

# Nixon Leads Governor Brown in California Primary Vote

San Francisco—(UPI)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon clung to a lead today over Democratic Gov. Edmund G. Brown in late returns from California's presidential primary election.

Nixon's backers claimed a "stunning triumph" for the vice president, but Democrats discounted this. Nixon was unopposed on the GOP ballot while Brown ran into an unexpectedly strong showing on the Democratic ticket by George McLain, a Los Angeles pension promoter and lobbyist.

Although Brown and Nixon were neck and neck in the returns, Democrats pointed out that the combined Brown-McLain vote was substantially higher than Nixon's. Nixon's backers had not expected to come close to Brown's vote because Democrats had a 3-2 edge in registration for Tuesday's primary.

But the inroads McLain made on the governor's vote enabled the vice president to give Brown a battle.

Both Nixon and Brown came out a winner. Nixon will take to the GOP convention in Chicago in July his home state's 70 convention votes. And Brown, who hopes to be a king-maker when the Democratic nominee is selected in Los Angeles next month, will head up a hefty delegation of 81 votes.

Returns from 21,544 of the state's 28,783 precincts, many incomplete, gave Nixon 887,378, Brown 817,238, McLain 380,808.

Vote turnout was about 60 per cent.

A spokesman of a Rockefeller-for-president movement claimed that a last minute appeal for a "silent vote" against Nixon showed Republicans support for New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

William Brinton, San Francisco chairman of the Rockefeller group, said spot checks of San Francisco precincts indicated that Nixon's vote ran 14-15 per cent behind Republican candidates for Congress or the Legislature and in some cases was as high as 20 per cent. But his check

was limited to a handful of San Francisco precincts. Thomas F. Pike, state chairman of the Nixon for President Committee, said of the vice president's showing: "It is a stunning victory and a symbol of solid state support for the vice president. The vote for McLain was tremendous, a surprise and an upset for Brown."

Brown said he was "well satisfied" with the vote. He predicted he would "do even better than (former Gov.) Earl Warren when he was faced with similar opposition in the 1952 presidential primary." McLain, 57, who feuded with Brown over increased aid to the aged, claimed a moral victory and said "I think we made our point."

Most political observers had not expected him to poll more than 5 per cent of the Democratic vote.

"A showing such as the McLain delegation made should be an alarm signal to Congress and to both the Republican and Democratic convention," he said.

"The size of the vote for me should put every politician on notice that the problems of our elderly citizens can no longer be ignored."

One of Brown's top supporters, Roger Kent, attributed McLain's strong showing to the fact Brown is at a "temporary low point" due in part to the governor's actions in the Caryl Chessman case.

Kent, Northern California vice chairman of the Democratic party, said Brown antagonized persons opposed to Chessman when he granted the convict-author an 11th hour reprieve last February so the Legislature could vote whether to abolish capital punishment.

"And when he failed to reprieve Chessman last month he got the opposition of those who wanted him saved," Kent said.

Before the election GOP leaders predicted Brown would probably outpoll Nixon because of the Democratic vote edge—3,676,495 to 2,519,975 Republicans.

In Brown's last political contest in 1958, he defeated Senate Minority Leader William F. Knowland for governor by more than a million votes and sent him into political retirement.

McLain is chairman of the California Institute of Social Welfare. He founded the organization in 1941 to promote old age assistance. It claims a membership of 50,000.

Voters also picked nominees for 30 seats in Congress and 100 in the Legislature. Bond issues of \$400 million for the veterans' farm and home loan program and \$300 million for school construction were passed.

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## Everybody Finds Solace in Outcome of California Voting

San Francisco—(UPI)—Everybody found some solace today in results of the California presidential primary election. Supporters of Richard M. Nixon hailed the returns as clear cut evidence that "California once again is a Republican state... It is a stunning victory for Dick... A great day for the GOP."

Said Democratic Gov. Edmund G. Brown, "I am well satisfied... most pleased that the total Democratic vote exceeds the vice president's by a very substantial margin... California will go Democratic by close to a million votes in November."

George McLain, the dark-horse candidate who piled up a surprising vote against Brown, was jubilant. And Republican Nixon followers might give the pension lobbyist a pat on the back because it was McLain's inroads on Brown's Democratic vote that enabled the vice president to run so strongly.

**Silent Rockefeller Vote**  
Nelson A. Rockefeller, the "available for a draft" Republican governor of New York, wasn't even on the ballot—yet his backers professed to see a great triumph in the elections returns.

"Rocky for President" leaders had urged Republicans to vote for every Republican candidate except Nixon. They claimed this so-called "silent vote" would show Rockefeller's grass roots popularity.

There was no way of telling immediately—and won't be until official results are in 10 days from now—whether there was a substantial silent vote. And when the full results are in, the only way to judge will be to see if GOP candidates for Congress or the Legislature got more votes than Nixon.

