

Republican Talk of Spreading Influence In South Called 'Whistling in the Dark'

Atlanta — Southern Republicans talked encouragingly today about spreading the GOP influence in the South but a Democratic leader said they are just "whistling in the dark."

Spurred on by an "operation Dixie," sponsored by the Republican National committee, GOP leaders worked on an organizing drive at the precinct level to build up registrations in hopes of getting at least within shouting distance of the Democrats.

When the registration books closed in Louisiana before the presidential election last fall, there were 1,043,275 registered Democrats and 9,811 Republicans. Yet, President Eisenhower

carried Louisiana against Democrat Adlai Stevenson by a comfortable margin.

This ironic situation points up the complexities of the GOP problem.

Went For Eisenhower

"Those states that went Republican in the south didn't go Republican but went for Eisenhower," Georgia Democratic chairman John Sammons Bell said. "The Republicans are whistling in the dark if they hope to make headway in the Southern states."

Camille Gravel, Louisiana Democratic committeeman, believes "the President's popularity is on the wane."

But in Florida the Democrats are genuinely concerned. State Democratic Chairman James Milligan said a big influx of Northerners is adding steadily to Republican strength in the Sunshine state.

Estimates GOP Strength

Florida Republican Chairman G. Harold Alexander estimated present GOP strength in the state at 170,000, although Eisenhower beat Stevenson by almost two million votes in Florida last November.

Precinct - level organization strength of the Republicans in Florida has multiplied six times since 1950 and the GOP holds local offices in eight counties

The national party is helping the cause there with money.

"The days of Southern Republicans paddling their own canoes are gone," Alexander said. "There is no doubt we'll get the help we need now."

A big Republican registration drive is under way in New Orleans, center of GOP strength in Louisiana. In Tennessee, GOP Chairman Guy L. Smith said his party "will have candidates for Congress running in six out of nine congressional districts" next year plus candidates for governor and for the Senate seat held by Democratic Sen. Albert Gore.

Series of Meetings

Ray, Jennings Republican state chairman in North Carolina, plans a series of precinct meetings and feels the GOP has a good chance to pick up one or two more congressional seats in North Carolina, a "fertile territory" for the Republicans.

No specific program of recruiting new members has been undertaken in Georgia, primarily because Georgia voters do not register by party.

Republican National Chairman Neale Aleshon said the party will make a "great effort" to carry out President Eisenhower's goal of running a GOP candidate in every Southern congressional district next year but that "stone age laws" might thwart the attempt.

"We have run into some stone age law in some states such as Georgia where it is virtually impossible to get a Republican on the ticket," Aleshon said. He predicted, however, that the GOP can expect a net gain of eight House seats over the present nine they hold in the South Still Too Weak

Leaders of both parties in Virginia agree that despite Eisenhower victories there in 1952 and 1956 the Republicans are still too weak to topple the entrenched Democratic organization of Sen. Harry Byrd in a state election. A Republican polled 45 per cent of the vote in a 1953 gubernatorial election, however, and party leaders see a good chance of building Virginia into a two-party state.

Southern conservatism and reluctance to be bound by strict party rules are generally regarded as aids to the GOP or ganizing drive.

CAUSED NEAR RIOT—Marilyn Monroe arrives smiling for premiere of her new movie at a New York theater where her new figure-moulding gown set off a near riot. A friendly crowd broke through a cordon of 15 policemen and make souvenir treasures out of Marilyn. Marilyn lost her earrings but managed to keep the gown intact.

Coast Guard to Help Enforce Regulations

Portland — The Coast Guard will cooperate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service here in enforcing the sockeye salmon regulations of the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission from June 24-Aug. 12, it was announced Friday.

The regulations adopted by the IPSFC this spring order that no sockeye salmon may be fished for or taken in the territorial waters and high seas westward from the West Coast of the United States and the Dominion of Canada between the 48th and 49th parallels of latitude, except by trolling gear.

Dr. Hoffman Resigns Portland College Post

Portland — Dr. Philip G. Hoffman Saturday announced his resignation as Dean of the Faculty at Portland State college to become vice president of the University of Houston, Tex.

