

Danger Flags Flying High in Democratic Party's Dixie Stronghold

Capitol Memo

Oregon May Have Answer To Keeping Farmers on Farm

By DOUGLAS GRIPP
Salem - (UPI) - Oregon may have the answer to keeping them "down on the farm." But it's not the kids, it's the farmers themselves.
The proposal, called the farm use tax deferral, was approved last week end by Legislative Interim Tax Committee and will be recommended to the 1961 legislature.
The aim is to keep farm lands in urban and suburban areas for farm use.
Many a farmer running a dairy on the edge of a growing city finds his property surrounded by new subdivisions.
Under present law, assess-

sors are required to assume that dairy lands adjacent to subdivisions also could be subdivided, and bring the same price as bordering lots going into housing. So, the farmer finds his land on the tax rolls at the same higher rate.

Several states have tried to solve this problem. California allows special zoning and taxes to be paid at a lower farm use rate rather than on a subdivision basis.

But this allows speculators to buy farm lands, put them to farm use for a few years and — when the property around him has built up — sell the land as subdivision property.

The approach of the tax committee, coupled with action by the Legislative Interim Committee on Agriculture, is novel.

A bill proposed by the agriculture group provides for zoning for farm use. But the tax committee recommends that before the lands can be taken out of farm zoning, the owner has to pay seven years back taxes at the higher subdivision rate.

This is designed to discourage the speculators.

"The committee feels that a farmer should have the opportunity to continue as a farmer, despite urban growth, without being taxed to a point that he is forced to sell," the tax report says. "However, it does not want to give a subsidy to persons, not sincerely intending to continue their farm operations."

The proposal is not expected to meet with favor with all farmers. Some are the speculators at which the bill is aimed.

Family Fighting Increases Hopes Of Republicans

By AL KEUTTNER
Atlanta - (UPI) - Gov. Ernest Vandiver of Georgia attended church services in Hot Springs, Ark., during the recent Southern Governors conference and heard a sermon delivered on anti-Catholicism.
Farris Bryant, Democratic nominee for governor of Florida, attended a news conference and told reporters he could not "intelligently, morally or physically" campaign actively for the national Democratic ticket.

Gov. Ross Barnett of Mississippi attended a White Citizens council rally and told a segregationist audience the South should get behind independent electors in the Nov. 8 presidential election in a show of repudiating the liberal platforms of both parties.

All this means that danger flags are flying for the regular Democratic party in Dixie in the final weeks of the presidential campaign.

Third Parties Limited
Although organized third party sympathies are very limited in this year's campaign, family fighting within Democratic ranks in the South has caused a surge of hopes in the Republican organization.

West Virginia Gov. Cecil Underwood, a Republican, says the GOP has a chance to take most of the states in Dixie and will do "at least as well" as four years ago.
In 1956 President Eisenhower captured 106 electoral votes in the 16-state area of southern and border states covered by the Southern Governors conference. They were Delaware, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

The Democratic ticket, headed by Adlai Stevenson, won 61 electoral votes in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina.
The most seasoned politi-

cians are unwilling to bet their all on which way the South will go, but here are some of the issues that are concerning the voters:

Religious - Dixie is still predominantly Protestant, and Sen. John Kennedy's Roman Catholic faith will have some bearing on voter preference. But there is about as much of a campaign on to neutralize this issue as there is to promote it.

Racial - Only the similarity of both party platforms on civil rights is preventing a more pronounced upheaval in conservative southern ranks.

International - Southerners are openly concerned as perhaps never before in the nation's foreign affairs. Almost to a man, southern governors have named America's dealings with Russia and world communism during the next four years the most important issue of the 1960 presidential race. They put it far ahead of the civil rights dispute.

Alcoholics Cure Selves by Having 'Sick Parties'

New Haven, Conn. - (Science Service) - Alcoholics known as the "bucket brigade" are getting together for daily drinking parties that end when everyone is thoroughly sick. The parties last less than an hour and the main cocktail is plain water.
Drs. Ernest C. Miller and B. Anthony Dvorak and third-year medical student Don W. Turner, all of the Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, La., explained that the experimental parties are designed to teach the alcoholics that any alcoholic beverage will make them vomit. Drugs that enhance emesis (vomiting) when alcohol is consumed are used to help the patients along.

Bucket and Towel
When the party begins, each patient enters the room with a bucket and a towel. He is given a water glass and a

jigger glass. On a spotlighted table is an array of vodka, Scotch, bourbon, gin, rye, rum, wines, 95 per cent ethyl alcohol a liquor and beer.
After drinking two glasses of water, each patient gets an injection of a drug mixture containing emetine and is then asked to pour a drink for himself. At frequent intervals each man sniffs at his glass, and only when gagging begins, or when it seems likely that the individual is about to vomit, is he asked to drink the liquor. Between bouts of emesis the patients are encouraged to drink large amounts of water and as many

different beverages as possible are included in the pour-sniff-drink routine.

Power of Suggestion
The group was not released until "all doubt is dispelled from the mind of each participant that he cannot tolerate any of the alcoholic beverages on the table." This usually took 30 to 45 minutes a day for two weeks.

The power of suggestion—that the smell, taste or even the sight of alcohol produced nausea and vomiting — was very strong among members of the group. In many cases, the researchers reported in the Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol, it was advantageous to include a "ringer" or previously conditioned member in the group.
The project has been in operation eight months, and to date, five of the 20 patients treated have remained ab-

stinent, three have had brief lapses of from one to three days of drinking and two patients have returned to their old habits. The other ten have not been followed.

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