

Parties Prepare Campaigns to Win Seats Nationally

(Editor's note: If you are of voting age, chances are 50-50 you will cast your vote Nov. 6 for a governor, senator or congressman. But your vote also will be helping to shape national policy for the next two, or even six, years. It may add to or detract from the luster of some of the nation's best known political figures.)

(For those who may be tempted to stay at home election day, the following dispatch analyzes the issues and the stakes involved.)

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Washington (UPI)—Both national political parties are preparing for this year's campaigns like anxious salesmen unsure that the customers are interested in the new models.

At stake are the election of 75 governors, 39 U. S. senators and 435 House members. They will be chosen Nov. 6 along with thousands of state and local officials.

By far the biggest prizes are control of the national House of Representatives and the governorships of five or six pivotal states. The Republicans concede they have no chance of regaining control of the Senate this year.

Since the presidency is not at stake, the voter turnout is expected to be substantially short of the record set in 1960. The outcome, however, will establish a pattern for national policies and politics for the next two to six years.

Determining this pattern, according to the experts, will be the economy.

he an estimated 50 million Americans. This would be 2 million more than turned out for the 1958 off-year elections but far short of the almost 69 million who cast ballots in the 1960 Kennedy-Nixon race.

Republican leaders frankly concede the party's 1964 presidential nomination will be worthless unless the GOP can make gains in 1962.

For the Democrats, enlarged congressional majorities should mean easier going for President Kennedy's legislative program, which was mangled this year. The President would like to see the Democrats gain five to 10 House seats and pick up one or two seats in the Senate.

For the Republicans, greater power in congress would mean a virtual veto over Kennedy administration proposals. It would vastly strengthen the position from which they will challenge Kennedy's reelection in 1964. Their prime goal is to gain 44 House seats, thereby capturing control of that chamber.

Influence Futures
The elections will influence the futures of such potent figures as Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, former vice president Richard M. Nixon, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York and George Romney, the compact car-maker turned politician.

Both parties are issuing their standard victory forecasts. Both contend the issues are working in their favor. Democrats say the economy may not be booming but it is close enough to prosperity to rule out any upheaval against the party in power. They blame Republican "obstructionism" for stalling administration legislative proposals.

Kennedy personally has given high priority to his bill for medical care for the aged as a 1962 campaign issue. Working politicians class medicare as a major issue in some areas. It is deemed unimportant in others.

The Republicans argue that the economy is sluggish and

that Kennedy has failed on a campaign pledge to "get the country moving." They also attack him with charges that he favors "irresponsible" spending and is engaged in a grab for power.

But when there is no contest for the presidency, issues tend to become more localized—in the 50 states and 435 congressional districts. Action or inaction on a federal water project may affect the vote for a member of congress. So may an Idaho gubernatorial candidate's stand on legalized gambling.

Of the 35 governorships at stake, the Democrats now hold 21 and the Republicans 14. In terms of national political power, the most coveted governorships are in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Texas and California.

The exception is New York. Rockefeller needs to win big

to protect his position as the man to beat for the 1964 Republican presidential nomination. He first won the office four years ago when most of the country was being engulfed by a Democratic tide.

In California, Nixon can stay alive in politics only by unseating Democratic Gov. Edmund G. Brown. Nixon has said repeatedly that he will not be a candidate for the 1964 GOP presidential nomination, although he is viewed as a possible draftee.

In Pennsylvania, the incumbent governor, David L. Lawrence, is limited to one term. November rivals for his job will be Republican Congressman William W. Scranton and Richardson Dilworth, former Democratic mayor of Philadelphia. If Scranton should win, he will be a po-

intial GOP power nationally. In Michigan, Democratic Gov. John B. Swainson is seeking a second two-year term in a state where the Democrats have won the governorship in seven consecutive elections. His Republican opponent is Romney, the former auto manufacturer. By winning, Romney could move among leading possibilities for the 1964 GOP presidential nomination.

Make Ambitious Attempt
In normally Democratic Texas, Vice President Johnson's home state, the GOP is making an ambitious attempt to win the governorship. Its candidate is Jack Cox, an ex-Democrat, matched against John Connally, Kennedy's first Navy secretary and an ally of Johnson. A Cox victory would be a serious political blow to Johnson.

In Ohio, Democratic Gov. Michael V. DiSalle, one-time federal price control chief, is

in a tough reelection battle against state auditor James A. Rhodes, the Republican nominee for governor.

All 435 House members will be elected. These contests will provide the best available barometer of the Kennedy administration's popularity at the ballot box.

Reverts To 435 Seats
The House now contains 437 seats because it was enlarged temporarily to provide seats for Hawaii and Alaska. It reverts to 435 next year.

