

# No Discernable National Need Indicated in Presidential Vote

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En Route to Washington (Special) - Random conversations with voters in various states indicate no discernible national mood as the nation moves into a presidential election.

over the other. As always, it depends on who one talks to. A California barber expressed gratitude that President Eisenhower had kept him from being recalled to active duty - in short, he kept us out of war. But he said he didn't think Vice President Nixon had the same peace-generating way about him. "Nobody seems to like Nixon. I don't have anything

against him, but too many other people don't like him for him to make a good president. I guess I'll vote for Kennedy," he said. The owner of a swanky steakhouse near Nixon's hometown in southern California said he is a Democrat and a Catholic and plans to support Sen. John F. Kennedy. But he had doubts that Kennedy can win because of

his religion. He believes there is still considerable prejudice against electing a Roman Catholic to the White House. Kennedy Victory Seen - An Idaho fruit grower thinks Kennedy has the election practically sewed up. The way he figures it, Kennedy will get the votes of all the Catholics and all the elder citizens who are anxious for

a federal medical plan to safeguard them against financial distress in times of ill health. "My wife had trouble with her feet. It cost me \$700. I had the money, but there are lots of folks who don't have it," he said in support of a medical insurance program. The fruit grower also has a deep-seated dislike for the Republican party because he contends its members include

the big financial interests whom he worked hard to enrich as an unworried oil well driller in Oklahoma years ago. He is convinced both parties are full of questionable interests but the GOP is worse in this respect. A South Dakota grocery store proprietor paused from ringing up a bill to say: "You hear a lot about a need for a change around here. Of course, I'm a Republican, and I don't have too much to say to those folks. But the trouble is they're just looking for Santa Claus. They want the government to take care of them."

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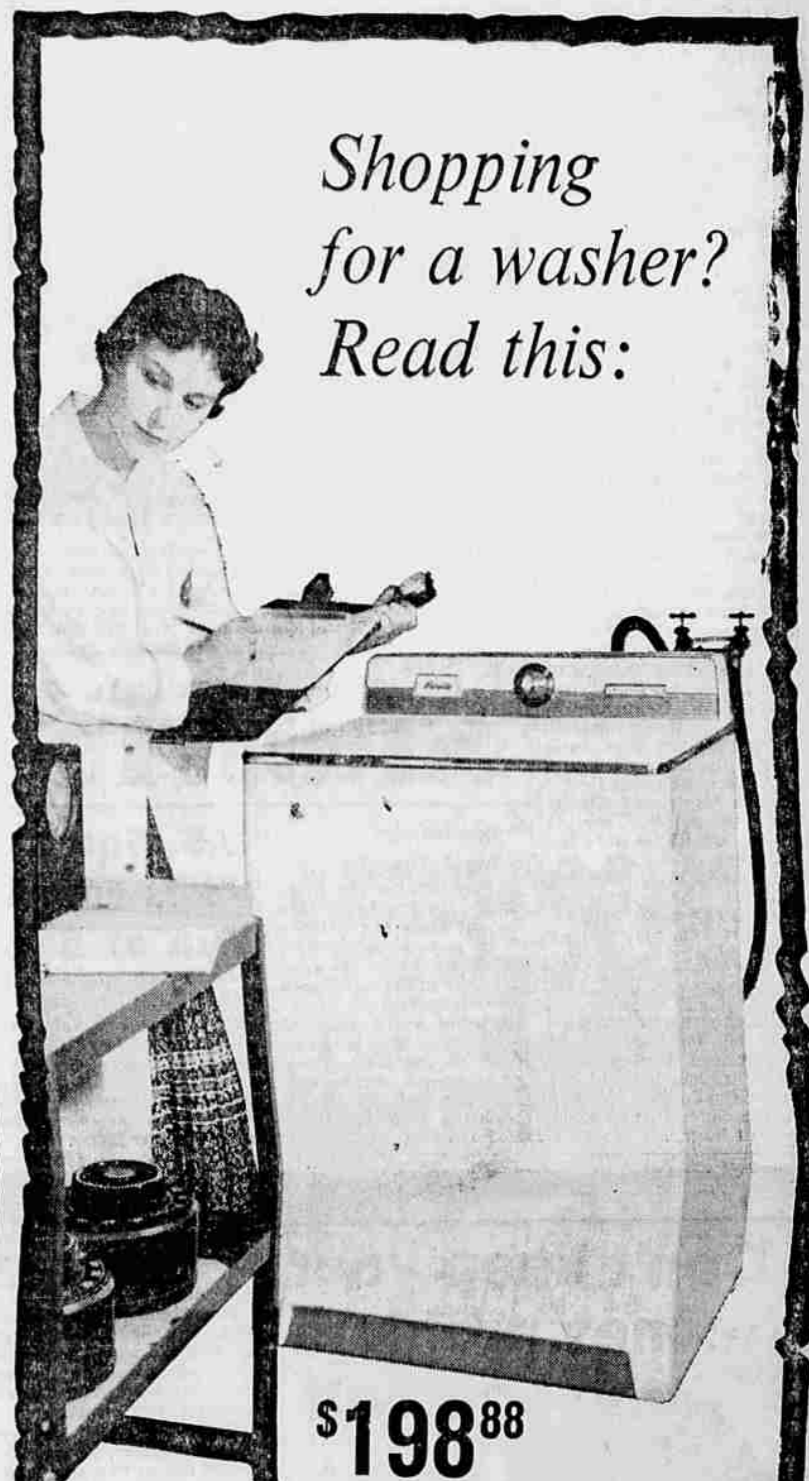
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"It all started during the war," he said. "The kids got to having plenty of money. They've had plenty of money ever since. Why can't they have a vacation? It's because the kids won't look after things for them. They might take off for town and not be back for three days. When I was a boy and worked on a farm, a farmer could take a vacation because he knew we'd be there night and day."

