

Many Legislatures Facing Problem of Reapportionment

Washington — (UPI) — Many state legislatures today faced the prospect of a tug-of-war between Democrats and Republicans trying to gain political advantage from the reshaping of congressional districts.

Democrats appeared in the best position to cash in on the shakeup, required by the reapportionment of House seats based on the 1960 census. They control the governorship or legislature or both in a majority of the 25 states that gained or lost seats in the reshuffle.

The reapportionment, announced Tuesday by the Commerce Department, takes effect with the 1962 congressional election.

Nine Have Problem

Between now and then, nine state legislatures will have to grapple with the problem of redrawing their congressional districts to accommodate one or more new House members. Sixteen states will have to realign district boundaries to take care of the loss of one or more House seats.

The states that gained the most in the reapportionment are California, with eight new

House members, and Florida, with four new seats. One new seat each was awarded to Arizona, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, Hawaii, Ohio and Texas.

Pennsylvania was the big loser, dropping three members, New York, Massachusetts and Arkansas each lost two. One seat each was taken from Alabama, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina and West Virginia.

Called Gerrymandering

The party in power in each state legislature usually attempts to redraw congressional district boundaries so that it will have the best chance to win new seats or so that lost seats will be taken from members of the opposition party. This is called gerrymandering.

Under federal law, if a state which lost seats failed to decide on new congressional districts by the 1962 election, all of its House members would be elected at large by voters of the entire state.

If a state which gained seats was unable to agree on new districts, its new members would be elected at large.



NEWEST ENGINE TESTED—Scott Crossfield, North American Aviation test pilot, emerges from the cockpit of the X15 following the first flight using the XLR99 engine with a thrust of 57,000 pounds. The newer engine replaced a smaller 8,000 pound thrust power plant used in prior tests, in which unofficial speed and altitude marks were set of 2,196 miles per hour and 136,500 feet. (UPI Telephoto)

Test Pilot Pleased With Performance Of Big X15 Engine

Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. — (UPI) — The man in the pressurized flight suit climbed from the cockpit of the mid-night black craft and happily said, "We're in business."

The man was test pilot Scott Crossfield and the craft was the half airplane, half rocketship X15.

It made its first flight Tuesday with the world's most powerful aircraft engine, a flight that was so successful that Crossfield was optimistic the sleek X15 would exceed its goal of speeding at 4,000 miles an hour to an altitude of 100 miles.

"This was like pulling the cork out of what we've been trying to do for a long time," said Crossfield of the eight-minute flight with the giant 57,000-pound thrust engine.

Five times in past weeks the flight had to be cancelled because of poor weather or technical difficulties, but Tuesday it went even better than hoped.

Flies Two Minutes

The X15 was dropped from its harness under the wing of a B52 mother ship at 45,000 feet. Crossfield ignited the big engine for slightly more than two minutes—long enough to shoot the 50-foot craft through the air at speeds of nearly 2,000 miles an hour.

The craft attained the near-record speed despite the fact Crossfield opened the throttle less than half way and kept on the "brakes"—large, extended flaps.

"Hang on to it," radioed the pilot of a jet plane trying to keep up with the X15 as it flashed through the sky.

"Don't you worry, buddy!" shouted Crossfield.

Later, after gliding to a landing back at this Mojave Desert base about 100 miles northeast of Los Angeles, Crossfield said:

Unidentified Body Found in Portland

Portland — (UPI) — Authorities sought today to identify the body of a woman, about 50 or 55 years old, found in a wooded gully late Tuesday.

The body was found by Clifford McCroskey, 36, who was walking in the area of Northwest Cornelius Pass rd. Deputy Coroner Tony Wald estimated the woman had been dead at least three or four days. An autopsy failed to disclose any apparent clues to the cause of death. Further examination of the body was scheduled today.

Police said the description did not match that of any woman reported missing in nearby areas.

Kennedy Will Confer With Johnson; Bigger Role Hinted for Vice President

Palm Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — President-elect Kennedy was to fly to Texas today to confer with Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, thus demonstrating he intends to regard his vice president as far more than the presiding officer of the Senate.

Kennedy planned to fly by chartered jet to Bergstrom Air Force Base outside Austin, Tex.

Smorgasbord Set Thursday By Methodists

Fifteen men and women who have been members of First Methodist church, Medford, for 50 years or more were honored Sunday during the opening of the 75th anniversary commemorative services of the church.

Dr. George Roseberry, minister, introduced Mrs. Cora Carder, 1885, only living charter member; Mrs. Lillian Harvey, 1890; Mrs. Bernice Kunzman, 1899; Mrs. Grace Pankey, 1897; Mrs. Donna B. Taylor, 1901; Dr. Frank Roberts, 1902; Mrs. Kittle Smyle, 1902; Mr. Morris Leonard, 1908; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Brandon, 1908; Mrs. Mary Crum, 1909; Mrs. H. S. Chirgwin, 1910; Mrs. Helen Arnsperger, 1910; Mrs. Jessie Minear, 1910; and Mrs. Anne J. Gorby, 1910.

