



TO FLEET DAYS—Jack Milhoun, Medford, plans to take his 1915 Model T Ford to Reedsport this week end for the annual Fleet Days' parade Saturday afternoon. About 10 cars from the Old Timers club here are expected to participate. Seven of the old vehicles will be taken there on trailers, while owners plan to drive three cars. Members who desire more information about the event may contact Earle Swift, MUurdock 5-6984, or L. P. Reavis, SPring 2-4857.

Southern Leaders Not Unanimous in Choice of Kennedy

Los Angeles (UPI)—Southern leaders were furious today because they were swallowed against their will in the roar of acclamation for Sen. John F. Kennedy.

"We vote unanimously not to be unanimous," reported South Carolina—but no one heard.

It was directed at a fellow southerner, Gov. LeRoy Collins of Florida, permanent chairman of the Democratic national convention.

Against Wishes

It was charged that Collins refused to recognize them and thereby gave Kennedy the Democratic presidential nomination by acclamation against the wishes of the southern states.

The most bitter protest came from Mississippi which not only wanted no part of the acclamation vote but also wanted to change its ballot from Gov. Ross Barnett to Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson.

Collins Refusal

Barnett and Sens. James O. Eastland and John C. Stennis pulled Collins off the platform and pleaded with him to announce publicly that Mississippi wanted to switch from a favorite son nomination to Johnson and not to Kennedy. Collins flatly refused.

In a four-way huddle at the foot of a staircase, Stennis tried to impress Collins with the need of clearing the record.

"Who's going to campaign for the ticket in Mississippi if it isn't us?" Stennis asked Collins. "Who's going to campaign? We can't campaign on that record in Mississippi."

Only two hours earlier Mississippi, disgusted and repelled by the civil rights platform, was on the verge of walking out of the convention before finally deciding to vote for Barnett.

Persuaded to Stay

Georgia Gov. Ernest Vandiver said Roy Harris, staunch segregationist from Augusta, Ga., went to the Mississippi caucus at his request and persuaded the Mississippi delegates to stay.

"No, no, no," Sen. Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina roared into a microphone in a vain attempt to tell Collins that South Carolina did not want to join the stampede for Kennedy.

Then he turned to the South Carolina delegation and took a poll. "We vote unanimously not to be unanimous," he announced. He telephoned the clerk but it was too late.

Southern Conventions

Judge T. C. Almon, chairman of the Alabama delegation, showed his way up the aisle and toward an exit.

"No, no, we didn't want to be part of it," Almon said. "But they wouldn't recognize us."

Gov. Buford Ellington of Tennessee said the same — "I didn't have a chance. I couldn't get recognized."

The rumblings of a party

Utilities Will Be Assessed on Lower Ratios

Salem (UPI)—The Oregon Tax Commission announced Wednesday that utility properties in Oregon will be assessed this year generally at a lower ratio than in 1959.

The commission, completing a month-long session as the State Board of Equalization, assigned ratios which will be applied to true cash value in determining assessed values for taxing purposes.

Don't Mean Lower Taxes

The lower assessment ratios do not necessarily mean lower taxes.

Multnomah county's assigned ratio shows the greatest change over last year. A reduction to 42 per cent from 50 per cent was due primarily to a lowering of the assessor's posted ratio from 45 per cent in 1959 to 40 per cent this year, the commission said.

Three counties — Hood River, Marion and Wheeler — show increases in assigned ratios this year. The ratio of Jefferson county remained status quo and all others showed a slight reduction.

Posted Ratios Approved

The commission also approved posted ratios submitted by counties. These ratios apply to all properties other than utility.

Assigned ratios for 1960, by county:

Baker 24, Benton 26, Clackamas 21, Clatsop 17, Columbia 24, Coos 22, Crook 26, Curry 21, Deschutes 24, Douglas 23, Gilliam 26, Grant 26, Harney 26, Hood River 26, Jackson 26, Jefferson 22, Josephine 24, Klamath 21, Lake 24, Lane 23, Lincoln 17, Linn 21, Malheur 26, Marion 26, Morrow 22, Multnomah 42, Polk 17, Sherman 21, Tillamook 19, Umatilla 23, Union 26, Wallowa 26, Wasco 21, Washington 16, Wheeler 26 and Yamhill 26.

Britain, U. S. Discuss Bases

Washington (UPI)—Diplomatic sources said today that President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan were in touch with each other Wednesday on the possibility of amending the 1951 Anglo-American bases in Britain agreement.

It was indicated they exchanged messages rather than telephone calls.

The development followed charges by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev that an American plane the Russians shot down off Kola Peninsula July 1 was based on Britain.

Eisenhower and Macmillan were reported to have discussed whether the agreement should be amended so Britain can be fully informed beforehand of all U.S. Air Force reconnaissance flights from British bases.

Little difficulty was expected in arriving at a satisfactory arrangement. The State Department was said to be fully aware of the type of amendment the British want.

Hatfield's Group To Visit Eugene

Salem (UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield's "grassroots delegation" will visit Eugene next Monday before going on to Roseburg in the afternoon.

The Eugene visit, in the Lane county courthouse, is patterned after the Roseburg visit—meetings with city and county officials and with any citizen who wants to air a problem.

Eugene citizens have been invited to meet with the state group starting at 11 a.m. and in Roseburg starting at 4 p.m.

The panel includes five state department heads and the governor's executive assistant.

Trail Riders Set Overnight Ride

Members of the Medford Trail Riders have scheduled an overnight ride and camp-out at Whiskey Springs near Willow lake July 16 and 17, according to club spokesmen.

Participants will meet at Springs camp, then ride the many trails in the area. Swimming and fishing are also to be offered.

Food will be potluck with the picnic invited. Club officials aid minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Junior Counselors Visit Along Coast

Junior counselors of the Medford Pathfinders club of the Seventh-Day Adventist church recently spent a week end at the coast.

They camped at Harris Beach State park, Brookings, and went to Agness from Gold Beach in the mail boat. Those taking the trip included Delbert Cline, Richard Lenz, and Larry Snyder, accompanied by Mrs. Vyrbelle Thompson, assistant director of the club, and her son, Gary.

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