

Democrats Must Split Credit With Republicans in State Legislature

Editors Note: This is the second of two dispatches comparing the achievements and failures of the 1961 legislature with Gov. Mark Hatfield's message and with the Democratic party platform.

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Salem — (UPI) — Foiled by a broad spectrum of incompatible views, the Democrats who nominally ran the 1961 legislature drew a zero and even lost ground in key labor and power fields.

The majority party carried out its 1960 platform by making sweeping gains in education, industrial development and civil rights.

But credit for all of these had to be split with Republicans, even though the legislature went beyond GOP proposals.

On issues where the official Democratic stand ran counter to GOP views, it was a lost cause from the start.

A labor-management law was successfully avoided, after a sometimes harrowing fight. But no gains were made at all in liberalizing workmen's and unemployment compensation—partly the result of a deadlock over a three-way workmen's compensation bill backed by some Democrats.

Actually, this struggle contained the Democratic "problem" in a nutshell.

Held Numerical Lead
Democrats held numerical sway in both houses, but as in the case of labor, Democrats were on both sides and the session's worst clashes came within the party rather than between parties.

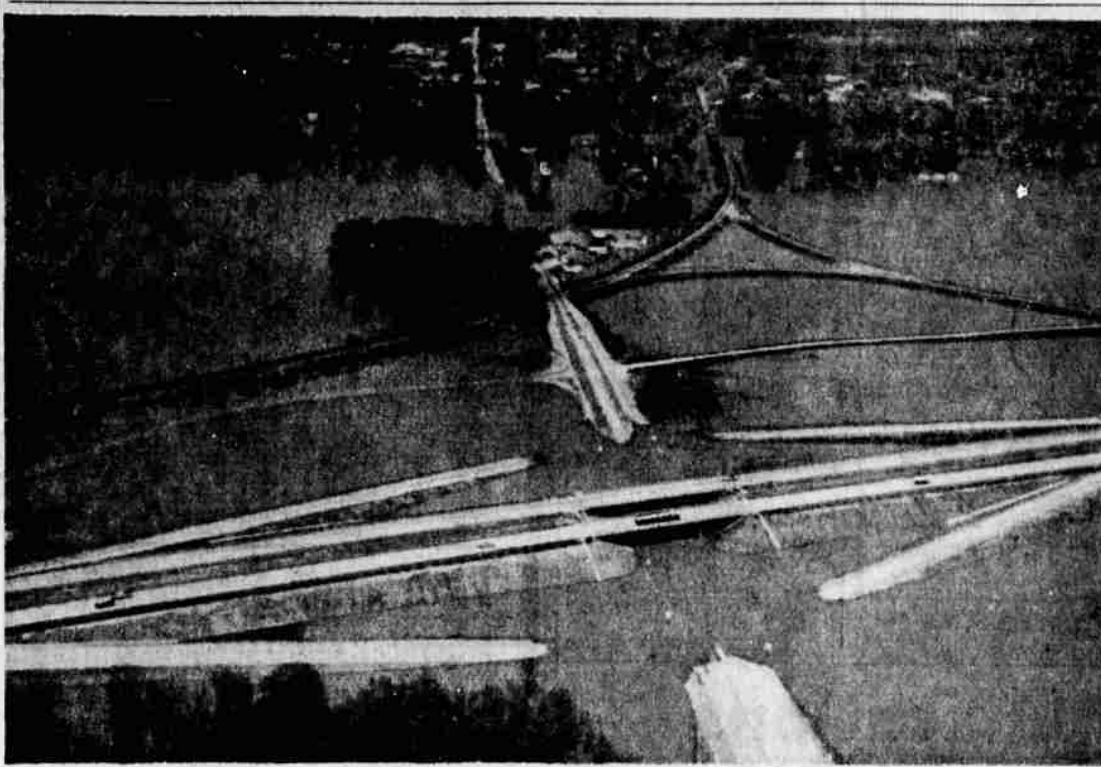
Democrats refused to vote together, and those who supported the official liberal party stand were a minority in both houses. The power lay in bi-partisan coalitions—often along special interest lines.

In fact, Democratic leaders in the Senate supported one of the official party's worst defeats: A bill giving utilities exclusive service areas.

A Democratic Senate committee quietly shelved a party bill for a state power agency, and the House killed a bill making it easier for public utilities to issue bonds.