Mrs. Lucy Lyman, who came to Medford in 1922 and who was soloist for many years, was introduced as a guest of the choir. She has sung in Methodist choirs for more than 50 years.

The Rev. Clarence J. Forsberg, Eugene, was guest preacher.

During the coffee hour following the church service old pictures were displayed. Mrs. Minear and Mrs. Gorby were in charge of the display and were assisted by Mrs. O. P. Taylor in explaining some of the older items.

The pictures will be displayed again Sunday, Nov. 20, in the church library between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Morris Boughner, chairman of the smorgasbord planned for Thursday, Nov. 17, says that more than 100 persons are helping in its preparation. Committee chairmen include Mrs. George Lawless, kitchen; Richard Fanger, host; Charles Thompson Jr., tickets; Dr. Eugene Ray, service; R. J. Bills, kitchen equipment; John Kent, decorations; and members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the Boy Scout troop, and the Explorer Post who will assist in the serving.

The dinner, which is being planned for 1,500, will be served at 5:30, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Guests are invited to gather in the church sanctuary where organ music will be played before going to the dining hall.

From there, he will travel by smaller plane to his running mate's "LBJ" Ranch where the two Democratic leaders will confer tonight and Thursday. Kennedy plans to fly back to Palm Beach Thursday night.

If Kennedy had followed time-honored political tradition, he would have had his running mate come to see him. But the president-elect decided to interrupt his own holiday and fly to Johnson's home.

Shortly after the election, a top member of the Kennedy staff said Johnson would be given more than the customary vice presidential role in the new administration. This Kennedy associate said he expected Johnson to occupy possibly a more influential role in the administration than that of Vice President Richard M. Nixon in the government of President Eisenhower.

Another consultation on formation of the new government, Gov. Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut, had lunch with Kennedy Tuesday and then played golf with him. Ribicoff, one of the closer

campaign advisers to the Massachusetts senator and frequently mentioned as a hot prospect for attorney general in the new Cabinet, told reporters "at this time it would be safe to say" that no cabinet appointment has been offered.

Before departing for meeting with Johnson, Kennedy today arranged to extend his stay in Florida.

Chairman Named for Lions Club Dinner

Shady Cove—Don Harmon has been appointed general chairman of the Shady Cove-Trail Lions club dinner-dance, which will be held at the Rogue River lodge Dec. 3.

Ray Chub has been appointed publicity chairman, Buster Akins, entertainment, and Everett Errod, tickets. The announcements were made by Earl Sheppard, president of the Shady Cove-Trail Lions.

Tickets for the event, which is open to the public, may be obtained from club members or from the Rogue Dale Market, Cove Variety store, Rogue River lodge or at the door.

Instead of following an original plan for spending Thanksgiving at his home on Cape Cod, Kennedy announced he will spend the holiday in Washington with his wife and young daughter. Then he will return to Florida for another five or six days in the sun.



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Stock List Improves On Early Buying

New York — (UPI) — Stock prices improved on early buying in electronics, aircrafts and scattered oils today.

The industrial stock average managed to run up a slight gain during the first hour by dint of a 3-point advance in Procter & Gamble and fractional gains in Allied Chemical and American Telephone.

| DOW-JONES AVERAGES | |
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| New York — (UPI) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: | |
| 30 industrials | 608.87, up 2.07 |
| 20 railroads | 128.70, up 0.05 |
| 15 utilities | 93.71, off 0.04 |
| and 65 stocks | 200.46, up 0.39 |
| Sales Tuesday were about 2.99 million shares compared with 2.88 million shares Monday. | |

| Tuesday's prices on selected stocks: | |
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| Allied Chemical | 53 1/2 |
| Alum. Co. Am. (xcl) | 88 1/2 |
| American Can | 33 |
| American Motors | 20 |
| A. T. & T. | 94 |
| Anacosta Copper | 48 1/2 |
| Armco Steel | 82 1/2 |
| Bendix Corp. | 63 1/2 |
| Bethlehem Steel | 40 1/2 |
| Boeing Air | 35 |
| Caterpillar Corp. | 28 1/2 |
| Chrysler Corp. | 41 1/2 |
| Continental Can | 35 1/2 |
| Crown Zellerbach | 46 1/2 |
| Curtis Wright | 17 |
| Dow Chemical | 78 1/2 |
| Du Pont | 104 |
| Eastman Kodak | 28 |
| Firestone | 78 1/2 |
| General Electric | 108 1/2 |
| General Foods | 68 1/2 |
| General Motors | 42 1/2 |
| Georgia Pacific | 51 1/2 |
| Graham Paige | 2 |
| Greyhound | 20 1/2 |
| Gulf Oil | 29 1/2 |
| Homestate Mining | 48 1/2 |
| Idaho Power | 47 |
| I. B. M. | 35 1/2 |

Crews Clearing California Slides

Oroville, Calif. — (UPI) — State crews continued digging today to clear a pair of rock and mud slides that blocked Highway 40 Alternate 46 miles east of here.

The tons of mud and rock slid down on the highway Monday night, blocking it completely.

Crews also were working to clear Highway 199 about 23 miles east of Crescent City. A huge rockslide covered 300 feet of roadway there Monday night, blocking it.



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