

Democrats In Greater Show of Confidence Since Any Time Since Crest of New Deal

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Washington - (UPI) - Democrats are approaching the Congressional and state elections Nov. 4 with a greater show of confidence than at any time since the crest of New Deal.

Republicans are bearish but still hopeful of an upset which would restore them to control of Congress during the last two years of the Eisenhower Administration.

In the elections Nov. 4, the voters will fill 33 Senate seats, 432 House seats, 32 governorships and thousands of other state and local offices.

The new state of Alaska will vote three weeks later on Nov. 25, to elect two more Senators, one House member, a governor and other state officials. Maine held the last of its ahead-of-schedule elections Sept. 8, when the Democrats won a Senate seat, the governorship and two out of three House seats.

Too Free With Money

The Republican campaign has been pitched on the theme that a Democratic Congress is too free with the taxpayers' money and too soft on labor.

Democrats have charged President Eisenhower and his administration with lack of leadership to deal with defense and foreign policy and with domestic problems such as the recession. They also expect political benefits from the Republican troubles which led to the resignation of Pres-

idential Assistant Sherman Adams.

When Congress meets in January and the added members from Alaska have been sworn in, the Democrats will need 50 seats and the Republicans 49 (since they also have the tie-breaking vote of Vice President Richard M. Nixon) to organize the Senate and control the legislative program. A majority in the House will be 219 seats.

The present lineup in the Senate is 49 Democrats and 47 Republicans. In the House, it's 230 Democrats, 198 Republicans and seven vacancies.

Net Gain of Three

With Republican Sen. Frederick G. Payne already unseated in the Maine elections, the Republicans would have to show a net gain of three seats in the 35 Senate races still ahead in order to take control of the Senate.

There are 36 Democrats and 26 Republicans whose Senate seats are not up for election this year. Of the 33 seats to be filled Nov. 4, the Democrats now hold 13 and the Republicans 20.

Six of the Democrats are from "safe" Southern states and six others are heavy favorites for reelection because they were last elected in 1952 when President Eisenhower was winning by a landslide.

This Senate lineup leaves the GOP with little hope of unseating any Democratic Senator this year except Wil-

liam Proxmire, surprise victor in a special election in normally-Republican Wisconsin last year.

Reasonably Safe

In contrast, the Republicans can point only to Vermont, North Dakota and Nebraska, and perhaps Ohio and Delaware, as states where seats they have at stake are reasonably safe. Although Democratic nominees will be underdogs in some of the other states, the Republicans are heading into the election with 10 or more of their Senate seats in jeopardy.

The spectacular Democratic victory in normally-Republican Maine last September climaxed a series of developments which contributed to Democratic confidence. These included the election of Proxmire and the re-election of New Jersey Gov. Robert B. Meyner last year, the strong Democratic showing in the California primary this year and recent results of public opinion poll.

Political Pattern

Another factor contributing to Democratic optimism is the historic pattern, which shows that the party controlling the administration normally loses Congressional seats in midterm elections when the Presidency is not at stake.

Republican hopes for a pick-up of strength center in the Middle West where farm discontent has cost them votes in the last three congressional elections. With farm income

on the rise, the GOP now hopes to defeat Proxmire and recapture Democratic House seats in such farm belt states as Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota and Missouri.

Of the 32 governorships to be filled Nov. 4, 19 are now held by Democrats and 13 by Republicans. The winners in such politically important states as New York, Pennsylvania and California will be potent figures at the 1960 presidential nominating conventions.

The political future of Gov. Averell Harriman, Democratic candidate for reelection in New York, and Sen. William F. Knowland, GOP nominee for governor in California, will be riding on the outcome of the elections in those states.

Neuberger Appoints Legislative Aide

Washington - Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) has announced appointment of Lawrence Hobart, Salem, as his Legislative Assistant. Hobart replaces Hans Linde who leaves the senator's staff in December to take a teaching position at the University of Oregon.

Hobart, a 1953 graduate from the University of Oregon journalism school, recently completed a tour of duty with the Air Force and has recently been employed as a reporter on a Salem newspaper.

State Veto on Tribal Acts Urged

Portland - (UPI) - The Legislative Interim Committee on Indian Affairs has recommended that the 1959 Oregon Legislature urge Congress to grant states veto power over future plans for termination of federal trusteeships over Indian tribes.

State Sen. Leander Quiring, the committee, said members believed the original act terminating federal control over the Klamath tribe "would never have won approval of the lawmakers at Salem." He also said committee members believed consultation among tribes of a region should come ahead of termination because of similar problems.

Quiring said "immediate termination of federal control over the Umatilla and Warm Springs reservations is not in the cards," although members of the committee believe "termination of all tribes must come someday."

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