

DEMOS CONTROL OREGON HOUSE

Senate Apparently Left in 15-15 Tie; Veterans Trailing

First Democrat Win In House Since 1937

Portland — (UPI) — Democrats surprised Oregon Republicans by gaining at least a 19 seat victory margin in the State House of Representatives and battling to an apparent 15-15 tie in the Senate.

The house Democratic victory was the first since 1937 and the Democrats haven't controlled the Senate since post Civil War days. Latest returns gave Democrats a 40-20 edge in the house.

The Senate tie left open the question of who will be president of the 1957 senate. Republicans were expected to run Warren Gill, Lebanon, a holdover member. Democratic holdover members who might be candidates were Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie, and Phil Brady, Portland.

McMinimee Losing

Closest senate race was between Democrat Andrew Naterlin of Newport and Sen. Warren McMinimee of Tillamook. Naterlin, manager of a public utility district, was holding a 118-vote margin with returns practically complete.

The Democratic upset saw some familiar Republican legislators go down to defeat. Included were Rep. Ed Geary, Klamath Falls, speaker of the 1955 house, who lost out to Harry D. Boivan, also of Klamath Falls.

Veteran Republican senators Paul Geddes, Roseburg; Charles Binger, La Grande; John Merrittie and Pat Lonergan, Portland; and John Housell, Hood River, all were victims of the Democratic sweep.

Republican Reps. Earl H. Hill, Cushman, and Henry Seamon, veterans of 49 years in the Legislature, both lost.

Dem Chairman Beaten

Republicans went into the Senate battle needing only three wins to clutch control. They held a 24-6 margin in the 1955 Senate and outnumbered Democrats 35 to 25 in the House with half of its membership elected every two years, house Democrats needed only six seats to control.

Among candidates who failed to catch the Democratic swing was Robert A. Boyer, state Democratic chairman from Jackson county.

Popular Multnomah county spearheaded the Democratic victory by electing five former representatives to the state Senate and sending 16 of their 16 candidates to the House.

Democrats went into the house race with three of their candidates unopposed to one unopposed Republican candidate, George Layman, Newberg.

The election of Republican holdover Sen. Mark Hatfield as secretary of state and the advancement of Democrat Sen. Robert Holmes to Governor will force county commissioners to name replacements of the same party.

Gill Claims Support For Control of Senate

Salem — (UPI) — Warren Gill, Republican candidate for president of the 1957 state Senate, said today he had the solid support of all 15 GOP senators and would fight to organize the house.

He said he had "no sympathy" with any sentiment to let control of the Senate go to the Democrats because of their victory in the house.

Nunley Offers Assistance To New District Attorney

District Attorney Walter D. Nunley, who was defeated Tuesday in his bid for reelection, today offered his "best wishes" and assistance if desired to his Democratic successor, Thomas Reeder.

In a letter to Reeder, Nunley said, "I am frank to admit that I know little of the rather enormous task and responsibility imposed upon an individual who was elected to the office. Needless to say, I have learned a great deal and am keenly aware of what lies ahead for you and the people of my county."

Nunley continued, "It may be that my strong and continuing interest in good law enforcement for this community has resulted in the fact that I have perhaps given more of myself to the work



PAYS OFF ELECTION BET—Don Faber, co-owner of Faber's Supermarket in Central Point, who was reelected mayor of Central Point Tuesday, pushes Bill Bailey down Central Point's main street in a wheelbarrow, in compliance with an election wager between the men. Bailey, a Democrat, and owner of Dardene's Richfield Service in Gold Hill, bet on Morse and Faber bet on McKay in this election. The friendly argument started when

Faber began slipping campaign literature in Bailey's groceries. Faber, who claims Bailey began talking in a loud voice in his grocery store and embarrassing him in front of customers, challenged him to the bet in which the loser was to push the other three blocks down main street and back again in a wheelbarrow, buying him a cup of coffee on the way.

Preliminary Work to Start on Programs

Preliminary work will start in the immediate future for Medford's arterial street and sewer programs, according to City Manager Robert Duff.

The three segments of the capital improvement program were approved by voters in the general election Tuesday.

The arterial street program will be financed through a \$220,000 general obligation bond issue and a \$143,000 tax levy each year for 10 years.

Bond money will be used to pay right of way costs and other preliminary expenditures. Working capital for the project from the tax levy will be included in the 1957-58 city budget and sufficient funds should be on hand by January, 1958, Duff said, to start actual work.

