

Candidates' Statements

Editor's note: As in past years, the Mail Tribune is offering space in its news columns for statements from candidates seeking office.

This year because of the interest in the non-partisan Medford city elections, this offer has been extended to candidates for Medford mayor and city councilman.

The fifth in the series today includes statements from candidates for county sheriff.

Republican Democrat



DeArmond Leigh

"De" Leigh's campaign slogan is "Best Qualified," and this he truly is, for we feel that Jackson county is fortunate in having a man with his qualifications offering his services for the office of sheriff.

"De" spent nearly eight years in the sheriff's office, from 1945 to 1954. Three years he served as a civil and criminal deputy and the last five years of that time as the chief deputy of your county as he understands and has worked all phases of the sheriff's office.

Prior to this he was a member of the Ashland and Medford police departments, so he has to his credit a total of over 11 years of law enforcement in Jackson county.

Serves in Army

Leigh served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946 serving in G-2 or military intelligence, where he was fortunate enough to receive invaluable training and schooling which has been of great value to him in both law and administrative work.

From 1956 to 1961 he owned and operated "De" Leigh Motors in Medford. For the past year he has been acting as manager for the new owner.

Leigh has been a member of the National Sheriff's association for 15 years, a member of the Ashland Elks, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

He lives at 1131 North Main st., Ashland. He is married and has three children in school. Born in 1918 at Brookings, Ore., moved to Jackson county with his parents in 1929 and has lived here ever since.

Attended grade school at Central Point, high school at Eagle Point and studied business administration at the University of Oregon for two years. He has made his home in Ashland for the last 24 years.

"De" will bring to the sheriff's office a successful background in both law and business administration. These qualities will insure efficient and courteous service to you and your community. He feels that the office needs to have more training within the department for the deputies so that they will be more efficient in public relations and the performance of their duties, and that the rural areas are entitled to and will receive a more efficient representation from his office with no additional cost to us.

(Information furnished by "De" Leigh for sheriff committee)

Music Program Set At Jewett School

Central Point — A music program will be presented by third grade students at Jewett school Thursday, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m. All third grade pupils will be given an opportunity to participate.

The program will include a variety of musical activities with vocal music and musical rhythms included. Theme of the program is "It's Time To Have Fun."

First and second grade students will have music programs at later dates.

SKYDIVER KILLED

Winter Haven, Fla. — Skydiver Harry Orwig, 24, fell 3,500 feet to his death Sunday when his main parachute failed to open and his reserve chute snarled.

House Elections Hold Key To Hopes for Liberal Congress

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of dispatches by UPI political writers previewing the Nov. 6 elections. It deals with the crucial race for the House — a race that largely will determine the fate of the Kennedy legislative program for the next two years.

By VINCENT J. BURKE

Washington — UPI — President Kennedy's hopes for a more liberal Congress will be riding election day on the outcome of about 100 little-publicized contests for seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Although nationally known senatorial and gubernatorial candidates probably will claim the spotlight, Kennedy's legislative lieutenants will be watching results of House races between candidates who are relatively unknown outside their own districts.

For two years the House has imposed the brake on the New Frontier's legislative proposals. With the election of a liberal-tinged Democratic Senate almost certain, the big question is whether the House in the new 88th Congress will be more conservative, less conservative or remain at approximately its present balance.

Most of the 435 House seats at stake are relatively "safe" for the party now holding them. The outcome will depend on elections in about 100 doubtful, or swing districts.

During the last two years the party lineup in the House has been:

Democrats—263.
Republicans—174.
One, Which Count

For the White House, however, the significant figures have been 217-212, 215-205, 202-197 and 219-196. These are the margins by which Kennedy won four and lost one of his closest struggles on the House floor in the 87th Congress.

In the new Congress which convenes on Jan. 9 there will be two fewer seats. The House membership, boosted temporarily to 437 with the granting of statehood to

chief of police of Central Point.

Work With Youngsters

I have had the opportunity to work with young people and am capable of understanding and helping them in any aspect necessary.

As my record states, I have served you, the public, for 12 years, and I hope that my record will merit your vote for Jackson county sheriff in November.

If elected to the office of sheriff, I state the following responsibilities of the office will be fulfilled:

1. Criminal department: Thorough investigation of any complaint regardless of how minor.
2. Civil department: Legal papers to be served on a given date is the result of careful planning and timing by litigation experts. Prompt service will be rendered in this department.
3. Tax department: The sheriff is the tax collector for this county. This responsibility of the office will be carried out without favoritism.
4. Jail: Maximum security and treatment of prisoners with human understanding.



