

Presidential Candidates Prepared To Go All-Out on Armed Strength

OF SMITH & MEN

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Palm Springs — Why is it, when a man is sent on a working assignment to some highly publicized spa, those who get to stay at home think he is living like a Pompeian prince? Work is work, with its inescapable hardships, wherever it is found.

Today, as I labored at the typewriter, the ribbon finally became thinned from overuse, as I have. I put on my swimming trunks and went out to look for a new one.

A new typewriter ribbon is not to be found in this hotel. At least not the kind I like.

I was forced to go for a swim, although it was an hour earlier than my usual time. I like to wait until the sun drops behind the mountain.

Then the air cools. Evening flows over the water. The sky turns violet. The sunbathers wrap up in towels and hurry away to dress for the cocktail hour. One may be alone.

However, having failed to find my ribbon, I found myself at the poolside at the height of the day's aquatic.

The sun was too hot. I sank back on one of those long chairs, where your knees are held up in the air, and dozed.

I floated into a pink harbor where there was no Khrushchev, no Nixon, no Kennedy, no Castro, no gross national product.

I was awakened by a clink. The man in the chair beside me had set his gin and tonic down too hard. He was wearing sunglasses and reading a newspaper.

"I see" he said, looking blindly at me through his sunglasses, "that Lumumba is one up on Mobutu again."

There's no escape. I shut one eye to cut out half the sunlight and fastened the other on a blond in a blue bathing suit who was trying to board a rubber raft from the pool's edge. It was entrancing.

She kept bending over, precariously, waiting for the raft to bob into the proper position. She finally did it, flopping face down onto the raft. It skidded away with her. She squealed as the tepid water splashed over her beam. Then she sailed away, a pretty blue and gold barkentine.

I watched her, changing eyes now and then. I decided to go for a swim. My skin was getting too hot. I took a deep dive and stayed under water as long as I could.

"Ah," I thought, "this is truly escape."

Only the skin diver knows the beauty of the underwater world. Some lovely underwater thing moved by me with unearthly grace. Whatever it was, it was doing a breast stroke and wearing a bikini.

An ominous shadow passed overhead. I felt a momentary panic. But it was only the girl on the raft.

I surfaced and found myself afloat her bow, looking into a pair of aquamarine eyes. I gasped for air.

"Hallo," I called. "What do you think of Lumumba today?"

The aquamarine eyes filled with alarm. She turned four points to starboard and paddled away.

I went to my room and dressed and drove to a drug store and found a ribbon.

Ike Tells Choice in Presidential Election

Staunton, Va. — (UPI) — President Eisenhower said today that on election day the American people must choose between "false leaders" and "safe leaders."

The President, who flew here for a sentimental visit to his mother's birthplace and to honor the memory of Woodrow Wilson, made the statement in a speech extolling the World War I president.

Democrat Trend Gains Momentum In Most of Area

By PETER J. HAYES
San Francisco — (UPI) — In western states it's a brave political pundit who tries to pick a winner in the Nov. 8 presidential election.

A Democratic trend has been gathering momentum in most of the region since 1952 — yet President Eisenhower carried all six Far West states in 1952 and 1956.

There have been other maverick leanings: — In Arizona Democrats outnumber Republicans 2 1/2 to 1, yet it has twice elected Barry Goldwater, one of the most conservative Republicans in the U.S. Senate.

— Likewise in California, with Democrats holding a 3-2 registration edge, Republicans point with pride to Earl Warren's three consecutive gubernatorial victories in the 1940s, Goodwin J. Knight's election as governor in 1954 and Eisenhower's twin victories there.

— In Washington state, both U.S. senators, the governor, lieutenant governor and state legislature are Democrats; yet in 1958 six of the state's seven congressmen elected were Republicans.

Seek 64 Votes
Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Sen. John F. Kennedy are vying for 64 electoral votes (269 needed to elect) in the eight far western states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

Of these eight, the juiciest plum is California with 32 votes. Both candidates have lingered long in the Golden State and plan to return before the election. But neither can be said to have the edge.

Eisenhower swept California by more than 600,000 votes in 1956. But since then the Democratic share of the total vote has climbed from 55.7 to 57.6 per cent, while the GOP slice dropped from 41.2 to 39.2 per cent.

In Arizona, perhaps the most conservative of the Far West states, Nixon is rated a slight favorite despite the fact Democrats' registered voter bulge.

"I see no reason why Arizona should go Democratic," said GOP State Chairman Richard Kleindienst. "It didn't in 1958 when the rest of the nation did."

Conservative Minded
Sen. Goldwater's popularity apparently stems from the fact that Arizonans endorse a conservative approach to operation of government. Arizona is the only state that rejected federal National Defense Education Act funds.

Also, it has a "right-to-work" law that bans the union shop. In Washington state neither side is going very far out on a limb to claim victory.

Sen. Henry M. (Scoop) Jackson (D-Wash) Democratic chairman, went this far: "It could go either way right now, but I think we'll take Washington when the time comes."