According to the agreement, the company will dedicate a strip of land 86 feet wide on an alignment recommended by the city. Dedication also would be made to extend two north-south alleys to the proposed 10th st. right-of-way.

The city will improve the street within a year with curbs gutters and paving. The city will finance the project. The estimated cost of the portion of 10th st. is \$9,600. Funds for construction would be from the state tax street fund, which showed a balance of \$63,396.51 Sept. 30.

Because the need for certain storm sewers is urgent, general obligation bonds totaling \$95,000 will be sold soon to start the six-year expansion program.

Bonds will pay for the interceptor line along Eighth st. to Bear creek.

The rest of the storm and sanitary sewer programs also will get underway in the immediate future, Duff explained. Accumulation of funds for the projects is necessary before actual work can start. Preliminary engineering and development of plans are underway.

The storm sewer program will be paid by a continuing levy of \$47,500 annually over a six-year period. The annual levy for the sanitary sewer program will be \$19,000.

Duff said he was compiling a report on the Grandview-Kenwood district where annexation was approved by residents Tuesday. The district's liabilities and assets will show the actual cost of the annexation to the city. The reports are being compiled before an election is called in the city for Medford residents to vote on the matter.

Holmes, Porter Piling Up Lead

Portland — (UPI) — Robert D. Holmes, Astoria radio executive, continued to pile up a lead over Elmo Smith today in the Oregon gubernatorial race. It is the first time Oregon has elected a Democratic governor since Charles J. Martin was elected in 1934. With 2,490 of the state's 2,532 precincts counted, Holmes was leading by a vote of 358,044 to 350,407.

Charles O. Porter, Eugene attorney, enjoyed a lead of slightly more than 4,000 votes over Harris Ellsworth for the 4th district's seat in Congress. With 597 of the district's 620 precincts counted, Porter had a margin of 84,762 to 80,733.

Rep. Sam Coon was out of the running in his campaign for reelection to Congress from the second district. With 433 of 439 precincts counted, Al Ullman was leading Coon 52,188 to 50,929.

Sen. Wayne Morse had extended his margin over Douglas McKay to slightly over 60,000 votes in their bitterly-contested race for the U. S. Senate. With 2,490 of the state's 2,532 precincts reporting, Morse had a lead of 385,033 to 325,010 for McKay.

Salem — (UPI) — Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said final payment of \$2061 has been made to each county fair to bring the total for 1956 to \$12,637 from racing fund monies.

French Communists Call Mass March To Avenge Burning

Paris — (UPI) — The French Communist party called a mass march on Paris tonight to avenge the burning of the party's headquarters by an angry mob protesting Russia's military oppression in Hungary.

Paris was one of several cities throughout the world where violent anti-Communist demonstrations erupted in a spreading protest against the Soviet Army's ruthless suppression of the Hungarian revolt.

In New York, Latin America, the Far East, Iceland and major cities of Europe, tension mounted over the Russian intervention. As a protest gesture, diplomats in worldwide points Wednesday night boycotted Soviet festivities commemorating the 39th anniversary of the October revolution which put Lenin and his followers in power in Russia.

The most explosive situation was in Paris. Wednesday night thousands of screaming students set fire to the French Communist party headquarters and the offices of the Communist newspaper Humanite. At least 100 persons were injured in rioting which continued through dawn. More than 200 others were arrested.

Salem — (UPI) — The State Agriculture Department says the annual search for the Khapra beetle would start in Oregon grain warehouses next week.

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Balloon Sets New Altitude Record Before Crashing

Science Thwarted In Hunt for Secrets

Rapid City, S.D. — (UPI) — A huge Navy balloon that carried two Navy pilots to a new manned-balloon altitude of 76,000 feet went out of control and landed near Kennedy, Neb., today.

The two pilots apparently "walked away" from wreckage of the stricken balloon. Cause of the near disaster was not determined immediately, but a theory was advanced that the balloon began leaking helium.

The big, helium-filled plastic balloon was launched from the Stratobowl near here at 5:19 a.m. (PST) carrying the two men and a maze of scientific instruments to pry new secrets from the fringes of space.

Just after reaching 76,000 feet, the balloon's gondola began spinning dizzily on its lines and the balloon began dropping fast.

