

Democrats Gain Governorships For Biggest Margin in 20 Years

Washington—(UPI)—Democrats spread their control over enough governorships today to give them the possibility of their biggest margin in 20 years.

They captured GOP state governments in California, Ohio, Maryland, Nevada, Wisconsin and South Dakota and were leading in two other states.

But the Republicans, their eyes also on 1960 and the presidency took over Democratic governorships in New York, Arizona, Rhode Island and Oregon.

If the Democrats' apparent net gain stands up in later returns, they will wind up with more governorships than they had held since the second FDR sweep of 1936. That election brought their total to 38. New Total of 33 Seen

The Democrats held 29 state houses before Tuesday's off-year election. Returns early today showed they had won or were leading for enough governorships to give them a new total of 33. Their last peak of 30 governorships came out of the Truman "upset" election of 1948.

Ohio's Michael V. DiSalle, former Democratic price administrator, upheld advance predictions by unseating GOP Gov. C. William O'Neill. The governor staked his campaign heavily on a right-to-work proposal which the voters overwhelmingly rejected.

There also was little surprise in Maryland's result, where Democrat J. Millard Tawes won handily over Rep. James P. S. Devereaux, Marine hero of Wake Island.

Unexpected Victories

But the Democrats, possibly capitalizing on dissatisfaction with administration farm policies, won unexpected governorship victories in South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Democrat Ralph Herseth beat Republican Phil Saunders in South Dakota. Republican Gov. Vernon W. Thomson was unseated in Wisconsin by Democrat Gaylord A. Nelson.

In Nevada, GOP Gov. Charles H. Russell lost to Democrat Grant Sawyer.

GOP Wins Arizona

Arizona's Republican Paul Fannin, riding the same GOP tide which reelected Sen. Barry Goldwater, beat out Democratic Attorney General Robert Morrison for that Democratic-held governorship. And in Rhode Island, Democrat Gov. Dennis J. Roberts was beaten by Christopher Del Sesto, the Republican who lost the same race two years ago on a state Supreme Court decision invalidating absentee ballots.

Demos Keep Iowa, Kansas

Democrats were able to hang on to two of their newest governorships, in normally Republican Iowa and Kansas. Iowa Gov. Herschel C. Lovell defeated Republican William G. Murray. Gov. George Docking made himself the first two-term Democratic

governor in Kansas by beating Clyde M. Reed.

The Democrats kept their grip on key Pennsylvania, electing Pittsburgh Mayor David L. Lawrence over Republican Arthur T. McGonigle, a pretzel-maker.

Michigan's White House hopeful, Democratic Gov. G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams, won his sixth term by a comfortable margin, defeating Republican Paul D. Bagwell.

Ribicoff Retains Seat

Connecticut Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff kept his statehouse under Democratic control by turning back the threat of Re-

publican Fred R. Zeller. Massachusetts Gov. Foster Furcolo did likewise for the Democrats by beating Republican Charles Gibbons.

Democrats won with little challenge in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, Tennessee and Oklahoma, all in the Southern tradition.

Republican victories were chalked up in New Hampshire, where Wesley Powell defeated Democrat Bernard L. Boutin, and in Vermont, where Republican Robert T. Stafford scraped through to win over Bernard J. Leddy.



SPENDING SUNDAY at Bad Homburg, Elvis Presley's hands with Margrit Buergin, 16, his "steady date" since arriving in Germany on duty with U. S. occupation forces.

Fluoridation Issue Trailing in Eugene

Eugene—(UPI)—A measure calling for fluoridation of the Eugene water supply was trailing by about 500 votes today. A similar measure was defeated by about 600 votes in a previous election.

Eugene Woman Crushed To Death

Eugene—(UPI)—An elderly woman was crushed beneath the wheels of an empty gravel truck here Tuesday as the heavy vehicle backed down a hill.

The victim, Mrs. Kathryn Crenshaw, 82, Eugene, was partially deaf and failed to hear the truck's back-up warning horns, according to witnesses.

Nevada Voters Defeat Malone

Reno—(UPI)—Democrats swept every Republican office holder but one out of office in Tuesday's Nevada election including Sen. George W. (Molly) Malone and Gov. Charles H. Russell.