Hoffman had been vice dean of the General Extension Division in Oregon and then dean of the division before his appointment to Portland State. He was in charge of the Ford Foundation curriculum study at PSC and won the addition of general studies courses to the school's curriculum that were offered at no other state school.

Detroit — Victor Kolar, 69, who retired in 1941 as conductor of the Detroit symphony orchestra died Sunday night after a short illness.

Armed Forces Have 9 Different Guided Missiles in Hands of Men

(Editor's Note: Missile development is revolutionizing weapons. The U. S. has or is actively working on nearly 30 missiles, some guided and some unguided. The new weapons are named after everything from Greek gods to desert rattle snakes. If you haven't been able to keep track of them, the following dispatch may help.)

By WILLIAM GALBRAITH
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Washington — The Armed Forces have put nine different guided missiles in the hands of combat units and are working to develop at least 18 more.

The robot weapons now ready for action are of comparatively short range.

The highest priority now is on efforts to beat Russia in the race to perfect missiles in both the 3,000-to-5,000-mile "intercontinental" and the 1,500-mile "intermediate" range.

In this, the services are engaged in intense competition among themselves.

Defense Department officials concede that inter-service competition caused duplication of effort. But they say some duplication is needed to make sure the United States gets the best missiles possible.

Each of the missiles now in

the hands of combat units is designed to perform a different task or to cope with problems peculiar to the service involved. Here they are:

Army Nike-Ajax — Anti-aircraft guided missile guarding at least 13 major cities and four air bases in the United States. Range is about 25 miles, can reach planes at 50,000 feet altitude. It can be "commanded" from the ground.

Army Corporal — Bombardment weapon for battlefield use. Can strike targets 50 to 100 miles distant. Can carry a nuclear warhead. A jam-proof missile, supersonic like the Nike. The Corporal cannot be balked once it is launched. It has been assigned to troops in Europe.

Air Force Matador — A 600 to 700-mile-an-hour surface-to-surface winged missile that flies about 650 miles. It, too, can deliver an atomic punch. Units are in Europe. The Matador is now being replaced with a version having greater range and an improved guidance system which resists electronic jamming.

Air Force Falcon — A small guided missile weighing about 100 pounds used against opposing aircraft. Interceptors can carry a number of these rockets under their wings. They are electronically fired and guided to the target.

Navy Regulus — A naval version of the Matador which can be carried by either surface vessels or submarines.

Navy Terrier — A needle-nosed supersonic missile launched from surface vessels to knock down attacking aircraft. It rides a radar beam to the target and is accurate to about 20 miles.

Navy Sparrow — An air-to-air missile carried by aircraft to launch against enemy aircraft. Deadly at five miles.

Navy Sidewinder — The Navy's newest air-to-air missile can destroy enemy bombers anywhere from sea level to 50,000 feet. It homes in on the infra-red rays emitted from the exhaust of a jet aircraft or missile and destroys its target by slamming right up the tail pipe.

Navy Petrel — A guided missile launched by patrol planes against enemy vessels. The Petrel can be fired from well outside a ship's anti-aircraft defense, thus saving the pilot from hazards of anti-aircraft fire.

The Army's Redstone missile is not yet in combat units but may be soon. The missile, capable of carrying either nuclear or non-atomic warheads, is believed to have been fired about 200 miles.

Successors to these missiles and a batch of new types are coming along fast.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Man's oldest domesticated useful insect — the honeybee — has been his ally in conflict in times past. It has rendered foes unconscious or lent speed to the anguished flight.

Although the ancients did not have poisonous gas, they did use poisoned honey as a highly effective weapon. Part of this was owing to the simple trust man placed in honey — as far back as 4,000 years before Christ, an Egyptian ruler, King Menes, was given the honorable title, the beekeeper, and how long before that people ate honey is unknown.

We do know that for thousands of years men ate honey with the exception of North America and Australia where the honeybee did not exist until the white man brought it.

The first report of the use of poisoned honey is when the wily Hecataemides placed several hives containing this honey most strategically along Roman General Pompey's route while he was traveling with three cohorts (a cohort being one-tenth of a division, roughly 1,000 men) through the mountains. Seeing the bees busily doing that which comes most naturally — gathering the watery nectar of the azalea and converting it mysteriously into a thick, spicy sparkling honey, something man has never been able to duplicate — the Roman soldiers fell upon the sweetmeat greedily, because senseless and were set upon by Hecataemides' men and killed.