Republican observers say much the same thing. All agree it will be a close contest for the Evergreen State's nine votes.

Oregon (6 votes) also is generally pegged as a tossup. More Question Marks
In Nevada, Democrats enjoy a 2-1 voter lead, but they by no means are claiming

Campaign Quotes

United Press International
Sen. John F. Kennedy: (Speeches in New York City): "My chief disagreement with Mr. Nixon and the Republican Party is that I don't think they have the vaguest idea of the kind of times in which we live."

"This great country deserves the best in leadership — that will set before the country the unfinished business of this society."

"I ask you to join us in sweeping the Republicans all the way back to California."

"If you can persuade the American women to change their fashions as fast as Mr. Nixon changes his opinions, your business (the women's garment industry) would be going full blast."

"Never has so little been done with so much. The harsh facts of the matter are that millions of Americans' income has not kept up with rising costs — and standards of living have declined."

"Mr. Nixon offers you higher prices, smaller real incomes — and an increase in the job-price squeeze. But I don't think the American people are going to accept his offer."

Vice President Richard M. Nixon: (Speech at Muskegon, Mich.): "If America does get into a recession, and I am positive there is no real reason for it, it will be because Sen. Kennedy and his spokesmen talked us into it."

Criticized Kennedy for a "despicable effort" to convince Americans that they are about to suffer a recession. "This effort now emerges as a key tactic in the windup of the campaign in American political history. It is a despicable tactic and it is irresponsible of the win-at-any-price variety."

Charged Kennedy is "one of the most irresponsible persons I've ever seen. . . He is an all-time expert at seeing only the hole in the doughnut."

Accused Kennedy of "whining about our weaknesses and alleged loss of prestige."

"The time has come for America and the free world to work even harder to carry the message of freedom into the Communist world. . . to remind all the world. . . that these Eastern European people who walk in darkness shall one day be delivered out of bondage."

victory. Like its southern neighbor Arizona, Nevada has a strong conservative outlook. Nevada has three electoral votes.

Idaho is another state where the Kennedy-Nixon outcome is hard to predict. With four electoral votes, Idaho went Republican until 1958 when Democrats captured all major posts except the governorship and one of two seats in the House of Representatives.

Alaska and Hawaii will cast their first electoral votes — three each — since being admitted to the union as the 49th and 50th states.

Alaska traditionally has been counted in the Democratic camp, and no reversal of trend is seen in this election.

Nixon may have a paper-thin margin in Hawaii solely because he has campaigned personally in the islands, while Kennedy hasn't and said he wouldn't be able to.

Nixon, Kennedy Believe Steps Should be Taken

Washington — (UPI) — America's two major presidential candidates claim they are prepared to go all-out to keep this country militarily strong.

A spokesman for Vice President Richard M. Nixon said the GOP nominee has a "firm belief that the national security transcends all other phases of our government" and "would have no hesitancy in seeking tax increases should that become necessary for the nation's defense."

Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy said that "something short of our best is not good enough" and immediate steps should be taken to reverse what he described as America's "declining relative strength."

Nixon and Kennedy's views were contained in messages to the Reserve Officers' association of the United States which asked them for a statement on their position.

Kennedy said "it was no secret that our defense effort has lagged in recent years" and the following should be done immediately:

"First, we must reduce the vulnerability of our retaliatory power during the deterrent gap. For the present we can provide an adequate nuclear deterrent by enabling the Strategic Air Command to fly an airborne alert whenever, and for as long as, the president deems necessary. . . ."

Programs for both Polaris missile submarines and Minuteman solid fuel missiles should have a round-the-clock, top national priority. "We should be prepared to pay whatever this costs," Kennedy said.

Mustn't Choose
"The Army and the Navy must be modernized so they can fight limited warfare with conventional weapons if necessary. We cannot afford to get into a position where Soviet aggression on a limited scale with conventional weapons forces us to choose between retreat and starting nuclear warfare," Kennedy said.

"We would face fewer threats if we were prepared to meet force with force in the event of this kind of aggression."

"We must organize the defense establishment in order to revive the capacity for decision," Kennedy said there were now too many roadblocks for rapid progress in developing new weapons.

Nixon's views were stated in a letter from his press secretary and special assistant, Herbert G. Klein, who said that Nixon "will support to the utmost whatever programs, financial or otherwise, are needed to maintain our defenses and national security." However, Kennedy sent a personal letter to the association and went into more detail.

Development Needed
In his proposal on the airborne alert, Kennedy said such a move might require "somehow more money" for the planes, spare parts and trained personnel. He said it also meant "pressing the development of every means of making SAC capable of penetrating Soviet defenses."

In addition, he said, a speed up in the development of the ballistic missile early warning system was needed along with "steps necessary to prevent further delay in the construction of Atlas (missile) bases."

