Nixon's Ability As Vote-Getter Seen in Primaries

Washington — (UPI) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon has staked a new claim of vote-getting ability on a report showing he set an "all-time high" of political support in the 1960 presidential primaries.

Nixon's office said that his total vote in nine primaries exceeded that of President Eisenhower in the same 1956 contests, and topped the combined vote of seven 1960 Democratic presidential contenders.

Herbert G. Klein, Nixon's press secretary, said this demonstrated that "the one vote-getter in the primaries undoubtedly was Richard M. Nixon."

The summary was made public as GOP leaders rallied behind the vice president in the face of New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's challenge of the Eisenhower-Nixon leadership.

Oregon Primary Cited

Primaries cited were in New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Illinois, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Nebraska, Oregon and California.

Klein told newsmen that Nixon's showing "erased any doubt that he can attract votes" – even though he faced no GOP opponents and did not personally campaign in any of the states.

"To do this he attracted all parts of the party – independents as well as the party faithful," Klein asserted.

The survey gave the Nixon strategists ammunition to offset the feeling of some Republicans that Nixon "can't win" because they believe he can not attract enough Democratic and independent votes.

In two of the nine primaries, Nixon's vote was entirely a "write-in" tribute whereas Eisenhower's name was on each of the 1956 ballots, Klein said.

Some Not Counted

Nixon polled a total of 4,360,576 votes (not counting some absentee ballots still to be recorded) against an Eisenhower 1956 total of 4,306,000. Rockefeller had a total write-in vote of 26,000 in five primaries.

The vice president outpolled Eisenhower in six of the nine elections – including Nixon's home state of California.

Against Nixon's 4,360,576 votes, the Democratic presidential front-runner, Sen. John F. Kennedy (Mass.) received a direct total of 1,825,000 votes. This did not include any from California, where Kennedy stood aside for Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, who polled 1,327,638 to Nixon's 1,475,576.

Brown's showing was damaged by opposition from George McLain, a Los Angeles old age pension advocate who ran up more than 634,000 votes in the Democratic primary.

'Protest' Vote Seen

Nixon got 58.6 per cent of the registered California Republican vote, while Brown and McLain combined attracted 53.4 per cent of the registered Democrats. Brown polled 36.1 per cent and McLain 17.3 per cent of the registered Democrats.

Klein said the Nixon camp is "confident that the McLain vote was a 'protest' against the Democratic state administration and represents a large number of Democrats who will vote for the Vice President in November."

"A majority of the people who voted for McLain will vote for Nixon," he added. He said that if Republicans work hard, Nixon "will carry California."

Migrant Program Sets School Plans

Salem-(UPI) – Oregon's pilot program for the education of migrant children has five summer schools lined up this year compared with one in 1959.

Ronald G. Petrie of Salem, administrator of the program, made a progress report to the State Board of Education Tuesday.

The schools proposed this year are at Independence, McMinnville, Hillsboro, Malheur county with Ontario, Vale, Nyssa and Adrian districts participating, and St. Paul.

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The Young Men's Christian association has announced a family camp week end July 1 through 4 at the YMCA Diamond lake camp.

The camp program and facilities will be turned over to the family groups. They will camp out in tents, or may use their own camping equipment, Y officials said. Cooking may be done in the camp kitchen, and beds and mattresses will be furnished by the camp.

The camp boats, game equipment, and swim area will be used by the campers at their own time. However, a YMCA life guard will be on duty most of the day. Sailing and canoeing will also be featured.

The road to the camp is clearly marked, Y officials said. Families may come and go anytime during the week end. People using the camp are asked to either help out in the camp preparation such as painting and patching tents, or paying a small camp fee.

Further information and registration may be obtained from the YMCA SPring 2-6295.

Dust Storms Hamper Russia's Plan of Agriculture Supremacy

Washington-(UPI)-The weather has been hampering Premier Nikita Khrushchev's plan for Soviet Union farms to equal and eventually surpass production of U.S. farms.

Dust storms – the Soviet's call them "Black Storms"– have been one of the major roadblocks to Khrushchev's dream of world supremacy in agriculture.

Such storms occurred this spring in a belt across the southeastern part of the Ukraine into the northern part of the Caucasus, the area known as the Soviet Union's breadbasket.

One of the most severe storms occurred several weeks ago near Krasnodar, a major city in the northern Caucasus between the Black and Caspian seas. The foreign agricultural service learned of it through an article titled "17 Against the Storm" in the Moscow newspaper, Izvestia.

Sun Obliterated

The article dealt with the storm as it affected the Iskra (not otherwise identified) hog farm and 17 farm workers.

"A Black Storm," Izvestia said, "obliterated the sun, chocked off human breath, and caused the farm to become an island in a raging ocean of dust.

"Buildings were buried to their roofs. In the inner yard, the outlet for the water supply was covered, and part of a pond on the land was absorbed. And inside the buildings, hogs became buried, while sand on the roofs threatened their collapse.

"The farm's 17 workers– most of them women–took the storm in stride, however, working around the clock to prevent loss of precious livestock. Keeping the water flowing was the first and most urgent job they tackled.

"At one point all 17 manned shovels in the nearly hopeless task of freeing the spigot from dust and debris. At last a tarpaulin was used to shield two men who scooped up bucketsful of dust; these were hoisted on ropes over the roof.

"Meanwhile, women hog-tenders climbed through barn windows and worked to the point of exhaustion digging out the hogs. When the need for additional water became great, they brought it from the pond in buckets, despite the fact that the drifting dust had created a miry shoreline into which they were drawn until they were covered with dough-like mud.

"Still they managed to bring back 325 pails of water for the farm's 650 hogs.

Hogs Start Farrowing

"Then at the height of the storm and in the middle of the night, some of the hogs started farrowing. All 17 workers were mustered into duty to dig open a barn window, remove its frame, and haul the hogs and their litters through it to safer quarters. Finally, even these quarters became unsafe because of the weight of the sand on their roofs. The already exhausted hands went to work to clear the roofs, and while the strong wind kept blowing them off, they persistently climbed back to continued the attack.

"At last, as though subdued by the strength of man, the wind died and the sun shone; the 17 workers viewed the clearing skies with dust-reddened, but happy eyes."

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