BERLE A. STEPHENS

the first officers to institute the safety program, speaking on safety in both public and parochial schools. This program has now been adopted by all schools in Jackson county. I was also directly responsible for organizing the Medford PAL club. Upon resigning from the police department, I became an investigator for several firms of attorneys, in which capacity I still serve.

In late 1960, I was requested by the sheriff's office to assist in the civil and tax department. I complied with that request, and in October, 1961, I served as temporary

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Hawaii and Alaska, reverts to its permanent size of 435.

The party in power almost always loses House seats in mid-term congressional elections. Not since 1934 has the President's party gained seats in such elections. The average result in mid-term elections dating back to 1912 has been a loss of 39 seats for the president's party.

Republican leaders publicly claim they have a good chance of winning the 44 seats they need to control the House. But their private assessment of prospective gains falls far short of that figure.

Hopes for Upset

Kennedy has publicly expressed hope of upsetting the historical trend by picking up 5 or 10 new Democratic seats. Privately, Democratic strategists would be happy to hold their losses to 5 seats.

The significant fact is that Republicans do not have to win party control of the House for conservatives to gain a headlock on Kennedy's legislative program.

Macmillan To Face Test at Election

London — UPI — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's Conservative government will face a tell-tale test of its popularity at the polls shortly after Parliament opens its new session Tuesday.

Six by-elections are pending, and at least five of them are expected to be held in late November.

The polling will give the government its first real chance to tell whether it has stopped the drift in popularity that was evident in 12 earlier by-elections this year. On an average the Conservative vote in these was about 20 per cent down on the general election of 1959.

Since then Macmillan has completely reformed his cabinet to give it a more youthful, imaginative look, and has made an election issue of his policy to take Britain into the European Common Market.

ORCHESTRA APPLAUDED

Washington — UPI — The Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra performed Sunday at Washington's Constitution Hall before 3,000 applauding Americans who did not let international tension extend to cultural relations. So enthusiastic was the audience to the all-Russian music program that the orchestra added two encores to its scheduled program, and conductor Eugen Mravinsky took six bows.

A Republican gain of 20 or more House seats would unquestionably give GOP leaders and conservative southern Democrats the whiphand. Conceivably, a GOP gain of as few as 10 seats could significantly boost the power of the conservative bloc.

On the other hand, should the election result in little or no net shift in the party lineup, administration forces probably would be stronger in the House in 1963 and 1964 than they were during the past two years.

This is because the Democrats which the South elects this year almost certainly will include more Kennedy supporters and fewer Kennedy foes. In a few scattered primary elections, conservative Democratic incumbents were defeated this year by moderate or liberal southerners. In addition, reapportionment of House seats among states will result in some "liberalizing" of the Democratic party's southern wing in the House.

Seats Re-Shuffled

The House seats at stake this year have been reapportioned to reflect relative changes in state population during the 1950's.

The 11 states of the old southern Confederacy wound up with the same number of seats. But some of these in conservative-rural areas were eliminated and some new districts were carved out in areas with more liberal constituencies, including Tampa, Fla., and the Miami area.

In the North as well as the South the result of reapportionment will be to give greater voice in the House to city-suburban voters and a smaller voice to the nation's declining farm population.

California with a gain of 8 seats will elect 38 representatives to the House, more than any state except New York with 41. Florida gained 4 seats. Seven other states each gained one seat. Sixteen states lost seats.

Big Turnover Assured

The re-shuffling of seats has assured a big turnover in House membership. It caused collisions between incumbents thrown into the same districts. Five were defeated in incumbent vs. incumbent battles in the primaries and similar contests will unsettle seven more on Nov. 6.

A good many veterans decided to retire rather than seek reelection in newly mapped districts. They included Reps. John Taber (R-N.Y.), dean of congressional Republicans with 40 years service, and Brent Spence (D-Ky.), chairman of the House Banking committee, who at 87 is the oldest man in Congress.



RUSH FOR GROCERIES—Box boys in Von's Market in Los Angeles puzzle over where to put large orders as people in the southland converged on markets in what one store manager called the biggest buying spree he had ever seen. City civil defense director Joseph M. Quinn suggested southern California residents buy a two-weeks supply of food, but he urged all to remain calm. (UPI)

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He's the kind of man you'd be proud to have as your representative in Congress.

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