

NIXON CUTS SHORT STAY IN VENEZUELA

Wallace and Smith Charges Enliven Political Campaign

Job Said Offered If Smith Quits Governor's Race

Portland—A flurry of charges and denials between two Democratic candidates for the gubernatorial nomination today enlivened what has been a lack-luster campaign for the 1958 Oregon primary election Friday.

Democrats Wiley Smith and Lew Wallace, both of Portland, tangled over Smith's charges that Wallace had tried to induce him to withdraw from the three-way race with the promise of a job on the State Tax Commission.

Wallace promptly denied the charge and declared he would not appoint Smith to any state job.

The principals in the affair later turned out to be the campaign managers for the two candidates who admitted that they had talked but who denied that they had the authority to commit their men to a course of action.

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Meanwhile, District Attorney Leo Smith said a representative from Candidate Smith's office had asked him to investigate the possibility of a law violation. But Prosecutor Smith said "I am not going to use my office or the grand jury to influence the election one way or another."

The spat was one of the few in the campaign for governor nominations. In the Republican side the campaign was polite as an afternoon tea until darkhorse candidate Warren Gill needed party stalwarts Sig Unander and Mark Hatfield with charges they were afraid to take stands on the tax issue, one of the few bonafide issues in the entire campaign.

Gill has been an out-and-out champion of the sales tax in the state and has traditionally turned its back on that revenue device. Hatfield has stumped for a revision of the state's tax structure and for sound administration that would permit a decrease of present tax forms. Unander has insisted on a rejuvenation of the basic lumber industry.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes, seeking another term in the statehouse, has campaigned on his record and his administration that cares and dares. He points to the reduction in the state income tax voted by a special legislature convened at his order.

There was keen interest in the nomination for Congress from the first district. Rep. Walter Norblad a House member since 1946, was being challenged by ex-State Sen. Phil Hitchcock on the Republican side while Attorney General Robert V. Thornton faced Don Metheny for the Democratic nomination.

Despite the lethargy of the campaign, Oregon's 36 counties have put together a total primary registration of 829,270 voters, a record high. The Democratic majority was more solidly entrenched than ever, prompting Republican candidates to emphasize their ability to win in November by attracting independent Democratic votes.

Checks Continue on Radioactivity

No information has been made available on what the radioactive substance is that a Civil Defense crew discovered on Trail summit Tuesday, May 6, it was reported today.

Howard Nutt, a member of the crew, said he and his fellow crew-member, R. C. Oliver are not revealing the exact location of the radioactive substance until they have checked it out more thoroughly.

During Civil Defense exercises last Tuesday the men picked up a reading of 13 roentgens per hour on their monitoring instruments. Maj. Gen. H. H. Hicks, county civil defense director, said this is considered "pretty hot" and exposure to such radioactive substance for five or six hours would be definitely harmful to a person.

Strong Opposition Voiced to Tax Base

Strong opposition to the proposal to establish a new county tax base, much of it based on the article Monday quoting County Assessor Ray Schumacher in support of the proposal, was made known today.

Among those who voiced their opposition were Frank Christian, mayor of Talent and a Democratic candidate for county commissioner, Tom Williams, Central Point, chairman of the Taxpayers League, and K. C. Wernmark, Central Point, Democratic candidate for county judge.

Karl Janouch, county treasurer, has not publicly stated his position, but has told friends and associates he opposed the tax base proposal.

The tax base which the county court has asked voters to approve at the Friday election totals \$652,386.98, the same as the existing tax base. A favorable vote would make the amount permanent, available for a tax levy if needed, even after a period of years when no levy is made for county purposes.

If it is rejected, the county will either lose its tax base, or, to retain it, will have to levy taxes this year, and each third year hereafter.

Statements in opposition declare a tax base is "not a necessity," but is only "a convenience for budgeting and tax levying" by the county court. It constitutes a "signed blank check" to the court to levy, collect and spend the amount of taxes in the tax base without further approval of the people, they state. They also challenge both the legality and propriety of levying unneeded taxes each third year.

Wernmark, in a prepared statement, said that Schumacher, while an expert on appraisals and assessment, is "not necessarily a final authority on budgets and tax bases," and that his statements regarding the tax base "should be regarded as that of an interested layman who secured the data used for his conclusions outside of his office..."

He added that funds on hand, and expected income, are sufficient to operate the county without a tax levy this year, and possibly through 1960. He also stated there is no reason to believe that there will be any substantial decrease in the federal forest funds which now provide some 65 per cent of the county's income, and that the 35 per cent from other sources can be expected to increase with growth.