In education, the Democrats implemented their platform by increasing school support and college faculty pay, endorsing federal aid to education, launching community colleges, and financing scholarships, loans, and special child programs.

Other Gains Made
The party also won a \$200,000 start for local mental care centers, better state employees pay, civil rights, timber tax



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US 66 at Valley Park, Mo., covered with the overflow of water from the Mernac river in the background. The railroad bridge indicates the river channel. (UPI Telephoto)

Congress Urged To OK Wiretap

Washington — (UPI) — Congress was urged today to authorize court supervised wiretapping to arm law enforcement agencies with a weapon capable of outwitting modern criminals.

Anthony P. Savarese, chairman of the New York State Assembly's Joint Legislative Committee on Privacy of Communications, said present wiretap laws were so confused that even the FBI violated them.

He told the Senate Constitutional Rights subcommittee, in prepared testimony, that Congress owed it to law officers to end the confusion before another year passed.

The subcommittee was studying three bills which would legalize telephone interception under court approval, by authorized officials. Under present law, and through Supreme Court rulings, wiretap evidence may not be used in a federal court. Recent rulings also have cast doubt about some state laws,

such as in New York, which permit wiretapping evidence in state courts.

Savarese said it was an "embarrassing fact" that the FBI now was tapping telephones, despite the Supreme Court rulings.

A Justice Department spokesman told the subcommittee Thursday that the FBI was operating 85 taps in cases involving national security.

Rogue River Post Has Loyalty Day

Rogue River — Rogue River post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars held a Loyalty day observance at the post home recently. The event had been postponed from May 1, regular Loyalty day.

John B. Harr, superintendent of Rogue River schools, spoke on "Loyalty to Our Country." The high school band, directed by William Osmer, played. Students of the Daryl Holte School of Dancing, Grants Pass, also entertained.

Glenn W. Hutchinson, chairman of the committee, presented citations to the Rev. Robert Maxson, Harr, Osmer and Holte for their participation. A check was also presented to Osmer to help defray expenses for band uniforms.

Chaplain Leo Orvis gave the benediction.

LeMay May Get Chief of Staff Job

Washington — (UPI) — Gen. Curtis D. LeMay, who made the Strategic Air Command the most lethal striking force in history, today was reported President Kennedy's choice to be Air Force chief of staff.

The 54-year-old warhorse who sent the first atom bombers over Japan in 1945 will take over when Gen. Thomas White's term runs out in mid-July, Pentagon reports said.

LeMay has been vice chief of staff since 1957, and has seen the Air Force through revolutionary changes. He will take over the helm with the Air Force still in a state of rapid change, with spacecraft coming into its inventory.

The reports said LeMay's vice chief will be Gen. Frederick H. Smith Jr., who now commands U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

New Money Color Said in Offing

San Francisco — (UPI) — Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, U.S. treasurer, said Thursday a new color of your money may be in the offing.

She said studies have been under way for several months on the idea of changing the color of currency from its present uniform green to some sparkling hues.

Purpose of the change would be convenience in handling, she said. Different colors would make it easier to distinguish denominations. Dollar bills would probably remain green, she said. No colors have yet been selected for other bills.

"The biggest problem involves ink and color chemicals," she said. "When we decide on something permanent, we will let the public know."

Montgomery Has Word of Praise For Legislature

Salem — (UPI) — House Minority Leader F. F. Montgomery Thursday praised the 1961 Legislature as "industrious" and generally successful — a stand in direct contrast to an attack from Gov. Mark Hatfield a few hours earlier.

The Eugene Republican selected community mental health clinics and a medicare for the elderly program as items of "prime importance."

Displeasure Expressed

Hatfield has expressed displeasure with the clinic plan because it excluded the sections dealing with his govern-

ment reorganization program. Montgomery declared Hatfield "can take pride in the response he received to his recommendations toward industrial development."

He cited land lease measures for industry and bills for offshore oil exploration.

Montgomery said the house had been "successful in passing some constructive social legislation." A house-approved bill for elderly property tax relief which he cited, however, died in a conference committee.

Major Victory

Montgomery said Hatfield "enjoyed a major victory" in winning a bill permitting area allotments for utilities. He also cited a bill regulating farm picketing.

Hatfield earlier in the day attacked the legislature for killing his government reorganization program, spending more than he proposed, and

ignoring traffic safety measures. Montgomery said there were "many moments of happiness and many of disappointment," but the legislature was "without doubt the most industrious legislature Oregon has seen for many years."

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