The balloon began its fall shortly after 8 a.m. and was on the ground by about 9 a.m. It started to fall at a rate of about 1,300-feet a minute and gained momentum as it neared the earth.

Try To Regain Control

Commanders M. D. Ross and M. L. Lewis, the two men riding in the gondola, declared an emergency situation and buckled themselves into their seats. They dumped ballast in an attempt to regain control, but the gondola continued spinning to earth.

The balloon was reported down and the pilots "walking around" about eight miles southwest of Kennedy, Neb., in rough country just south of the Badlands.

The balloon was to have stayed at maximum flight for about two hours and the total duration of the flight was to have been about eight and one half hours.

The pilots didn't get a chance to make any of the experiments which were the main object of the record-setting altitude flight.

Soviets Demand UN Stay Out of Hungary

United Nations, N. Y. — (UPI) — The Soviet Union and its gun-supported puppet regime in Hungary today demanded that the United Nations stay out of Hungary but the General Assembly began debate on the problem of getting a U.N. mission into the revolt torn satellite.

Twenty-three nations were on the list of speakers on the Hungarian situation before the emergency General Assembly session opened today. More were certain to be added before the debate was through.

The assembly adopted early Sunday by a vote of 50-8 a resolution condemning the Soviet Union for sending troops to crush a rebellion of Hungarian citizens.

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Johnson, Knowland To Confer Friday On Congress Plans

Democratic Whip Defeated at Polls

Washington — (UPI) — Senate leaders Lyndon B. Johnson and William F. Knowland will confer here Friday to lay plans for organization of the next Senate under continuing Democratic control.

Congressional sources disclosed the two men will discuss the problem while they and other congressional leaders are here for their meeting with President Eisenhower on the critical developments in the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

Johnson and Knowland will be continuing their present roles, Johnson as leader of the Democrats and Knowland as head of the minority Republicans. But Democratic Whip Earle C. Clements won't be back.

Thurston B. Morton who finally won out in an exciting Kentucky race which wasn't settled until this morning.

Senator-elect Frank J. Lausche of Ohio today assured Democrats that they will have hairline control when he removed himself as a possible pivot man in the crucial voting on Senate organization.

Lausche, nominally a Democrat but independent-minded, has refused to say whether he would vote with his party or with the GOP on Senate organization. One defection from the Democrats could give the GOP control.

But Lausche made the subject without meaning today by pointing out he will stay on as governor of Ohio until Jan. 14. The Senate is expected to be organized by then.

Type of Campaign Ends in Demo Win

State Democratic party chairman Robert Boyer, Medford attorney, said today the Democratic victory in Tuesday's election resulted from "the type of campaign waged by the Democratic candidates throughout the state, and their willingness to take the issues to the people."

Oregon voters reelected Sen. Wayne Morse, Democrat Robert Holmes was named governor, and Robert Y. Thornton, Democratic attorney general, was returned to office. Democrats also won the majority in the state house of representatives, and used in the number of state senators.

Boyer himself was a close third in the race for representative from Jackson county in the state legislature. Robert Duncan and incumbent Al Littrell were elected.

Boyer said "I think the results of this election, more than anything else, indicate the strength of the democratic progress. It's my hope that this election will stimulate a more affirmative attitude on the part of all candidates and that the bitterness and hate that seemed to underlie this campaign will no longer be a part of Oregon politics."

Boyer said he was proud of the Democratic party organization in the state, and feels "that the Oregon Democratic landslide has to be attributed to a rejuvenated party organization in every county of Oregon."

PEDESTRIAN HIT

T. J. Ferguson, who operates the Columbia hotel in Ashland, was struck by a car while crossing the street at Riverside ave. and Sixth st. shortly after noon today, according to Medford Ambulance service attendants. Identity of the driver was not available at press time. Extent of Ferguson's injuries were not known. He was taken to Rogue Valley hospital.

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Unofficial Count Shows Morse Carries County

Sen. Wayne L. Morse carried Jackson county by 21 votes, according to a complete but unofficial count of votes in Tuesday's general election, completed this morning.

Results published yesterday were from 84 of the county's 94 precincts. Returns from the last missing precincts put Morse ahead.

Change Other Races

The final results also changed the indicated outcome of two other races, and in some cases made them so close that only the official canvass will determine the outcome with certainty.