Wernmark also expressed confidence the voters would

Suit Filed Against Wernmark in Court

Howard Lehman, Lehman Equipment Sales, 1017 North Riverside ave., is seeking \$450 from K. C. Wernmark, Central Point, as a result of a tractor sale April 5, according to a complaint filed in district court yesterday.

Lehman alleges in his complaint that Wernmark had made an agreement authorizing Lehman to sell a tractor for him and to receive as commission 10 per cent of the gross sales price. The sale was completed April 5 and the tractor sold for \$4,500 according to Lehman.

He charges that Wernmark owes him \$450 in commission plus 6 per cent interest from April 5, 1958.

Wernmark is seeking the Democratic nomination for county judge in Friday's primary election.

SP Reports Decline Of 25 Cents a Share

Wilmington, Del. — Southern Pacific Company reported today its first quarter net income fell 25 cents a share, mostly because of the nationwide business decline and severe storms in California.

approve a tax base if and when it becomes necessary, and cited last week's 2 to 1 vote supporting school budgets.

The members of the county court and Schumacher are the public figures who so far have gone on record supporting the tax base proposal, saying that it would contribute to stability in county government, and that no levy would be made in years when it is not needed.



DAVID L. MACK Wins National Scholarship

Crater Student Receives National \$500 Scholarship

David Lyle Mack, 18, Crater High School senior and member of the school chapter of the National Honor Society, has won a college scholarship of \$500 in a national scholarship competition held by the National Association of Secondary-School Principals, Washington, D.C., Arthur L. Straus, principal, has announced.

The scholarship was won in a competition of 54,865 selected high-ranking students, all senior members of the National Honor Society, in more than 6,800 schools throughout the nation.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Mack, route 2, box 489, Gold Hill. He plans to enter Harvard college, Cambridge, Mass., in September and plans to major in political science.

At Crater High school, he was the Future Farmers of America state champion public speaker, co-valedictorian of his class, won second place in the high hurdles in the league meet, was district champion extempore speaker and came in third place in the Voice of Democracy contest.

He was vice president and president of the Dramatics club, reporter and president of the Future Farmers of America and president of the Boys Pep club. He ranks first scholastically in a graduating class of 119.

Shady Cove-Trail Residents to Vote On Fire Tax Base

Funds Would Pay Operation Expenses

Friday, residents of the Shady Cove-Trail rural fire protection district will vote on establishing a \$4,400 tax base to pay operational expenses of the district, according to Cecil Kee, secretary of the board of directors for the fire district.

Based on an assessed valuation of \$933,170 plus approximately \$16,349.47 valuation last year on public utility property, millage would be approximately 4.3 mills, it was explained.

If the issue is voted down the district will be disbanded and the bulk of the residents would not receive any fire protection, Kee said. This would affect at least 500 families of that area, he added. Only those residents living on land bordering forest areas could be sure of receiving any fire protection and that would be from the forestry services.

Operating Expenses The tax base would only cover operating expenses such as those for instructing volunteers, operating the fire hall, maintaining insurance on volunteers, and upkeep of equipment. Maintenance of the fire protection district gives residents the advantages of contracts with other fire districts for mutual assistance, Kee explained.

Reason for the proposition, Kee explained, is that the attorney general has ruled a fire district is allowed 4 mills for one year and only one year. After that a tax base must be established.

The Shady Cove district, established in 1956, has no fire rating at this time, Kee said. The state board of fire underwriters has recommended the district purchase a \$15,000 fire truck as a step toward obtaining a rating. However, voters of the district voted down a \$3,500 tax issue which, covering a five-year period, would have financed the equipment purchase.

Tax-payers of the district would not have to buy a truck or fire-hall under the tax base. The district has both a small pumper and a fire-hall paid for by donations. The tax base will merely pay for operation expenses, Kee emphasized.

Bulletins

Gibraltar — A 12-ship U.S. Navy amphibious task force sailed hurriedly under secret orders tonight for the Eastern Mediterranean, apparently to take up ready positions in the Lebanon crisis.

Beirut, Lebanon — The United States offered "police equipment" to Lebanon tonight to "help this government maintain internal security."

Washington — President Eisenhower said today that anti-American demonstrations on three continents seem to have been generated by Communist exploitations of world problems.

Washington — Venezuela formally assured the United States today that it has taken "all the measures necessary" to guarantee the safety of Vice President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon.

Venezuela also extended "most sincere apologies" for what it called "lamentable occurrences" in Tuesday's attacks on the Nixon party.