Scientist who have since visited these areas assert that the bees must have fed on Rhododendron ponticum, an azalea. Although bees can feed on this nectar with impunity and feed it to their young, to man the product — honey — made from it is lethal.

Only Beeswax Used

Even today, when bees feed on this plant — and bees tend to gather one nectar at a time as long as it is available in quantity thereby avoiding useless cross-pollination — the natives throw away the resulting honey of that gathering, using only the beeswax.

During these same days — the century before Christ — it is said that when a group of soldiers were about to plunder the property of the Roman poet Virgil, the attempt was successfully thwarted when his servants placed his most valuable possessions in beehives.

In another way, less subtle perhaps, bees have helped rout many an armed aggressor. In the days when men fought from ponderous steeds in heavy armor and citizens protected their cities by building great walled fortresses, beekeepers would pitch hives of bees upon the attacking enemy. What sticks and stones could not do, the bees did: seek openings in the knights' armors and crawling under the visors of their helmets, plunging in their barbed daggers to the hilt.

Irreparable Injury

Actually a bee dies once it has plunged its many-barbed stinger into a victim — the fe-

male worker (males don't sting) suffers irreparable injury to her abdomen — but just try to catch up with a man, even in clanking armor, to reassure him that it can't happen again by that same bee which got under his bonnet.

Even as late as World War I, German soldiers in East Africa tossed beehives into the British ranks. And this ancient custom was revived in 1937 when, upon one occasion in the U.S., strikers threw hives of bees at policemen who were guarding a mill. After vainly battling the insects for some time, the police were rescued by the fire department which finally routed the bees with streams of water.

To be sure, honey was used as food during World War II — its use as concentrated food goes back to early days. Greek athletes ate honey before they entered the arena for the Olympic games.

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Hermiston Attorney Named District Judge

Salem — Gov. Robert D. Holmes Friday appointed Hermiston attorney Paul A. Thalhofer, 29, as judge for the newly-created Umatilla district court in Pendleton.

Thalhofer, a Republican, was born in Klamath Falls, and is the brother of Joseph J. Thalhofer, 33, elected district judge of Deschutes county at Bend. Thalhofer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Thalhofer of Prineville.

Governor Holmes signed the bill creating the new district court Thursday.



MISSING for a week, pretty Christina Wennerstrom, 16, daughter of Swedish official in Washington, is believed to have eloped with Senate page Hugh Williams, 18, also missing. (International)

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Level of Nation's Business Activity Expected to Remain Steady for Awhile

Cleveland, Ohio — The level of the nation's business activity will remain steady for at least two or three months, Steel Magazine said today.

The current flurry of new orders reported by many companies is not expected to produce any appreciable break in the straightline movement until late in the third quarter of 1957, according to the publication.

The metalworking weekly said later expected upturns in production will follow completion of summer vacations and automakers' preparations for new model introductions.

At present, Steel said, any immediate increase in new orders will only result in an increase in backlogs.

Producers Are Satisfied

Most manufacturers were reported satisfied with present operating rates. Reasons include a reduction in the costly overtime of last year's boom and no necessity to push machinery to the breaking point.

The national operating rate of the steel industry for week ending June 16 continued its upward trend. The magazine reported mills were operating at 88.5 per cent of rated capacity, a gain of one-half point over the preceding week. Yield amounted to 2,265,149 net tons.

Current upward movements in scrap prices will tend to keep blast furnaces at high operating rates, the magazine predicted. During the week ended June 12, the scrap price composite rose for the seventh consecutive week to \$55.67 per gross ton. This was an increase of \$3.34 over the preceding week.

Price Composite Steady

Steel's base price composite on finished steel remained at \$140.24 a net ton.

"Exports of the nation's metal working industry were a whop-

ping 64 per cent above those of the same period in 1956," the publication pointed out. "If the rate continues, look for the exports to exceed 20 billion dollars this year," which would amount to 1 billion dollars over last year's all-time high.

The industry's sales for the first four months abroad was reported at \$3,600,000,000, compared with \$2,200,000,000 in the comparable period of 1956. Metalworking shipments account for half the total exporting sums, the magazine explained.

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