

# Edith Green Sees Kennedy Chance as Good in Primary

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Washington (Special)—Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.), Chairman of the Oregon Kennedy for President Committee, now predicts that the Oregon primary could go one of two ways.

"It could be a contest between Morse and Neuberger; or the Oregon people could decide they wanted their votes to really count. If the latter is the case, I don't have any doubt that Kennedy will win."

She said that the informal polls taken in Oregon six weeks ago showed Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) to be the leading contender among the Democrats. Mrs. Green said she was told before she left Oregon that a group definitely plans to put Sen. Richard L. Neuberger on the ballot by petition. Another group has already announced that it will file a petition on behalf of Sen. Wayne Morse.

**Crystal Ball Refused**  
Mrs. Green refused to use a crystal ball when asked who she thought would win in a contest between Senators Morse and Neuberger.

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had hurt Kennedy or cut into his chances of winning the primary election, Mrs. Green replied. "The criticism has hurt Kennedy, but should not seriously affect his chances."

She noted that prominent labor leaders, such as Walter Reuther and George Meany have made statements praising Kennedy.

Another controversy which raged around Kennedy recently, the potentially explosive birth control statement of the Catholic Bishops of the United States, has caused speculation as to how Kennedy's chances were affected by the public debate. Mrs. Green declined to assess the effect on public opinion in Oregon.

**Supporters Hopeful**  
But the Washington Post reported that local Kennedy people have never talked more hopefully than they are talking today. Far from "knocking him out of the race," Kennedy lieutenants said the religious question was bound to arise in one form or another, sooner or later. They said they were glad it arose early, so that it can be thoroughly debated.

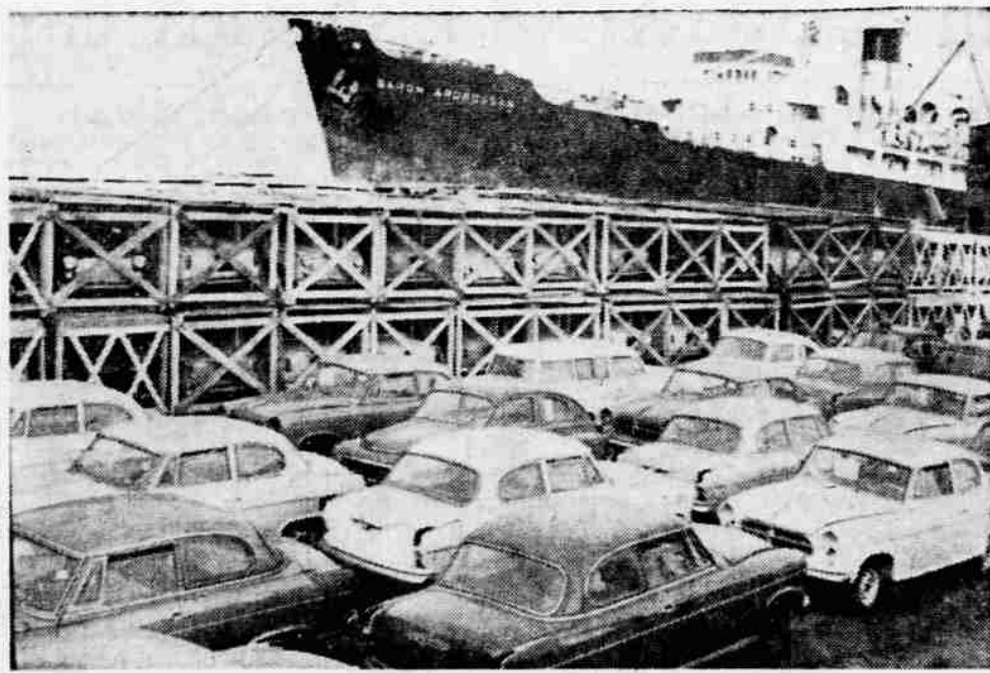
Kennedy has said that if he were President, he would decide on his own judgment what would be in the interest of the United States if legislation tending to promote birth control in countries receiving American aid ever came before him. If such legislation became law, he said he would uphold it.

Mrs. Green believes the primaries are valuable in Oregon, as long as there is a real choice between serious contenders. She feels that if a candidate files an affidavit disavowing his candidacy, it is wrong to force him to run because of a petition in his behalf.

**May Bring Change**  
"If this primary does nothing else, it may bring about a change in the Oregon law," she said. "We should eliminate the petition that enables a man to be put on the ballot against his will."

Mrs. Green agrees with Adlai Stevenson, who has said "no" to the primary, and has indicated he will file an affidavit to have his name removed from the ballot. She feels, with Stevenson, that it would be a mistake for him to get involved in the primaries. She thought the 1956 primaries were anything but a contest, and that they didn't add to Stevenson's stature. She added that he isn't a person who enjoys a primary campaign anyway.

United States Army Engineers began investigation for available railroad routes in Alaska in 1914.



**CARS IMPOUNDED** — Shown above are part of 600 French-made Peugeot cars impounded at a San Francisco dock late Thursday, tentatively refused entrance pending investigation of a possible Red Chinese plot to get U.S. dollars. The cars were shipped from Antwerp, destined for Hongkong, but were diverted here. U. S. customs agents "suspected" that Red China, using funds realized by sale in France of agricultural products, purchased the cars and shipped them to San Francisco in an effort to acquire American funds. It is against U. S. law to trade with Red China. —(UPI Telephoto)

# Fruit and Vegetable Producers May Build Bargaining Power

Editor's Note: This is the second of three articles in which UPI's farm specialist reports on the less widely known aspects of the nation's farm problem.

