

Democrats Vision Sweep of Offices In Hawaii Voting

Honolulu—UPI—Hawaiian Democrats, wearing confident smiles, are predicting their first sweep of state-wide offices in history.

Of all the Republican candidates, observers gave Gov. William F. Quinn the best chance of winning. He is opposed by John A. Burns, whom Quinn beat by a close 4,000 votes in 1959.

But Burns stressed that the Democrats' five candidates for statewide office substantially outpolled their opponents in the open primary election.

Unions Back Democrats

And for the first time, major labor unions, representing 50,000 workers, were lined up solidly behind the Democrats. Political predictions in Hawaii, however, are complicated by the state's large independent vote—estimated at 34 per cent of 218,000 registered voters.

No single local issue has developed heavy interest among the voters.

In the U.S. Senate race, Rep. Daniel K. Inouye is campaigning on a Kennedy Administration platform against millionaire businessman Ben. F. Dillingham.

Dillingham claims that Inouye is a rubber stamp supporter of the President at the expense of Hawaii's best interests.

Inouye garnered the most votes of any candidate in 1959, 1960 and again in last month's primary, and appeared to be at the peak of his popularity.

Racially Balanced

In two Congressional races, observers also favored two Kennedy-style Democrats against their GOP opponents.

Some politicians felt that the Democrats might gain some help from a more racially balanced slate of candidates.

Caucasians comprise less than 40 per cent of the population while 40 per cent is of Japanese extraction and other Oriental groups, and Hawaiians make up the balance.

But in the past, several studies failed to prove that Hawaii voters resorted to the kind of block voting seen among nationality groups in other parts of the nation.

Capital Memo

Republicans Expect To Gain Control of House in Next Term

By DOUGLAS GRIPP
Salem—UPI—Republicans are as confident as ever that next week's election will give them control



Douglas Gripp, 31-29.

All 60 House seats are up for grabs, and part of the GOP hopes are riding on a poll that shows them either holding their own or gaining in four key areas—Multnomah, Clackamas, Lane and Jackson counties.

The poll envisions the GOP gaining one more house seat in Multnomah, giving them eight out of the 17; one in Clackamas, which has a total of four and where they have none now; and "at least" two of Jackson's three seats.

In Lane county, the Republicans expect to hold onto the three seats they have now. This would be fine with them because one seat opened up when Rep. Carl Fisher, (R-Eugene) became the GOP nominee for Congress in the fourth district.

The GOP also is counting on retaining its three seats in Marion county, which has four.

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Farm Vote Influence To Be Less in Congressional Election

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of dispatches on the Nov. 6 election by UPI political writers. It deals with the fading influence of the farm vote.

By BERNARD BRENNER
Washington—UPI—The farm vote, a fading force in American politics, will have less influence in the 1962 congressional elections than in past campaigns.

It remains a factor, however, in a comparatively small number of closely contested House and Senate races.

Unless all domestic considerations are buried by the Cuban crisis, political strategists in both parties estimate that farm issues may play some part in deciding from 11 to about 24 close House races. Agricultural policy also could be a factor in about 10 Senate campaigns.

The farmer's political punch is fading because his numbers are dwindling while the urban population grows. In 1932, when the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration was elected to begin the era of active federal intervention in the farm economy, one American in every four lived on a farm. Today, only one American in every 12 is a member of a farm family.

The 1962 House reapportionment, recognizing the population changes of the 1950-60 decade, translated the shrinking number of farmers into a cut in House seats in farm areas.

The major farm states of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, and Nebraska each lost one House seat. Ohio and Michigan gained single seats but the net effect was a shift of voting power from rural Midwest areas to largely urban districts in other parts of the country. A similar shift took place in the South.

House and Senate races where farm policy may be a live issue are largely in the

Mississippi School Officials Criticized

Oxford, Miss.—UPI—A Justice Department representative Wednesday criticized University of Mississippi officials for failing to discipline students taking part in demonstrations protesting the presence of Negro student James Meredith. He indicated the federal government might take action against demonstrators.

Deputy U.S. Atty. Gen. Nicholas Katzenbach made his comments after two night of violent demonstrations by students.

belt of states running from Ohio on the East to the mountain area of the West.

Democrats hope their candidates in these areas will be helped by the fact that farm income rose in 1961 and stayed up this year. Also, Democratic strategists say, administration-backed programs granting payments to farmers who voluntarily cut corn production have been popular. Passage this fall of a new wheat control law, effective in 1964, may also be a plus factor for Democrats in major wheat states.

Fight Corn Controls
Republicans expect to pick up strength in Midwest farm

areas because their House and Senate members fought practically unanimously against the administration's narrowly beaten attempt to adopt stiff, mandatory corn production controls.

In recent weeks, Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman has tossed out broad hints that he plans to drop the idea of mandatory controls when new long-range feed grain legislation is considered next year.

One key test of farm sentiment on administration farm policy could come in western Kansas, where Reps. J. Floyd Bredding (D) and Robert Dole (R) are fighting for the single

seat left after their two districts were combined.

Wheat production is a major factor in the economy of the new district, which covers about two-thirds of Kansas. Bredding, a three-term congressman who is chairman of the House Agriculture Committee's wheat subcommittee, backed the new administration wheat law. Dole, a freshman member of the 87th Congress, fought the administration program.

Others To Watch
Some of the other House races where political strategists believe farm issues could play at least a minor part in the outcome include:

—Republican attempts to unseat Reps. Ralph R. Harding (Idaho), Morris B. Peterson (Utah), W. R. Hull Jr. (Mo.), J. Edward Roush (Ind.) and Victor Wickersham (Okla.).

—Democratic attempts to replace GOP Reps. James F. Batin (Mont.), Don L. Short (N.D.), and Ralph T. Beerman (Neb.).

The hot Illinois race between Reps. Peter F. Mack Jr. (D) and Paul Findley (R) who were thrown into a newly combined district. Findley, a House freshman, took a prominent role in fighting Kennedy administration farm legislation this year.

Senate races where farm voting could be significant in a close contest include those in South Dakota, Kentucky, Idaho, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Utah, and Missouri.

Whatever happens to relative Democratic and Republican power in this election, the shift of House districts to urban areas will confront

farm policymakers with a new fact of political life when the 88th Congress assembles next January.

The power to approve or beat future farm bills will be shifting more and more into

the hands of legislators from city districts. The government's policy on aid to agriculture thus will be shaped increasingly by the politically divided farm bloc's ability to persuade an urban majority.



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Mrs. Roosevelt in Serious Condition

New York—UPI—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, 78, was reported still in serious condition today, but a family spokesman said "she is better than holding her own."

The widow of former President Franklin D. Roosevelt has been ill since Sept. 26 when she was hospitalized with a lung infection and anemia. She was released from the hospital Oct. 11 and has been confined to her apartment.

"She is, if anything, a little better," the spokesman said, although pointing out the former first lady's condition still must be considered serious.

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