"Our purpose is not war but peace. . . and security," Kennedy emphasized. "We will never abandon the high hope of successful negotiations for arms control backed by a tight system of inspection, but we know that there can be no fruitful negotiations unless we have built up our own military power."

The vice presidential candidates — Senator Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson and Henry Cabot Lodge — also were asked for their views.

To Continue Fight
Johnson said he and Kennedy would continue to fight for a stronger national defense "despite the allegations of the other political party that our insistence upon improving American military capabilities — in some unexplained fashion — somehow amounts to 'running America down.'"

Lodge said in a telegram that he believed America "must have military strength, including active and reserve components, second to none" and pledged his support to such a program. He said all necessary funds should be appropriated to assure maximum military effectiveness.

Surplus United States grains and oils worth 35 million dollars will be shipped to Turkey under a 1959 agreement.

Aspects of Agricultural Zone Discussed at Regional Session

Lloyd Anderson, planning consultant from the bureau of municipal research, University of Oregon, Eugene, told members of the Jackson county regional advisory committee this week that the first decision to make in regional planning is whether or not to hold agricultural land for farm use.

Once this is decided, he said, preliminary proposals for an agricultural zone can be formulated. They would be worked into more detail later, he added.

Anderson said "to just go out and try to develop an agricultural zone would be premature."

He reviewed three ways in which agricultural land may be retained for farming despite urban development nearby. They are:

1. A seven-year tax differential. Land would be kept in agricultural use and pay farm land taxes, he said. Once the land is sold for subdivision purposes, he added, the owner would have to pay the difference between the lower farm land taxes and the urban rate for the previous seven years.

Anderson said such a proposal is being considered by the state tax commission, and probably will be proposed at the next session of the state legislature.

2. Through easements. This arrangement, Anderson said, would be similar to obtaining an easement in an area near an airport to limit height of structures to protect aircraft. The easement would protect the land for agricultural use only.

3. Through zoning. Any zoning for agricultural use, Anderson pointed out, should be considered carefully so a few people would not have a monopoly on future valuable residential land.

Future Growth
Among matters which must be considered in establishing an agricultural zone would be anticipated future growth of cities, Anderson said that a restrictive agricultural zone could be detrimental to city growth.

Anderson said agricultural land could be held in an interim period, and some tax relief granted. Other agricultural land, he added, could be placed in a permanent "green belt," which may be insured through easement.

County Commissioner Chester Wendt objected to the seven-year tax differential proposal, pointing out that the subdivider would have to add the tax differential to the cost of the lot or stand a loss.

Definition Is Problem
Anderson said a definition of farm land would be a problem, since many factors, including such items as whether or not a farm is an economic unit, and soil types. This, he said, would have to be worked out by the public and property owners.

Among things which should be considered in making an overall land use study, Anderson said, would be a population estimate, engineering estimates on sewer and water facilities, a street and arterial highway plan, and location of parks and schools.

Anderson said a land use plan prepared for Medford should be coordinated with Jacksonville, Phoenix and Central Point, and the same would apply to the Ashland area.

Importance of Rural CD Outlined By Grange Official

Salem-Victor Croxton, Central Point, lecturer of the Oregon State Grange, warned of the possibility of nuclear attack, and the importance of rural civil defense preparedness, here last week.

He spoke at the semi-annual conference of city and county civil defense directors during a panel discussion on rural civil defense and disaster preparedness.

Croxton, a member of the Oregon rural civil defense council, said the nation has never faced the serious threat of an enemy attack, but that in this nuclear age, it is a distinct possibility.

Defense Two-Phased
"Rural civil defense is two-phased," he said. "You must first preserve your life and those of your family. Then you must preserve your potential, your ability to contribute to your country in time of tragedy. When the time comes to move people from large population areas, someone must care for them."

He emphasized the role of the general farm organizations, including the Grange, the Farm Bureau Federation and the Farmers' Union, and pointed out they have influence with some 100,000 people in Oregon.

The greatest danger is apathy, he declared. "We know that they can survive if they are informed and interested. Our three organizations have the means at hand to disseminate this information among our people. It is of the utmost importance that we do so," he stated.

PLANT SITE SELECTED
Portland — (UPI) — Georgia-Pacific Corp. Thursday announced it had selected Olympia, Wash., as the site for a \$1.5 million corrugated box plant.

Foreign Oil Import Restriction Proposed

Washington — (UPI) — The Interior Department said today it had proposed that foreign oil imports, except residual fuel oil, be cut by 60,000 barrels a day, effective Jan. 1, in the area east of the Rocky Mountains.

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Portland-Eugene Road Ready Soon

Salem — (UPI) — The state highway department estimates that the last four-lane segment of U.S. highway 99 between Portland and Eugene will open to full traffic, both trucks and cars, between Nov. 4 and 7.

Only a six-mile stretch near the Halsey interchange is still to be completed and two-way traffic will be necessary at first over this section.

The department originally hoped to open the freeway segment Nov. 1 but rainy weather hampered construction.

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