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Officials Concerned Over Nixon's Safety

Bullets Feared As Party Leaves U. S. Embassy

Washington — Government officials voiced sharp concern today over Vice President Richard M. Nixon's safety when he leaves the U. S. embassy in Caracas, Venezuela, to return here.

These officials, in close touch with the situation in Caracas, expressed anxiety lest the rocks and jeers that marked Nixon's arrival in the Venezuelan capital turn to bullets when he quits the sanctuary of the embassy.

President Eisenhower was reported as angry over Nixon's ordeal as he has been at anything in recent years.

'New Look' Demanded Congress likewise was aroused, with some members demanding a "new look" at U. S. relations with Latin America.

Congressional committee chairmen promised a thorough airing of the affair in public hearings when Nixon returns. Sen. Wayne Morse, (D-Ore.) said he will call a meeting of his foreign relations subcommittee to question State Department officials on the South American situation, and to receive Nixon's views.

The sharpness of anger at Nixon's ordeal was underscored Tuesday when Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, at Eisenhower's direction, summoned the Venezuelan ambassador here and demanded that his government take "every possible measure" to protect Nixon.

Trouble Was Expected No high ranking American official in recent memory has been submitted to the unfriendly reaction Nixon has encountered in Latin America.

The U. S. Secret Service knew before he left the United States this was a distinct possibility. Nixon was informed specifically that Caracas would be the major trouble spot of his tour.

Nixon brushed aside the warnings — including a rumored assassination plot in Venezuela — because he was determined to carry out his South American "good will" mission.

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 0 4 1

New York 1 6 1

Odell, Zuverink (7); Lehman (7) and Ginsberg; Turley and Howard, Berza (8).

Five Teachers Are Elected in Medford

Five teachers were elected, the resignation of another accepted, and the school calendar year for 1958-59 adopted by the Medford school board last night.

The board also approved a study by Medford High school officials concerning student automobiles. The study would include parking problems and student driving around the high school. Recommendations for a policy on student cars will be made to the board this summer, and a policy adopted before next school year, school officials said.

The resignation of Mrs. Frances Collins, intermediate teacher at Washington school, was accepted. Mrs. Collins plans to work in San Rafael, Calif.

Reeder May Take Action on Pinball Machines Soon

"If the question on the legality of free-play pinball machines is not resolved within the next few months, I will take some sort of action," District Attorney Thomas Reeder said this morning.

"Mr. Thornton (State Attorney General Robert V. Thornton) is aware that the question must be settled in the supreme court," Reeder said. "I believe that he will make every effort to expedite one of the cases now pending in several counties."

"My understanding is that the case in Polk county is the furthest along in legal proceedings. It would be a waste of the taxpayers' money to bring several of the cases now pending to the state supreme court simultaneously," the district attorney said.

Meanwhile a temporary restraining order is still in force in Jackson county forbidding law enforcement officers to confiscate any machines. In April, Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna granted an extension to a restraining order issued earlier.

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Bids for Addition To High School Set For Opening

Bids will be opened by the Medford school board June 10 for construction of an addition to Medford High school to house industrial, arts and vocational shops.

The board last night approved final plans, and voted to call for bids May 19.

The addition, part of a two-year building program authorized by district voters in November, 1957, will include a woodshop, general metal shop, machine shop and an automotive shop. It will be constructed to the present building on the south side.

Authorizes Renovation

The board also authorized renovation of the administration office to make more space for the clerk's office. The renovation is subject to approval of the proposed budget for next school year, school board members pointed out.

Progress reports on construction of two new elementary schools were given. Both the Hoover school on Siskiyou blvd. and the Wilson school on Corona ave. are expected to be ready for school opening next fall. The addition to Medford High school also will be ready for use next fall.

The bid of Pacific School Coach company, Portland, for a 79-passenger school bus was accepted by the board. Pacific bid \$13,934 for the bus, which met all the requirements of the school district, according to Leonard Mayfield, superintendent.

Six bids were submitted for furnishing a bus for the district, he added.

Youths Arrested for Orchard Vandalism

Charges of vandalism may be filed against five Gold Hill youths and one from Medford as a result of damage done to the Pelton orchards on Ramsey canyon rd. Monday night, state police said.

Officers said young members of an orchard-heating crew from a nearby orchard dumped 20 orchard heaters and stacked six together and lighted them. The 14 other heaters were scattered over the orchard.

The orchard ground was soaked with oil, four trees were scorched and others damaged by frost since they were left unprotected by heaters, officers said.

State police said the complaint was phoned in by the Pelton orchard foreman who observed the youths.

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66 Recommendations Made By City Firemen

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