The present line-up is 262 Democrats and 174 Republicans, with one vacant seat formerly held by a Democrat. The Republicans must gain 44 seats to have a bare majority of 218 to elect the all-powerful speaker and put committees under GOP control.

Practically speaking, Kennedy has not had a working majority in the House. He has noted at news conferences that many conservative southerners often vote with the GOP and has said that he needs in the House more Democrats who think like him.

Redistricting which resulted from the 1960 census will have some effect on the makeup of the House next year. But it is not expected to have much effect on the party line-up. Nine states gained seats and 16 lost in the reapportionment.

Major Battlegrounds
The major battlegrounds for control of the House are the congressional districts in which incumbents were elected in 1960 by less than 55 per cent of the vote. After adjustments are made for redistricting, the GOP has 55 of these so-called marginal districts and the Democrats 37.

Thirty-nine senators will be elected in 36 states, 34 for regular six-year terms. Five are seeking to fill two or four-year vacancies created by death or retirement.

The Senate line-up now is 64 Democrats and 36 Republicans. Of the 39 seats to be filled this year, 21 are held by Democrats and 18 by Republicans.

In Safe South
Seven of the Democratic seats are in relatively safe southern states, although Republicans are talking boldly of upsetting Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D-S.C.). The GOP would like to gain six or eight seats to get into position to reach for control of the Senate in the 1964 or 1966 elections.

GOP campaign directors regard these as the most vulnerable Democrats seeking reelection: Sens. John A. Carroll, Colo., J. J. Hickey, Wyo., Frank Church, Idaho, Ernest Gruening, Alaska, Edward V. Long, Mo., and Joseph S. Clark, Pa.

Sens. Peter H. Dominick (R-Conn.) and James E. Van Zandt (R-Pa.) are opposing Carroll and Clark. Former Gov. Milward L. Simpson is the GOP nominee against Hickey in Wyoming.

Republicans also hope to displace Democrats representing Hawaii, where Sen. Oren E. Long is retiring, and Massachusetts, where there is a two-year vacancy in the seat once held by President Kennedy.

Democrats' Best Chances
Democrats believe they have their best chances of replacing Republicans in seats now held by retiring Sens. Prescott Bush, Conn., and John Marshall Butler, Md. Former Secretary of Health Education and Welfare Abraham A. Ribicoff is the Democratic nominee against Rep. Horace Seely-Brown in Connecticut. Rep. Daniel B. Brewster is the Democratic nominee opposing former Rep. Edward T. Miller in Maryland.

Next among Democratic targets are Sens. Thurston B. Morton (R-Ky.) and Joseph H. Borton Jr. (R-S.D.), Len Jordan (R-Idaho), Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah) and Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.). Democratic nominees for those seats are Lt. Gov. Wilson Wyatt in Kentucky, former food-for-peace director George McGovern in South Dakota, Rep. Grace Pfoff in Idaho and State Sen. Richard Richards in California.

In Wisconsin, Gov. Gaylord Nelson is the Democratic nominee trying to stop Sen. Alexander Wiley from winning a fifth term.

The states electing two senators this year are New Hampshire, Kansas and Idaho. Each will elect one senator to a regular six-year term and one to a four-year vacancy created by death. The Wyoming contest also involves a four-year vacancy.

Proper Planning Urged Before Historic Restoration Starts

Mrs. Helen Dupree Bullock, of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C., last night urged proper planning before historic building restoration is started.

She spoke before approximately 80 persons in the Jacksonville Methodist church. Her lecture, which was illustrated by colored slides of historic buildings, was sponsored by the Siskiyou Pioneer Sites Foundation.

"You should document first and evaluate to find the true value of the buildings planned for restoration," Mrs. Bullock recommended. "Also, politicians need to be treated as people—give a little and take a little. But make your pressure felt."

She told of a Tennessee mansion in whose stables was bred the first American horse to win the English Derby. The group restoring the mansion spent \$12,000 for wallpaper before repairing the roof. The roof leaked and stained the wallpaper. Later, during its research, the restoration group learned that the wall they papered had horse trappings and paintings of famous race horses hanging on it. They were able to remove the wallpaper. They were able to recover some of the articles.

Member Organizations
Mrs. Bullock explained that the National Trust is 16 years old and has an affiliation with 420 member organizations. The American Institute of Architecture was one of its original backers, she noted.

There is a great misunderstanding over what the trust can do, she pointed out. It is not a fund giving organization, but a fund raising organization. It does not insist everything should be preserved because it is old, she added.

"Williamsburg, Va., started with a town plan," she said. "We find most towns suffer because of haphazard planning. We only ask for a chance to help them plan."

Information Clearing House
A pamphlet distributed to the audience described the National Trust for Historic Preservation as the only non-profit nongovernmental educational organization chartered by Congress to safeguard America's heritage of historic sites and buildings.