The last returns showed that L. Peers Wilmett, Ashland, defeated Mrs. Nelle Burns in her race for reelection of justice of the peace for the Ashland district, which it appeared she had won in incomplete returns. The final vote was 5,338 for Wilmett and 5,414 for Mrs. Burns, a margin of 124 votes out of almost 11,000 cast.

The late count in Ward III of Medford brought R. L. Van Sickle 2 votes ahead of Mrs. Marina Gates in their race for the council. The final vote total was 892 for Van Sickle, 890 for Mrs. Gates — totals so close that they could be changed by the official canvass.

Margins in the other races on the unofficial count were large enough so the outcome probably will not be changed by the official canvass, which may take a week or more to complete in most cases.

Petition Signed Protesting Freeway In Medford Limits

A petition bearing about 70 names representing business interests in Medford will be presented to the state highway commission protesting a proposed Highway 99 freeway route through Medford city limits.

The petition was circulated by Mrs. J. E. Harper, 716 East Jackson st., Medford, to Medford business establishments. It was prepared and will be mailed to the highway commission by K. G. Denman, Medford attorney.

Although no specific route was mentioned in the petition, it was in protest to the proposed Hawthorne park line, following Bear creek through Medford, and the proposed Geressee route east of Bear creek within the city limits.

The Bear creek route appeared the "least disfavored" of four proposed freeway lines at a hearing conducted by the highway commission in Medford Oct. 25. Other proposed locations include the Hillcrest route east of the Medford limits and the West Side route.

The petition stated that an "expressway route through Medford will impede the orderly and attractive growth and development of the city and result in great damage to Medford and to its residents."

The petitioners added that they "request location of the freeway route anywhere outside the city limits of Medford."

State Representative Al Littrell, a member of the interim highway committee, announced recently that the highway commission may consider a survey of a route along the foothills, east of the proposed Hillcrest route.

Morthland Improving From Serious Illness

County Commissioner L. G. (Shy) Morthland is reported "slowly improving" at home after suffering a severe penicillin reaction on Oct. 31, which caused him to be hospitalized for several days.

Morthland was defeated in his campaign for reelection by Democrat Ralph James. Morthland received 13,697 votes and James received 14,619 votes.

Mrs. Morthland reported today that the commissioner suffered a bronchial disorder more than two weeks ago and was given penicillin at that time. The allergic reaction did not occur until several days after the drug had been administered. He was reported in serious condition at the hospital until late Tuesday, when he returned home.

Mrs. Morthland said her husband is not expected to return to his office for another week or 10 days.

Portland — (UPI) — Alden L. Linn, 54, a Maupin sawmill operator, died in a local hospital Wednesday.

Weather

FORECAST: Fog in valleys and fair above 3,000 feet through Friday. Low tonight 38. High Friday 50.

Highest Yesterday Temp. 52

Lowest This Morning Temp. 39

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 6:54 a.m.

Sunset 4:38 p.m.

Moonset 10:12 p.m.

First Quarter Nov. 19

Prominent Stars Altair, rises 9:04 p.m.

Precipon. low in east 10:59 p.m.

Visible Planets Mars, in the south.

West 10:59 p.m.

Jupiter, in east 2:36 a.m.

Venus, rises 4:03 a.m.



Harold Frye, Retiring Councilman, Is Elected President of Medford Council

Harold Frye, retiring city councilman from ward III, was elected president of the council last night after John Snider, ward I councilman who was elected new mayor Tuesday, offered his resignation as council president.

Snider resigned as president and recommended Frye for the position as a gesture to Frye, who retires from the council this year after serving 16 years, which probably constitutes a record. Frye will continue as council president until the expiration of his term in office at the end of this year.

He has been a Medford resident 25 years and proprietor of the Summit Grocery store on West Second st. and Summit ave., for 23 years.

Frye served 10 of his 16 years on the council as chairman of the park committee. It was while he was chairman of the committee that Hawthorne park was developed. He is presently chairman of the streets and roads committee.

While Frye has been on the council the city has installed traffic lights and parking meters and improved the city street lighting system. Prior to 1940

there were no traffic lights or parking meters.

In 1940 the city millage rate was 17, Frye pointed out, and is now only 18 mills. This includes an increase of one mill for parks and four mills for the fire department, he said. The council has always believed in progress for Medford, he added, but been conservative in taxing the people.

Frye said his attitude has always been "to do what I could for Medford." He concluded that it has been gratifying to him "to have been part of the city's growth."