Voters, falling in line with the nationwide Democratic landslide, elected Howard W. Cannon, 46, Las Vegas city attorney, to the Senate.

Malone, 68, GOP maverick, campaigned against "funny money, free trade and billions for Europe" in protest of many of President Eisenhower's major policies. Cannon ignored national and international issues for the most part in his campaign but did tell

reporters "I am not an isolationist."

Republican Gov. Charles H. Russell, 54, former congressman, failed by a wide margin to win an unprecedented third term in the statehouse. Grant Sawyer, 39, "wonder boy" of Nevada politics, won the governorship handily.

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Oregon To Send Same 4 Members Back To Congress

Portland—(UPI)—Oregon will send the same four members of Congress to Washington, D. C. for new two-year terms.

Three Democrats and Rep. Walter Norblad, the only Republican member of Oregon's congressional delegation, won reelection Tuesday.

Democrats reelected were Mrs. Edith Green of Portland, Charles O. Porter of Eugene and Al Ullman of Baker.

Thornton Defeated

Norblad continued his supremacy in the first district, outdistancing Democratic Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton. Norblad was ahead in every county in the district except Clackamas, Columbia and Tillamook.

Thornton conceded defeat early today and congratulated Norblad. "I wish him a very successful term," he said.

Mrs. Green won her third term in Washington by piling up nearly a two-to-one margin over John Johnston, a Portland Navy reserve officer.

Porter Pulls Ahead

Porter pulled steadily ahead of Roseburg attorney Paul Geddes in late returns after trailing the former state senator at the start of the counting. Geddes, conceding defeat, said, "I would like to congratulate him and express my gratitude that in a Democratic district I did as well as I did."

Ullman, from the power conscious eastern Oregon region and a public power advocate, had a whopping lead of nearly 17,000 votes over Marion Weatherford, Arlington wheat rancher, with less than 100 of the 441 precincts to be counted.

Oregon had no senatorial contest this year. The present term of Sen. Richard Neuberger expires in 1960 and that of Sen. Wayne Morse in 1962.

Bogota, capital of the Republic of Colombia, is noted for its many churches. It was founded in 1538.

Kennedy Returned In Massachusetts

Boston—(UPI)—Sen. John F. Kennedy and Gov. Foster Furcolo returned to office in a thunderous Democratic landslide, unofficial returns showed today.

All other incumbents on the top of the state ticket were swept back into office and Democratic spokesmen claimed control of the state Senate for the first time in history. The House of Representatives went Democratic again by a substantial majority.

With votes tabulated from 1,546 of 1,970 precincts, Kennedy buried Republican Vincent J. Celeste 986,251 to 319,539.

There were immediate cries in his party that he was a "good bet" for the 1960 presidential nomination, but the boyish-looking senator, who may end up with a record smashing plurality of 600,000 said only "I'm just interested in the Senate now; I just finished running for that."

Ribicoff, Demos Sweep Connecticut

Hartford, Conn.—(UPI)—Democratic Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff and the entire Democratic ticket swept the boards in Tuesday's election, the first such victory in 18 years.

Democrats captured a U. S. Senate seat and six congressional seats from Republicans and took control of the state General Assembly for the first time in 82 years.

It was a personal landslide for Ribicoff. Former Ambassador to India Chester Bowles made a political comeback, defeating five-term Rep. Horace Seely-Brown in the 2nd district.

Thomas J. Dodd won the Senate seat held for a single term by Republican William A. Purtell. Six-term Republican Congress-man-at-large, Antoni N. Sadlak, who invariably led his ticket in the past, lost to Democrat Frank Kowalaki Jr., a political neophyte.

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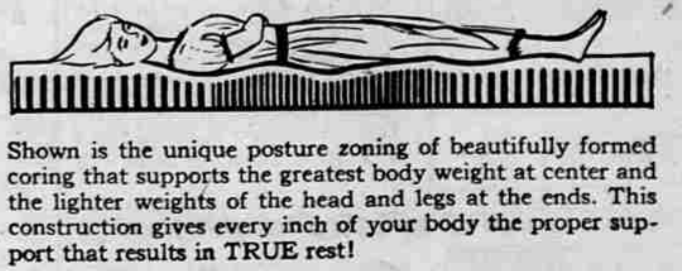
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