master Ted Fredenburg presiding. Britt Ash was obligated in the third and fourth degrees.

The following officers were elected: master, Les Casey; overseer, Elga Abbot; lecturer, Velma Casey; steward, Everette Moore; assistant steward, Earl Dean; chaplain, Maud Arnold; treasurer, Bruce Pingle; secretary, Alice Harris; gatekeeper, Floyd Mattern; ceres, Rose Arnt; pomona, Velma McKeen; flora, Zella Dean; lady assistant steward, Emogene Abbot; executive committee, Ernest Smith, Ted Fredenburg and Roy Green.

The HEC will meet Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. at the home of Frieda Moore. Officers will be elected.
The social night will be Nov. 19, at the high school, and is to be a potluck supper starting at 6:30 p.m. The plans for this will be completed at the HEC meeting.
The next Grange meeting will

Children's Book Week Activities At SOCE

Ashland — Children's Book Week is being observed at Southern Oregon college with a display of books from a distribution list of Books to Own. The display is open to the public in the children's library between 8 and 12 p.m. and 1 and 5 p.m.

Tuesday, the movie, "The Steadfast Tin Soldier" by Hans Christian Anderson will be shown to first and second grades from Lincoln school.

Wednesday, Mrs. Elinor Sallus, children's librarian, and Mrs. Marie Dieble, kindergarten instructor, will be co-hostesses at a tea for parents from 3 to 5 p.m. There will be a discussion of books on display from the standpoint of their suitability as gifts for children.

Tuesday, a play will be presented by Dr. Dorothy Stolp's dramatics club. "The Stolen Prince" will be presented in Churchill hall auditorium at 9:15 a.m. Parents are invited.

Oberst Named KMED Program Director

Norm Oberst has been appointed to replace Russ Jamison as radio station KMED program director, Ray Johnson, general manager, has announced. Oberst has been with KMED for the past four years, prior to which he was associated with stations at Klamath Falls and Mount Shasta, Calif.

The appointment becomes effective Dec. 1. Oberst is a graduate of Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls, and has had radio experience in the army during World War II. He is a member of the Medford Toastmasters club, and Rogue Valley Amateur Radio Club.

Refreshments were served by the committee, Mr. and Mrs. Ros Arnt, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dean at the conclusion of the Grange meeting.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is the Community's Biggest Marketplace at noon Saturday

Northwest Phone Strike Averted

Everett — (U.P.) — Fears of a telephone workers' strike were removed when officials of the West Coast Telephone Co. here announced that an agreement had been reached late last week with the negotiating committee of the Northwest Communications Council, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The agreement is the culmination of negotiations which began Sept. 8.

About 1480 of the 1700 employees, of the company in Washington, Oregon and California will be affected.

In addition to overall wage increases, retroactive to Nov. 1, several fringe benefits were granted, according to Ray Dalton, vice-president and general manager of West Coast.

Dalton estimated total cost of the contract changes in excess of \$190,000.

Accordion Concert At Camp White Today

The monthly concert by the Eve Prentice Accordion band will be held at Camp White tonight when 10 accordion students from Rogue River academy will be featured.

The students who will play include Ruth Jolliffe, Elizabeth Jolliffe, Eldene Burgess, Charlene Barnhart, Lois Ann Pike, Laurana Plankenhorn, Linda Lewis, Judy Beltz, Patty Ruazi and Larry Snyder.

Conditions Of Injured Improve At Hospital

The condition of Earl Frederick Dillree, 16, a Phoenix high school youth injured Nov. 10 in an automobile accident on the Hillcrest-Phoenix rd., at Barnett rd., was reported today as improved at Sacred Heart hospital where he has been since the accident.

However, it is pointed out that he is still in serious condition and that no one except family members should visit him at the hospital.

Joe Willie Haynes, 11, who has been at the same hospital since Oct. 19 when he was seriously injured when struck by a car north of Gold Hill, is reported as "very good." It is possible that he may be dismissed this week. He is a son of Joe Haynes, Corcoran, Calif. The accident occurred when the boy was helping to push their stalled car.

Norman Harp, 21, of 908½ North Riverside ave., is reported as improved and no longer on the critical list. He was injured Nov. 9 when the car he was driving went out of control on Crater Lake highway near Camp White.

SLAYS WIFE, SELF
Cleveland, O.—(U.P.)—A butcher shot and killed his wife last night after an argument over her return to New York, then committed suicide. Dead were Voleslav Kowalski, 39, and his wife, Elizabeth, 35. Police termed the double shooting murder and suicide.

HEADS WOOL GROWERS
Portland—(U.P.)—Julian Arien of Vale Saturday was elected president of the Oregon Wool Growers Association at the group's 60th annual convention here. Other officers include Guy Arbogast, Condon, vice-president, and W. H. Steiwer, Fossil, delegate to the 1956 American sheep producers convention.

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