

Morse Will Win by Comfortable Margin If Maine Barometer Again Holds True

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Washington — If the returns from Maine's general election are as indicative of a voting trend in Oregon as they have been in past elections, statistics point to the following impact upon the Oregon election outcome:



1. Sen. Wayne Morse, Democrat, will defeat Douglas McKay, Republican, by a more comfortable margin than Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Democrat, defeated Sen. Guy Cordon, Republican, in 1954.

2. Two House seats—one Republican and one Democratic—are fairly safe for their incumbents who are seeking reelection. They are, respectively, Reps. Walter Norblad in the 1st district and Edith Green in the 3rd district.

3. The other two House seats—both now held by Republicans—will be extremely close races, with Rep. Harris Ellsworth the favorite to win reelection in the 4th district and the 2nd district contest strictly a tossup between Rep. Sam Coon and his Democratic opponent, Albert Ullman.

This speculative forecast of the outcome of the November balloting is based entirely upon Maine's reputation for being a reliable political barometer and the undisputed fact that in the past four elections there has been a remarkable correlation between the voting trends in Oregon and Maine.

Graphic Comparison

Two years ago, after the voters of Maine had gone to the polls in the September election and the voters of Oregon were still weighing their decision, this reporter made a graphical comparison of election statistics from both states and reported that the Maine returns pointed to the election of Neuberger, Mrs. Green, Ellsworth and Norblad. That is precisely how the election came out six weeks later.

Prior to that election of two years ago, both states had all-Republican delegations in Congress—a reflection of the political fact that both states have for many years past been Republican party strongholds. But then Maine elected a Democratic governor, which was a straw in the wind; and reelected its three Republicans to the House and its Republican Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, by sharply reduced margins of victory. Oregon followed suit and elected its first Democrat to the Senate in 40 years and its first Democrat to the

House in over a decade. And victorious Republicans for Congress won by reduced margins.

Democrat Re-elected
This month, Maine reelected that Democratic governor, Edmund S. Muskie, defeated one of the three Republican congressmen and reelected the other two by narrower margins. One race was so close that only 29 votes separated the victorious Republican from his Democratic opponent.

The outcome of the Senate race in Oregon this year may correspond less than the other congressional contests to past performances, simply because of the unique factor involving Morse's switch in party from Republican to Democrat. But the voting trends themselves, without regard to personalities, show a decline in strength for Republicans running for the Senate in both Maine and Oregon. This decline brought Mrs. Smith's share of the vote in Maine down from 71.3 per cent in 1948 to 58.6 per cent in 1954; and former Senator Cordon's share down from 60 per cent in 1948 to 49.8 per cent, which was less than a majority, in 1954.

74.8 Per Cent for Morse

In 1950, when both Morse and McKay last ran for election, Morse got 74.8 per cent of the vote for senator—a bigger majority, incidentally, than any other senatorial candidate in either state in the past dozen years—and McKay got 66 per cent of the vote when he was elected governor. Since then, both men have become extremely controversial political figures—Morse because he bolted the GOP and McKay because of his policies in serving as Secretary of the Interior.

If McKay should soundly defeat Morse, it would mark a sharp reversal of the trend toward Democratic gains to which the election statistics now point.

As for Congressman Ellsworth, who represents Southwest Oregon including the Medford area, the election statistics and the trend in Maine indicate that he is in for the closest contest of his career. In 1954, Ellsworth won with 55.9 per cent of the vote cast—a figure generally regarded as near the critical point. That is, political observers regard any congressional district that was won with no more than 55 per cent of the vote as a swing district which is apt to go to the other party if there is a definite trend toward the other party.

Ellsworth's Smallest Margin
Never before had Ellsworth had such a small margin of victory in his five bids for reelection. In his first reelection campaign in 1946, the Roseburg congressman won the vote, in

1948 this dropped off a bit to 66.6 per cent.

In 1950, Ellsworth's share of the votes fell to 59.5 per cent, and then in 1952 it jumped back up to 66.3 per cent. It then skidded to its lowest point in 1954 of 55.9 per cent.

Generally speaking, the up and down swings of Republican voting strength in Maine have been sharper than those in Oregon. This year, if Oregon follows the trend in Maine and gives Republicans running for Congress a smaller share of the vote than in 1954, Ellsworth's share will drop still closer to the 50 per cent point which divides the victor from the vanquished—but it would appear that he will emerge the winner over his Democratic challenger, Charles O. Porter, unless there is a strong tide running for the Democrats in November than seemed evident in September.

Probably the closest race in the state among those running for Congress will be in eastern Oregon, where Rep. Sam Coon was reelected in 1954 by 52.6 per cent of the vote. The statistical trends indicate he may lose to his repeat challenger, Al Ullman, or win by the skin of his

Evening Classes in Languages Offered

Ashland—Evening classes in September 25 at Southern Oregon college, Dennis Hannan, assistant professor of languages, has announced.