"It is a clearing house of useful and current information on theories and techniques. Standards of historic preservation are raised through assistance given projects of its members. The educational programs encourage and support individuals and communities concerned with their historic heritage. Five historic properties, open to the public, are owned and administered by the National Trust," the pamphlet stated.

Mrs. Bullock also pointed out that few historic buildings can be self-supporting. Most of them are operated at a deficit.

Georgetown, next to Wash-

ington, D. C., "lifted itself by its own boot straps," Mrs. Bullock related. The people formed a group called Georgetown, Inc. The town was mortgaged, stock was sold and buildings rented.

Mrs. Bullock showed slides of the Harrah-Wheeler Mansion, Bridgeport, Conn. This example of Gothic Revival architecture, designed by A. J. Davis and built in 1846 was eliminated in 1958 to create a new city hall.

"After taking the battle to Connecticut superior court, helping to elect a Bridgeport mayor who failed to keep his promise to save the house, and raising \$157,000 to endow the mansion, the Bridgeport Historical Society was unable to prevent its destruction," Mrs. Bullock related.

"However, a city hall was never constructed on the site. The Smithsonian Institution will incorporate significant architectural features from the Harrah-Wheeler house in a 19th-century room exhibit."

This fight to preserve the historic home led to passage of an enabling act to establish a historic preservation area. Connecticut is the second state to have such an act, she said.

Mrs. Bullock showed slides of the Woodrow Wilson House, Decatur house, built in 1818 by Commodore Stephen Decatur, Woodlawn Plantation, Mount Vernon, Va., once part of George Washington's estate, Casa Amesti, Monterey, Calif., and Shadown-on-the-Teche, New Iberia, La., and other historic buildings.

"A nation which has little regard for its past has no future," she said.

Sites Foundation President Jack Sutton pointed out that the lecture was held in the earliest Protestant church built east of the Rocky mountains which is still standing.

A reception followed at the home of Mrs. Ruth Walker in Jacksonville.

Cars Damaged in Medford Accidents
Two parked cars were damaged in accidents Wednesday and Thursday, according to city police. No citations were issued in either accident, police said.

A vehicle operated by Luther Glenn Teague, 43, of 873 Shafer lane struck a parked car registered to Clem Martin, Renton, Wash., about 1:45 p.m. Wednesday at Sixth and Ivy sts.

James Allen Morke, 22, Central Point, told police the car he was driving struck a parked truck registered to Golden Grain Macaroni company, Seattle, Wash., about 6:18 a.m. Thursday on Riverside ave. about 90 feet north of the Liberty st. intersection. No injuries were reported in either accident, police said.

Youth Cited After Driving Off Road

A 17-year-old Medford youth was cited for violation of basic rule after his car went off the road early this morning and crashed into a fence and a tree while he was being pursued by a city police officer.

Cited was Harold Edwin Gould, 236 North Oakdale ave. He was not injured in the accident, police said.

An officer gave pursuit to the youth when he was observed at Barnett rd. and Stewart ave. driving without headlights about 12:20 a.m.

The youth told officers he did not know it was a police car following him. He said he thought it was some other youths, whom he was trying to avoid.

Gould lost control of his car on Greenwood ave. and struck a wire fence and a holly tree owned by John Laferriere, 2075 Greenwood ave. Damage to Gould's car was moderate, police said.

Charter Day Plans At U of O Noted

Eugene—Charter Day, the University of Oregon's annual observance of its founding by legislative act in 1872, will be held Oct. 15.

A formal convocation at McArthur Court at 10 a.m. will commemorate the university's founding. This will be marked by a processional of the faculty in academic regalia.

Speaker for the convocation will be Dr. James Madison Nabrit, Jr., president of Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Two of Oregon's outstanding citizens, who have served the cause of higher education during the past two decades, will be honored at the convocation with presentation of the University's Distinguished Service Awards.

They are Henry Failing Cabell, Portland businessman and lawyer and former president of the state board of higher education, and Morgan Samuel Odell, first president of Lewis and Clark college in Portland and now serving as vice president of Beirut College for Women in Lebanon.

The Charter Day observance will start on Monday, Oct. 15, with a Failing Distinguished Lecture by Judge Simon E. Sobeloff, Chief Justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit.

Moscow (UPI)—The New York City Ballet drew warm applause from a second-night Moscow audience Wednesday night, but comments about the performance were mixed.

There were a few shouts of "Bravo." Comments in the audience ranged from "I didn't like it" and "interesting" to "marvelous." The performance under the Soviet-American cultural agreement included Tchaikovsky's "Serenade," Gould's "Interplay" and Stravinsky's "Agon."



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