

Close Race Anticipated for Texas Votes; Nixon Holds Slight Edge

New African Nations Expected To Follow Western Ways in Government

New York - (UPI) - The newly emerging and often strife-torn nations of Africa probably will build their govern-



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ments on a base of western democracy, according to Al-haji Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, the leader of the continent's newest and most populous country.

Sir Abubakar, the prime minister of the federation of Nigeria, said that the path of the new nations of sub-Saharan Africa "take, however, will depend on the needs of the country."

The tall, ascetic Negro leader of 35 million persons said: "The colonial powers are relinquishing authority in Africa and they have introduced the democratic system of government - and we think this form will continue."

He attracted great attention wherever he went. The flowing, colorful robes and caps worn by Sir Abubakar and most of the members of his official party marked them clearly as African.

His nation was the latest of 16 African countries, most of them former French colonies, to be admitted to the world body during the current general assembly.

Nigeria, a federation of three autonomous regions, gained its independence from Great Britain on Oct. 1. The country, a sprawling, diversified, land below the bulge of the West African coastline, moved smoothly and calmly to nationhood.

The noise of the gigantic independence-day celebration was conspicuous for its happiness, a marked contrast to the newly independent Congo republic. The Congo's separation from Belgium, which took place last June 30, set off a bloody series of inter-racial and inter-tribal clashes.

Sir Abubakar returned to his homeland last week, after having spent three days in the United States and three days in London.

His brief trip to the U.S. took him from diplomatic meetings and official luncheons at the U.N. to a one-hour talk with President Eisenhower in Washington.

The picture in Nigeria, as explained by the tall, deliberate Moslem, is one of great hope for the future. It contrasted sharply with the situation in the Congo.

"We have qualified people," he said, "and we have experienced people - although we have need of more."

"We haven't got everything we need. But we are provided for."

Sir Abubakar, in a speech made on arriving in the U.S., said that the policy of Nigeria will be to "follow the path of truth from whatever quarter it comes."

He said that the nation would be against "bloes," but was for the UN.

By comparison, he said, the cost of educating a pupil in school has gone up 200 per cent in the past 10 years while the cost of the hospital patient has risen only 100 per cent.

"Hospital bills do not seem unreasonable when these facts are known and the good quality of care given in most of our hospitals is considered," he said.

Disadvantage For Kennedy One of Religion

Dallas, Tex. - (UPI) - The presidential race is still so close in Texas that either candidate could come up with a gimmick to catch the attention and favor of the voters and win the state's 24 electoral votes.

The most unbiased political observers in Texas - the bookmakers - quote the odds as 6-5 for Nixon. It's at least that close in a state where all state officials are Democrats, the legislature is 100 per cent Democratic and only one congressman is a Republican.

Sen. John F. Kennedy's biggest disadvantage is his Catholic religion. Texas' one million voting Baptists don't like the idea of a Catholic in the White House.

The recent re-entry of Allan Shivers, who was governor four terms, into politics, certainly helped Nixon. It was Shivers who led the Democratic state executive committee into the Eisenhower camp in 1952.

He supported Eisenhower in 1956 and he is now supporting Nixon. He has explained all three bolts by saying he is "putting Texas ahead of the Democratic party."

Shivers soothes the political consciences of many old-line Democrats who find it hard to turn Republican, no matter how much they like the GOP's candidates and platform.

There is a strong rivalry between Shivers and Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Democratic vice presidential candidate. Johnson took the state party leadership away from Shivers in 1956.

Shivers is a handsome man, a master of sarcasm and a clever campaigner.

When Gerald Mann, director of the Kennedy-Johnson campaign in Texas, accused him of not really being for either party, Shivers replied: "You mean old Jerry Mann, the TCU football player? Whatever happened to him?"

Mann played football at SMU - not TCU - and is a former attorney general.

On the other hand, a group of Negro businessmen, professional men and lawyers met recently in Austin, the state capital, and voted 44-14 to support Kennedy.

The Negro leaders voted on a motion introduced by C. B. Bunkley Jr., of Dallas, who, at first, included only Kennedy's name in his motion. After some argument, Bunkley agreed to include Johnson's name.

The Negroes voted down a proposal not to endorse either ticket. Arguing for the proposal, J. L. Thomas of Bryan said: "The Democratic party promises you turkey and cranberry sauce but when you ask

Back Stairs: Help for Minnesota GOP

By WILLIAM J. EATON
Red Wing, Minn. - (UPI) - Back stairs with the traveling White House:

President Eisenhower's appearance here today may help Minnesota Republicans put the Indian sign on the Democrats in the Gopher State this fall.

The President's participation in dedication ceremonies for the Hiawatha Bridge over the Mississippi River has been billed in advance as "non-political."

But Minnesota and neighboring Wisconsin are listed as "battleground" states in the race between Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Sen. John F. Kennedy to succeed Eisenhower in the White House.

Any appearance of the President in the midst of the election campaign automatically helps the Republicans even if he doesn't make stump speeches, political professionals believe.

GOP officials are hoping that this theory also will prove true in the critical states of Michigan, California and Texas. The President is making appearances in each of them during his 6,728-mile cross-country speaking tour.

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Quotes From the News

BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Phoenix, Ariz. - Robert Kennedy on why he believes the political campaign is going in favor of his brother, Sen. John F. Kennedy:

"Well, No. 1, my brother has been on television, and No. 2, Vice President Richard M. Nixon has been on there with him."

Buffalo, N.Y. - Vice President Richard M. Nixon, attacking Sen. Kennedy in their differences over the defense of Quemoy and Matsu:

"This is too important a matter to be left jumbled and flatly contradictory . . ."

London - Prof. Joseph Rotblat, one of the original atom bomb pioneers, on the possibility that increasingly more powerful bombs may be built:

"It is not a very cheerful thing to think about."

Detroit - President Eisenhower, if the Russian claim of surpassing the United States in production is ever filled:

"We would prefer poverty in freedom to riches in slavery."

Bids to be Opened On Highway Section

Lakeview - The state highway department will open bids Dec. 13 for the construction of 9.2 miles of the proposed Winnemucca-to-the-Sea highway in Lake county, the Lake county court was notified recently.

The project will be from Adel east to the bottom of Greaser canyon and would complete grading of the section. It will connect with 6 1/2 miles recently finished under state contract from Greaser canyon to Blizzard gap.

From Blizzard gap to the Nevada line is 2 1/2 miles, mainly built by the county road department crews. Some widening and grading is needed on this section.

Paving the highway from Adel to the Nevada state line will remain to be done when the various sections are completed to grade, it was explained.

There are 214,000 Negro voters in Texas. Another question mark is the attitude of 700,000 Texans over 65, all eligible for poll tax exemptions. Voters under 65 have to pay \$1.75 each to register.

Young Democrats Schedule Meeting

The final results of the registration drive and plans to get the voters to the polls will be discussed at the Wednesday, Oct. 19, meeting of the Young Democrats at 8 p.m. at the Labor temple.

The Young Democrats have as a slogan "Register today so you can vote for a better tomorrow." It was explained that the first half of the goal has been met and a workable outline to get the public to the polls Nov. 8 will be made at the meeting.

the course. Newspaper accounts said that the President's appearance was sure to be the "biggest event" in the history of the 63-year-old club.

In respect to the well-established political split in California between the northern and Southern sections of the state, Eisenhower is balancing off the San Diego talk with a formal address to the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco.

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