Second year Spanish for two hours credit may be taken from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesdays in room L-115. Normally, Hannan explained, either two years of high school, one year of college, or the approximate equivalent, are prerequisite to the course.

Hannan, who will teach the course, has two year's overseas experience with French and Spanish and was with native families in North Africa during World War II.

First year French classes are scheduled for 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday nights in room L-2 with Grier Nicholl as instructor. The course may be taken for credit or as an audit with no prerequisite other than college standing necessary. Four hours credit may be earned for each quarter attended.

Nicholl, an instructor in English and French, is beginning his second year at SOU after a year of high school teaching experience in Montana and two years with the Navy in the South Pacific.

teeth. It's a tossup.

Rep. Norblad had the fattest victory margin of any Republican in 1954—63 per cent—in the Northwest Oregon district in which Democratic voting strength has been the weakest in the state. And Rep. Green, elected in the Portland district in 1954 by 52.3 per cent, would figure to increase her share of the votes if the Maine trend holds true once again in Oregon. Both figure to be fairly easy winners.

Eight Librarians To Attend Meeting

Eight community librarians of the Jackson county library system will participate with the staff of the Medford public library Tuesday in an all-day meeting at the library.

Featured in the day's program will be three films: "Books and People," "Library on Wheels," and "Information Service in the Small Public Library Branch."

The library's manual of policies and procedures which has recently been published will be distributed and discussed, and a tour of the library's various departments will be made, during which department representatives will explain the work of each section and its relationship to the service of the library as a whole.

Visitors will be entertained at luncheon at the Medford hotel. Expected to take part are Mrs. Avis Van Hoy, Central Point; Mrs. Helen Roberts, Jacksonville; Mrs. Josephine Furry, Phoenix; Mrs. Alta Estes, Talent; Mrs. Jewel Routh, Gold Hill; Mrs. Lulu Trotter, Rogue River; Mrs. Jessie Tyner, Eagle Point; and Mrs. Tizzie Edmondson, Butte Falls.

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Housing Action Praised, Abused

Washington—(AP)—The government's four-part action to boost home building has drawn praise and abuse from housing and mortgage circles.

Some called the federal move to help the lagging home-building industry meaningless or too small. But others hailed it as an important sign that the Eisenhower administration recognizes a crisis in housing and is fighting it.

A number of home builders said it would not help them. A private mortgage finance official here said the action does nothing to make money more available for lending, and it will not boost anything but the demand for homes.

On the other hand, a savings & loan association spokesman and a congressional housing expert said the housing market will be stimulated psychologically and its volume boosted. They said the move is important because it marks a reversal in government restrictions on housing credits.

Federal housing chief Albert M. Cole said the measures taken Thursday "will be very helpful in stimulating the mortgage market" and should bring immediate results in boosting building.

Crater High FFA Considers Dispenser

Central Point—At a regular meeting of the Crater High school chapter of the Future Farmers of America last week, president Bob Eldon appointed a committee to study the feasibility of installing a milk dispenser in the high school, similar to the one operated by the FFA in Eagle Point.

A talk was given by Carl Hoover of the Jackson County Milk Producers League.

The group decided to purchase 500 boxes of Christmas cards to be sold by FFA boys. Other plans discussed for raising money for the group was a concession stand at Crater football games and several cooperative crop projects.

News About Books From the Library

Evaluations of current motion pictures being shown locally can be obtained from guides available at the Medford Public Library.

The evaluations, called "Joint Estimates of Current Entertainment Films," are distributed by the Film Estimate Board of National Organizations, which reviews films from the standpoint of suitability for children and the family type of entertainment the picture represents. The service has been praised by parent and educational organizations.

Gives Dissents, Too
Each evaluation gives the screen credits, including the names of the producer, director and cast, a brief outline of the plot, and then an estimate of the picture's entertainment in the opinion of the organizations reviewing the film. In case of disagreement, the opinion of the dissenting organization is also given.

Organizations evaluating the films include the American Association of University Women, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, General Federation of Women's Clubs, Protestant Motion Picture Council,

SEATO Nations To Begin Sea Maneuvers in Java

Singapore—(AP)—The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization will begin naval maneuvers in the Java Sea next Tuesday, it has been announced.

The month-long exercise will include amphibious, air and anti-submarine operations. Ships from all SEATO nations except France will take part.

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Automobile Reported Taken Friday Night

George Edward Marsters, route 1, box 155, Rogue River, told city police officers Friday night that his automobile was stolen from its parking place in the 500 block on South Ivy st., sometime before 10:30 p.m. The vehicle was described as a four-door light green station wagon. He told officers he had left the keys in the car.

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The Hubbards have a daughter aged 11 and three boys ranging from 5 to 15 years, who work around the dairy. The children are active in 4-H and Future Farmers of America work.



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