The grocer liked Eisenhower because he talked the same language and obviously shares these views even if, as the grocer said, Eisenhower didn't know much about running the government.

**Farmer Unhappy**  
A couple of agents for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Wisconsin agreed that the farmer generally is unhappy with the way things have been going economically for him.

"But as between the two candidates, it's like flipping a coin," said the elder one, explaining that neither Nixon nor Kennedy has wowed the farmers yet.

"We've had an average of two farm auctions a week in this county, of farmers selling out and going to the city. There are three empty stores on this street, businesses that folded. If the farmer had it, he would spend it. But he just isn't getting it."

"I have an idea," said the man who is personally sympathetic to the Democrats. "That the farmers are going to vote for the party and not the candidate."

But which party remained an open question.

## U.S. to Launch Monkey Satellite

Los Angeles - (UPI) - The United States, twice successful in recapturing a satellite capsule from orbit, Saturday scheduled an attempt to recover a monkey from a Discoverer satellite within the next two months.

The word came as the Russians announced they had "safely" recovered two dogs and other animals from their latest animal-carrying satellite. But, Air Force spokesmen here said this probably wouldn't change U.S. plans.

"We've had our plans for a long time," a spokesman said, "and we're going to proceed as scheduled, not be rushed any by what the Russians are doing." An Air Force spokesman said after recovery of the capsule from Discoverer XIII the attempt might come within a month, but others this week were more cautious in their forecasts.

The U.S. Friday made a successful aerial catch of the 300-pound instrumented capsule from Discoverer XIV satellite in the Pacific.

Although the Air Force wouldn't say definitely, it is doubtful the next Discoverer satellite, number 15, scheduled to be launched from Vandenberg Air Force base within two or three weeks, will carry life.

## Group Will Study Industry Problems

Portland - (UPI) - Problems in transportation industry as they relate to the economic development of Oregon will be studied by a statewide committee appointed by Gov. Mark Hatfield, according to the Department of Planning and Development.

Gordon G. Steele, Portland ex-president of the Portland Traction Co., will be chairman of the new group. The governor's advisory committee recommended the establishment of the transportation committee.

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