

Political Fireworks Lacking as State Primary Voting Only 2 Weeks Away

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Salem — If there is one word that characterizes the Oregon primary elections coming up in just two weeks, that word is probably "dull." Some last minute interest will no doubt build up in the time remaining, but generally it's been a slow campaign.

And statehouse observers are pretty much at a loss to explain why. With six Republicans and three Democrats in the race for gubernatorial nominations there should be sparks flying.

Some Sparks Fly

There have been some minor recent brushes: When Lew Wallace's campaign manager charged it was unfair for county chairmen to meet in the governor's

office and Gov. Robert D. Holmes replied they would meet in Salem again but not in his office.

When Mark Hatfield and Warren Gill, both Republican prospects for governor, tangled over the sales tax which Gill advocates but which Hatfield feels is no answer to the state's tax needs.

When Phil Hitchcock charged U.S. Rep. Walter Norblad was responsible for anonymous mailings in Marion county and Norblad replied he was unaware of the law in the matter and gave instructions for it not to happen again.

Shoulders Shrugged

Ask the experts who will win the nomination for governor, especially on the Re-

publican side, and they are likely to shrug their shoulders, mutter a few conjectures and wind up just looking dismal.

Gill, the veteran state senator, has probably been one of the more interesting candidates chiefly for blasts against fellow Republicans with which he started his campaign and his stand on the sales tax issue.

As far as issues go, some observers feel that the size of Gill's vote may be a pretty good indication of public sentiment for a sales tax, at least among Republicans.

Some interest has been generated by the non-partisan Supreme Court races which, in effect, will be decided in the primaries.

Democrats Gain

Senate President Boyd Overhulse, Madras, faces Holmes-appointed Justice Gordon Sloan, Astoria, in the race, and veteran Justice George Rosman, Salem, has been taken on by Salem Attorney Jason Lee in the other.

There is one bright spot. Late revisions by the secretary of state show a record voter registration of 829,270 compared with 780,595 for the

1956 primary. Of these, 420,157 are Democrats and 227,458 Republicans.

Democrats gained 38,009 over their 1956 figures and Republicans gained a smaller 8,675.

Elections Chief Freeman Holmes said the slight downward revision from previously announced registration figures resulted from a change in Multnomah county.

Nixon To Sit in With Argentines

Buenos Aires — Vice President Richard M. Nixon will sit in tonight at a special session of Congress which may decide whether ousted ex-President Juan D. Peron will be allowed to return to Argentina.

President Arturo Frondizi announced in his inaugural speech that the first bill his administration sends to Congress will call for an "ample and generous" pardon for all Peronists now in prison or living abroad as refugees.

It will be up to Congress to decide whether to include Peron in its blanket forgiveness to refugees. The ex-President has lived in Paraguay, Panama, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic since he was overthrown in 1955.

Nixon, who is here on an 18-day, eight-nation tour of Latin America, has omitted no opportunity to assure Argentines of U.S. willingness to cooperate with its Latin American neighbors on a basis of equality.

The vice-president stressed this theme at a barbecue given for him late Thursday by the Municipal Workers' Union.

"We in the United States are proud of our own independence, and we always want to respect the independence and freedom of choice of other countries," he said.

"For this reason, we will never have the relation of a bigger nation to a smaller nation with Argentina or any other country."

KIDNAPED—Michael Sickle III, central figure in a custody case several years ago, was kidnapped from in front of his Middlesex, N.J., home by two women and a man. Police say the boy's father is a man of modest means and an unlikely prospect for ransom. A 13-state alarm has been sent out for the boy's kidnapers.

French Parties Debate Plevin

Paris — France's Socialist and Conservative-Independent parties met separately today to decide whether to support Premier Rene Plevin's efforts to form a cabinet.

He could not do so very easily without the support of both groups, each of which controls a block of about 100 votes in the National Assembly.

A petition signed by 2,500 French auto workers demanding that Gen. Charles de Gaulle be recalled from retirement to serve as Premier was presented to President Rene Coty today.

Plevin, 57, leader of the middle-of-the-road Resistance Party UDRS, asked all political groups except the Communists and the Poujadists to give him "full powers for one year to deal with the Algerian war and economic and financial problems."

If Plevin wins promises of Cabinet participation from the Socialists and Conservatives he plans to go before the National Assembly Monday or Tuesday to ask for investiture as Premier.

Department Stores Report March Sales Higher Nationally

Washington — The most recent economic statistics indicated a mixed pattern today.