In the final count it is unimportant for prestige purposes whether Brown or Nixon winds up on top.

What is important is that Nixon captured 70 votes to the GOP convention in Chicago, Brown nailed down the state's 81 votes to the Democratic convention and will go to Los Angeles in hopes of becoming a key figure in

choosing his party's nominee. Finally, because write-in votes were prohibited and voters could not cross party lines, the results failed to show how Nixon will fare in November in attracting Democrats or the Independent voter. He will need a substantial number of these votes to carry California because the state registration is 3-2 Democratic.

## Stock Gain Ragged, Lacks Conviction in Moderate Activity

New York—(UPI)—Stocks extended Tuesday's gain in a firm and moderately active opening today. Small gains predominated in the list but the advance was ragged and lacked conviction.

Brokers said Tuesday's sharp runup which carried prices to their best levels since late January may have laid the groundwork for a fairly broad summer rise.

Kendall, which announced a 2-for-1 stock split plus a boosted dividend, rose 1/2 on the first trade. Virginia Carolina Chemical opened on a large block of 18,000 shares at 25 unchanged.

Du Pont, strong Tuesday, fell 1/2 to 208 in the chemicals on 1,000 shares while Union Carbide firmed and commercial solvents rose 3/4 on 1,700 shares.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York—(UPI)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 645.58, up 8.66; 20 railroads 149.19, up 1.28; 15 utilities 89.69, up 0.14, and 65 stocks 210.38, up 2.12. Sales Tuesday were about 3,710,000 shares compared with 3,220,000 shares Monday.

Tuesday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	54 1/2
Alum. Co. Am.	88 1/2
American Can	38 1/2
American Motors	24
A. T. & T. (xd)	90
Anaconda Copper	51 1/2
Armco Steel	63 1/2
Bendix Aviation (xd)	68 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	49 1/2
Boeing Air	27
Caterpillar Corp.	28 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	31 1/2
Continental Can	41 1/2
Crown Zellerbach (xd)	45 1/2
Curtis Wright	18 1/2
Dow Chemical	92 1/2
Du Pont	208 1/2
Eastman Kodak	122 1/2
Firestone	37
General Electric	93 1/2
General Foods	180 1/2
General Motors	43 1/2
Georgia Pacific	35 1/2
Graham-Paige	2
Greyhound	22 1/2
Gulf Oil	28 1/2
Homestead Mining	38 1/2
Idaho Power	51 1/2
I. B. M.	325
Int. Paper	107 1/2
Johns-Manville	60 1/2
Kaiser Ind.	11 1/2
Kelco	11 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	78 1/2
Montgomery Ward	44 1/2
Natl. Biscuit	60 1/2
New York Central	24 1/2
Pac. Gas & Elec.	61 1/2
Pennsylvania J. C.	33 1/2
Penn. RR.	13 1/2

## California Man Admits Burglary

Charles Loring Gove, now in the custody of the U.S. marshal at Marin county, Calif., has admitted to the burglary of the Standard Oil sales plant here, Jackson county sheriff's office reported today.

The sheriff's office was notified that Gove said he broke the plate glass door and reached in and unlocked the door. Nothing appeared to be taken, sheriff's officers said.

## Boyington Gets AF Commission

Gregory Boyington Jr., 25, a grandson of E. J. Hollenbeck, 408 North Oakdale ave., was graduated today from the United States Air Force academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

At commencement exercises he was awarded a bachelor of science degree and commissioned a second lieutenant in the regular U.S. Air Force, with the wings of an aerial navigator.

Prior to his commissioning, Boyington was a cadet squadron commander. A 1953 graduate of Hill Military academy, Portland, he attended Southern Oregon college before winning his appointment to the Air Force academy.

He is to be assigned to full-scale pilot training at Moore Air Base, Tex.

## PT-N Employees Receive Emblems

Two Medford employees of Pacific Telephone-Northwest recently received service emblems at a reception held in the lounge in the central office building, according to Manager J. H. Creager.

Operator Norma Glenn was presented her five-year pin by Chief Operator Valerie Perdue.

## GANG AVENGES PARENTS

Vienna—(UPI)—Hungarian Communist police have tracked down a group of Hungarian juveniles who formed a gang to avenge their counter-revolutionary parents, it was reported today. The Budapest Communist youth newspaper Magyar Ifjusag said five juveniles comprised the "Gang of the Black Half Moon" which burned Communist youth flags and destroyed text books and smashed windows in recent months.



LURED BY SMELT RUN — Many southwestern Oregonians have been prompted by warm sunny weather and a fine smelt run into trying their hand at netting the small silvery fish and finishing them off at beach fish fries. The above scene shows attempts to catch a meal at Coos Bay. —(UPI Telephoto)

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