# 'Belly Politics' May Decide Election Results in Northwest States

## Nixon and Lodge Expected to Get Oregon Majority

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Seattle, Wash. – (UPI) – The 1960 elections in Washington, Oregon and Idaho may be decided by "belly politics," with foreign policy and religion the more or less hidden issues.

Belly politics is what political scientists call the theory that vote results are often keyed to pocketbook issues.

Said one professor who is a longtime observer of western U.S. politics: "As the business cycle goes up, the Republican vote usually goes up; as the cycle goes down, the Democratic vote goes up."

Idaho state Democratic Chairman John Walters put it this way:

"Democrats will win by a landslide in Idaho because the people will be voting against lower employment figures, poor farm prices, deplorable mining industry conditions and a lumber industry not much better off than mining."

Naturally, Republican leaders don't buy that. They're hopeful of victory sparked by their contenders Richard M. Nixon and Henry Cabot Lodge.

Peter Gunnar, Oregon State chairman, said:

"Nixon and Lodge will carry Oregon. We're going to make a substantial comeback if we continue to work hard."

While all three Northwest states lined up for President Eisenhower in 1952 and 1956, Democrats have been making big strides in statewide contests.

Oregon was known as the "Vermont of the West" until 1954 when Democrats grabbed every major post except the governorship and one congressional seat.

And in Washington state, Democrats have been increasing their gains since 1956 when Albert D. Rosellini defeated GOP Gov. Arthur B. Langlie.

Democrats hope to make the most of these "3-D" pocketbook issues this year: Dams, defense spending and development of national resources.

People also are talking about farm policy and the government's so-called tight money policy as it affects the region's key lumber industry.

Most observers agree that John F. Kennedy's Catholicism is an undercurrent issue, but disagree as to its scope.

Portland's Oregon Journal announced in mid-September it would print no more letters about each presidential candidate's religious belief. It said it believed the subject had been thoroughly explored in the flood of letters it had received.

". . . To continue publication of letters, pro or con, would only add fuel to the fire," the Journal said.

## Natural Resource Conference Slated

Portland – (UPI) – A one-day conference on Oregon natural resource problems will be held here Thursday with an eight-member panel composed mostly of Democratic senators and representatives hearing views.

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, (D-Wash.), will be chairman. Others on the panel will be Sen. Frank Church, (D-Idaho); Sen. Clair Engle, (D-Calif.); Sen. Hall Lusk, (D-Ore.); Democratic Reps. Edith Green, Charles O. Porter and Al Ullman of Oregon, and Mrs. Maurine Neuberger, Democratic candidate for the Senate from Oregon.

The conference will be the sixth in a western series. The panel will hear testimony at five-minute intervals from about 60 witnesses representing organizations concerned with natural resources.

Magnuson plans to fly to Washington, D.C. to report testimony at the conference to Sen. John F. Kennedy, Democratic presidential nominee.

### *Gonorrhea Incidence Increases in Oregon*

Portland – (UPI) – The State Board of Health predicted Tuesday that the incidence of gonorrhea in Oregon will be the highest this year since 1948.

Dr. Richard H. Wilcox, state health officer, said 841 new cases were reported through August, compared to 666 cases for the same period of 1959. About 20 per cent of the new cases this year, he said, have been among teenagers. Young adults from 20-24 have accounted for 33 per cent.

## Enrollment in Ore. Colleges to Double During Next Decade

Eugene – If the day comes when Oregon's board of higher education is forced to choose between the demands of doubled enrollments and its goal of "a high plateau of educational excellence," then admissions to the colleges and university will have to be curtailed.

In saying this to the Portland City club recently Chancellor John R. Richards emphasized that the state has an obligation to double the student capacity of its tax-supported campuses in the coming decade.

He said the universities of Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan are achieving what Oregon should expect to achieve in terms of expansion of student capacity along with greater excellence. They are spreading into cities other than their home cities, serving student bodies of 40,000 to 50,000. Oregon whose approximately 25,000 enrollment this fall is more than double what it was seven years ago, should have this 40,000 to 50,000 capacity in 10 years, he declared.

"We have their goal. We need to move to greater excellence in research and graduate work," the chancellor said. Support from outside sources has increased from $1,000,000 to over $10,000,000 in 10 years, he said, and urged that "the state appropriation have the minimum increase necessary for excellence, to attract outside support."

**Hope for Balance**

"We hope to achieve a balance whereby the institutions would get as much from outside sources, foundations and federal, as from state appropriations," he said. He pointed out that $1,000,000 of state money could bring in as much as $10,000,000 in outside funds.

A key to college expansion is continuation of the self-liquidating building program that has put up almost half the buildings on all campuses at no tax cost, Dr. Richards said.

Fifty per cent of the $60,000,000 building program of the past seven years was made possible without tax money, through borrowing with backing of the state's credit, he said.

November's Ballot Measure 6, which would raise the constitutional limitation on the amount of money available for this program and would permit the state system of higher education to increase its bonding program for dormitories, student unions, and other tax-free construction, the chancellor said, is the immediate key to both expansion and excellence in Oregon higher education.

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