Department store sales for March were up nationally over February to 131 per cent of the 1947-49 average. The index for February was 124, a particularly bad month. The figure for March a year ago was 137.

The principal areas of improvement in department store sales were those where unusually bad weather in February joined with economic factors to produce a bad month at the cash registers.

March wholesale trade moved upward but remained well below March of last year. Sales of merchant wholesalers for the first quarter of this year gave a clearer picture of the recession.

First quarter wholesale transactions this year amounted to \$26 billion—10 per cent under the first quarter of 1957.

The big drop was in dur-

able goods—19 per cent under the first three months of last year. Non-durables decreased only 2 per cent in the same period.

Durable goods inventories showed little change in March but were 3 per cent below a year ago.

The Federal Reserve System reported a sizable drop in outstanding consumer installment credit in March—down \$180 million from February, taking into account seasonal influences.

Auto Loans Decline

"Nearly all" the March decline in consumer installment credit was in automobile loans, the Federal Reserve report said.

Non-installment credit—including single-payment loans and charge accounts—dropped \$66 million from February to March. Personal loans went up \$22 million for the same period.

Along with these indicators the Treasury also announced that income tax refunds on 1957 taxes from Jan. 1 to April 24 totaled \$2,452,000,000, or 35 per cent more than the dollar amount for the same period in 1957.

May Convention Set Here By Nazarene Church

The annual Missionary convention and district assembly of the Church of the Nazarene will be held in Medford May 19 through 23.

The Oregon-Pacific district is composed of 72 churches on the Oregon Pacific coast. Each church will send several delegates to the annual Missionary convention which will hold its first session May 19, at 2 p.m. Annual business conference of the churches will be presided over by Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, general superintendent from Kansas City, Mo., and will begin May 21, at 9 a.m.

Approximately 500 delegates from Missionary societies will attend the two-day Missionary convention with an additional 432 church delegates to attend the annual church business conference Wednesday through Friday.

In addition, it is expected that several hundred visitors will attend the conference.

Although many delegates will be staying in the motels and hotels, it is expected that a large number of rooms will be required to house delegates. The local housing committee chairman is Mrs. Joy Sorensen, SPring 2-5548. Any who would be willing to give a room for one or more nights during the week should call Mrs. Sorensen or the church office, SPring 3-6261.

Rev. Jones Plans to Attend Conference

The Rev. Richard M. Jones will be one of 50 pastors of all denominations attending a workshop sponsored by the Oregon state board of health, the Mental Health association and the Oregon Council of Churches at Gearhart, May 5-8.

The conference, "The Clergyman and Mental Health," will feature as its speaker Chaplain Ernest E. Bruder, chaplain, services branch, St. Elizabeth's hospital, Washington, D. C., and editor of "Journal of Pastoral Care." He also is consultant and lecturer in Pastoral Theology at various schools in the Washington, D. C. area.

The conference will be centered around common areas of concern for both the psychiatrist and the minister with workshops designed to discuss areas of mutual concern, symptoms of emotional disorder, principles in counseling and psychotherapy, the church as a resource for mental health and community attitudes and mental health.

First Nuclear Test Shot Said Imminent

Washington — The first shot in the new U.S. nuclear test series in the Pacific is imminent, government sources said today. In fact, they said it was overdue.

The weather — presumably adverse winds threatening to carry radioactive fallout beyond the test zone — was blamed for delays.

The Atomic Energy Commission said some American communities may be temporarily exposed to radioactivity levels "many times the normal background" during the forthcoming tests.

But it said the increases "will not greatly increase the total exposure to radiation." The AEC said it had made certain no inhabited areas would receive any "significant fallout" although safety personnel will be stationed on nearby inhabited atolls in event of an accident.

4-H Club News

Rookie Cooks
We met at the home of Julia Jones, April 23. Our meeting project was Berry Milk Drinks. Our next meeting will be held at the home of our leader, Mrs. Bailey, May 7. Lillian Colpitts, Reporter.

Ground Broken for New Portland Hotel
Portland — Ground was broken Thursday afternoon for the \$5 million, nine-story Sheraton hotel in the Holladay Park area of East Portland.

Special Offer!

Jacksonville Banquet, Prom Slated Tonight
Jacksonville — The Jacksonville High school junior and senior banquet and prom will be held at 6:30 o'clock tonight in the grade school all-purpose room.

The dance will be held at 8 o'clock in the Jacksonville community hall. Advisor for the senior class is Kenneth Toner and junior class advisor is Mrs. F. Hanson.

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