

Brown, Nixon Wage Vigorous Bid for Votes in California

Sacramento, Calif. — (AP) — Brown — seem determined to meet and greet every one of the state's seven million voters before election day.

It may be an impossible task in a state which sprawls over 158,000 square miles and boasts 17 million citizens. But if they fail, it won't be for lack of trying.

Vigorous Battle

The Brown-Nixon campaign is by far the longest, loudest and most vigorous battle in California politics in the last 20 years.

From dawn until nearly midnight, seven days a week, the 49-year-old former Republican vice president who narrowly lost the presidency in 1960 and the man he seeks to unseat, 57-year-old Democrat Brown, range the state from Tulare to the Mexican border to San Diego.

Both men are keying their campaign to a "person to person" pitch. A typical daily schedule goes like this:

Morning — News conference in Los Angeles (where 40 per cent of the state's vote is concentrated); walkathon tours of shopping centers, office buildings and factories; fly to San Francisco.

Afternoon — More walkathons and street rallies in the predominantly Negro Fillmore district and the Italian North Beach area.

Evening — Fly to Stockton for a rally; fly to Salinas for a telethon and radiothon.

Brown Better Known

While Nixon is better known nationally after eight years as vice president and a national campaign in 1960, Brown is better known personally in his home state.

Nixon, until he launched his campaign for governor a year ago, had not made a grass roots tour of California since 1950, while Brown has toured every one of the 58 counties in two successful campaigns for attorney general and his winning battle against U.S. Sen. William F. Knowland for the governorship in 1958.

On the many issues in the campaign, they are poles apart.

Brown insists California's business climate has never been better. He says unemployment is down, personal income is at an all-time high, the budget is balanced, the state's crime rate is low and "things never have been better."

Nixon says California is failing to attract new business because of the state's excessive tax rates; too many people are out of work; Brown has failed to give "effective leadership" in the battle against crime, and the budget is balanced only because the governor forced through a \$200 million tax increase in 1959.

Presidential Bid Seen — Brown insists Nixon doesn't care about California or its problems, that the former vice president is running for governor so he will be able to mount another campaign for the presidency. Nixon says this is a "phony issue" and that if elected governor he will

serve a full four-year term which would rule him out of the presidential sweepstakes in 1964.

"California wants a governor," Brown replies, "who is more interested in agriculture than Afghanistan, who cares

more about Kern county than Katanga." California wants a governor," counters Nixon, "who

will show real leadership, who isn't wishy-washy, who won't always look to Washington for help."

So much attention has centered on the Brown-Nixon race that voters thus far have

paid little attention to another important contest—a race between U.S. Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel, GOP whip, and State Sen. Richard Richards of Los Angeles.

Kuchel first was appointed

to the Senate by former Gov. Earl Warren, now chief justice of the United States, in 1952 to replace Nixon. Kuchel ran against Richards six years ago and beat him by almost 450,000 votes.

Oregon Highway Engineer Denies Improper Practice

Salem — (AP) — Oregon Highway Engineer Forrest Cooper Tuesday strongly denied a nationally televised report Monday night that indicated the Oregon Highway Department may have engaged in improper right of way acquisition practices.

He referred to "David Brinkley's Journal" on NBC-TV.

Oregon was listed along with a number of other states as having questionable administrative practices in connection with the spending of federal highway funds.

Said Unfounded

In a two-page statement, Cooper said Brinkley's statements were "unfortunate" and unfounded. "The right of way activities in this state have been conducted in a manner that is strictly within the public interest," Cooper said.

"It would appear that Mr. Brinkley's information was obtained from a General Accounting Office's report that was the result of an audit made in Oregon several years ago," Cooper said.

"The audit," Cooper went on, "purported to cover the period of July 1, 1956, to Sept. 30, 1959, and covered over 4,000 separate right of way acquisitions. Of this number, only three items caused comment. At no time did the General Accounting Office infer

that improper practices existed in Oregon."

Cooper said Oregon was criticized in one instance where one of the terms of a right of way settlement allowed a nursing home five months in which to relocate after the settlement was made.

Not Unreasonable

"The institution in question was a concern in Southern Oregon with a 60-patient capacity," Cooper said. "Approximately 75 per cent of the patients were county welfare patients. The department feels that the five months restoration time was not unreasonable. It did not delay the highway construction, and had any lesser time been demanded, it could have worked an acute hardship on the persons involved."

"The only other cases cited had to do with matters of opinion or judgment and in no way reflected on the propriety of the transactions."

PLANS OCEAN STUDY

Moscow — (AP) — The Soviet research ship Mikhail Lomonosov was en route from Kaliningrad today to explore the ocean off equatorial South America, according to the Soviet news agency Tass. The agency said the ship, carrying 65 Soviet scientists, sailed Tuesday.



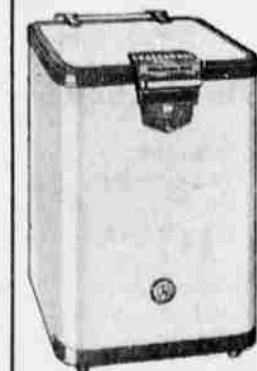
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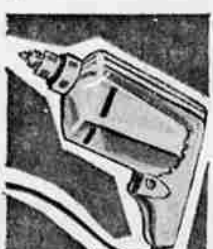
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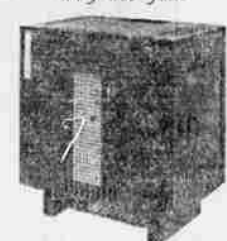
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