**By BERNARD BRENNER**  
Washington —(UPI)—Farmers who produce fruits and vegetables are wrestling with the problem of building their bargaining power to compete on equal terms in the nation's fast-changing food economy.

"It's the biggest challenge fruit and vegetable growers have to face over the next several years," said one long-time observer of the industry's problems here. "Growers will have to adjust to a decided change in the market and in marketing practices."

One step toward meeting the challenge was taken recently when the American Farm Bureau Federation announced plans for setting up a national farm commodity marketing and bargaining subsidiary.

**Will Help Coordination**  
Farm Bureau officials said the new organization will help state and area groups coordinate their efforts to "find the appropriate price for a commodity, based on supply and demand conditions." The new group will not do any direct bargaining itself on the national level.

First activity for the new organization, Farm Bureau officials said, will be in the field of processed fruits and vegetables.

Farmers who produce these crops face particularly difficult problems because they are selling into markets increasingly controlled by retailers.

Not that the growers are the only ones with troubles. Fruit and vegetable shippers and processors have also felt the pressure of the increased bargaining power of retail

food chains, industry observers pointed out.

**Growers Bargain**  
"Growers have combined to bargain with processors in the past and there may be more of this," one observer said. "But the price pressure growers get from processors is just being passed back from the retail buyers. The next step may be for growers and processors combining to bargain with the buyers."

The greater strength of large national and regional food chains has been getting more and more attention in the capital. Officials of the Agriculture Department and the Federal Trade Commission have been studying food chain mergers and the growing buying power of the giant survivors in the chain field.

On Capitol Hill, a House subcommittee headed by Rep. James Roosevelt (D-Calif.) is investigating the effects of food chain growth on the rest of the food industry. Roosevelt's subcommittee subpoenaed the records of a group of major West Coast food chains in preparation for hearings into charges that the chains had forced canners to drop prices to artificially low levels.

**Concentration of Power**  
"We are seeing a concentration of purchasing power," one veteran marketing specialist said. "This means there are more suppliers for fewer and fewer buyers, and this puts the farmers who are sellers in a weaker bargaining position."

"If we're going to maintain a free market in the food field the bargaining forces must be approximately equal. Today when the supply of any fruit or vegetable product get a little on the 'long' side, you begin to feel the buyer's power. Even when the supply is balanced now, the situation can be turned to the advantage of the buyer."

Farmers who produce for canning and freezing plants have been facing another problem in recent years — the need to concentrate on tailoring their crops to meet buyer specifications.

**Important in Future**  
This will become more important in the future, an Agriculture Department economist said, because of the trend toward greater use of processed foods.

Prices for growers are hard to predict because they depend so heavily on supply, the economist said. But in fruit crops, production is high "and I don't see any up-trend in prices," he said.

Per capita fruit consumption in the U. S. has been hovering around 200 pounds a year since 1950 and most experts believe it will stay close to that level in the near future. With production growing in recent years, prices have been coming down to the point where small-acreage producers are feeling a squeeze.

"If anybody feels we can get back to the fruit prices of the last four or five years he's not being realistic," is the warning from one Agriculture Department expert. (Next: Poultry.)

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# Back Stairs: Afghanistan Alternatives

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
UPI White House Reporter  
Karachi, Pakistan (UPI)—Back stairs at the traveling White House:

The snow gets deeper in Afghanistan, next stop on President Eisenhower's tour of the Middle East and Asia, but the White House is busy devising several alternatives if the weather is too bad to land at Kabul tomorrow.

If there is a possibility of the weather improving as the day goes on, Eisenhower might fly first to Agra, India, visit the Taj Mahal, then double back to Afghanistan during the afternoon before going on to New Delhi.

Then again, if the weather is poor, he might delay Afghanistan and take another look at the situation when he leaves India next week.

But so intent is the White House on getting into Kabul if possible that they now plan to send a helicopter up over the Kabul Airport early Wednesday morning and have the chopper radio to the President's plane precisely what the weather conditions are at the moment.

Some of the President's closer associates were talking at the start of this trip about Eisenhower's tastes in food. He tends to be somewhat of a food faddist and becomes so enthusiastic at times that he virtually forces those near him to share his latest food discovery.

One man said, "you should have lived through his yogurt period. It was simply awful. He had everybody eating the stuff. He wouldn't settle for plain yogurt but went to strawberry yogurt and finally to some plum and yogurt concoction."

The man reported that fully that the yogurt period was relatively brief.

The Quirinal Palace where Eisenhower lived while he was in Rome is large enough to hold four or five buildings

## Sunday Accident Hospitalizes Man

William Ray Andrews, 49, of 35 Vancouver ave., Medford, is in the Grants Pass hospital today with head cuts following an accident on Highway 99 by Birdseye creek, state police said today.

The accident occurred early Sunday morning when a car driven by Andrews rounded a slight left turn and angled off onto a shoulder and into a roadside ditch. The car hit a telephone pole and gey-line and turned over several times, officers said. The car was reported damaged beyond repair.

the size of the White House. There are several entrances, but while Eisenhower was there, Italian security police cut off all but one entrance which was through a narrow alley.

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