

Young Democrats Meeting in Reno

Reno — The Democratic party paraded its big guns today before a convention of Young Democrats from 45 states, Alaska and Hawaii.

Scheduled as afternoon speakers were National Chairman Paul M. Butler and Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan. Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts will address the convention tonight. At this morning's session convention chairman Stewart L. Udall of Arizona and Edith Green of Oregon, both members of the House, were the featured speakers.

Elections Bad News For GOP; California Agreement Exception

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Washington — There was little but bad news for the Republican Party in this week's scattering of elections.

One bright spot: California's Gov. Goodwin J. Knight abandoned his reelection campaign, leaving the GOP nomination to Sen. William F. Knowland, while he seeks Knowland's Senate seat.

The Republican Party in California thereby avoided a primary contest which could have been destructive. Vice President Richard M. Nixon is credited with arranging the foregoing solution of a party problem in his own state to the considerable improvement of his chances to win the 1960 Republican presidential nomination.

The further word on California is that Knowland was not enthusiastic about the deal, being anxious to lick Knight in a bruising primary contest and, further, being contentedly confident that he could do it, too.

Bad news: New Jersey Negro voters remained loyal to the memory of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. FDR's political heir this week in New Jersey was Democratic Gov. Robert B. Meyner who defeated Republican nominee Malcolm S. Forbes.

Returns from New Jersey's Negro wards will depress Republican strategists and comfort Democratic office holders in the North. Northern Democrats have been fearful that their Negro constituents would desert them in protest against the white supremacists who dominate the party in the South.

More bad news: Virginia voters reversed the state's trend toward the two-party system in a whopping endorsement of massive, unrelenting opposition to racial integration of the public school system. The endorsement of massive resistance and the reversal of the two-party trend will have impact throughout the old Confederacy where Virginia is historically a pace-maker.

Bad news continued: The polls elevated two bright, new Democratic figures to national prominence. New Jersey's Gov. Meyner was off to a fast start toward the 1960 Democratic presidential nomination, having demonstrated his vote-appeal independent, Negroes and, importantly, Republicans. New York Democratic Mayor Robert F. Wagner Jr. was re-elected with a bulge of nearly 1,000,000 votes. Wagner became a deadly menace to any and all Republican holders of statewide office, especially including Sen. Irving M. Ives who is up for re-election next year.

Badly Licked
For consideration at the White House, Republican candidates in New Jersey and New York City wear badly licked despite Presi-



NEW INSTRUCTOR—From San Jose State college in California, Francis J. Kelly is new instructor in psychology and education at Southern Oregon college. He received his master's degree from San Jose State and has taught in the Hayward school district. He also spent some time working with gifted children for the Alameda school district. He, and his wife and two children live in Ashland.

dent Eisenhower's urgent endorsement—and, in New Jersey, despite campaign stumping by Nixon and other administration notables.

All of this and the Democratic win in Wisconsin's recent senatorial election indicate a political pattern or the emergence of a trend toward a substantial Democratic victory in next year's congressional elections. Such a victory, in turn, would establish a trend toward the election of a Democratic president of the United States in 1960.

Now is the time, as someone said, for all good men to come to the aid of their party, although it already may be too late.

Knife, Fork Speaker Says Americans Are Most Misunderstood

Americans are the most misunderstood people in the world, largely because of Hollywood films, according to Baron Hans de Meiss-Teuffen, who spoke last night for Rogue River Valley Knife and Fork club.

The Baron, native of Switzerland but using a title bestowed on the family by an Austrian king, spoke mostly of his adventures while traveling and living in different countries, but added statements of political import from time to time.

Baron Meiss-Teuffen said the manner in which we give away money and aid to foreign nations contributes to the unpopularity of the United States, and that "some of the hate for the British glances off on the U.S."

The speaker said most Americans truly have a "help thy neighbor" spirit, as evidenced by the many civic and charitable organizations, and that he believed the rest of the world, particularly the Europeans, should

cultivate this spirit.

However, he declared that our help to foreign nations is often misguided and misunderstood, and that in some countries it is charged "when the Americans help a country, they help the rich to become richer while the poor only get poorer." He said this is repeated oftenest in the nations where government is still largely feudalistic and only a small number of leaders run the government while the masses have no part in controlling policies or decisions.

Baron Meiss-Teuffen believes that this country should "get tougher" about foreign aid projects and should see that money is expended wisely and in the right places. He gave as an example of bad planning the building of a huge dam in Afghanistan partly as an irrigation project only to find that soil in the area to be irrigated has such a high salt content it will not produce crops.

The Baron spoke of his adventures as a sailor—he set a record of 58 days for a solo trip across the Atlantic in a small boat—and of his experiences while traveling or living in many parts of the world. This included

"cloak and dagger" work for both the Germans and English during and after World War II and planting and cultivation of a plantation in the Belgian Congo which he operated in connection with a trading post and stopping place for travelers.

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