

Presidential Hopefuls Eye Gubernatorial Bids

Washington — The 1964 presidential chances of at least four Republican candidates will be strengthened or smashed today in off-year balloting for 35 of the nation's governorships.

Of the four, only Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York appeared to be an odds-on favorite. He was considered almost certain to preserve both his seat in Albany and his position as a GOP presidential contender.

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who lost the presidency to John F. Kennedy by a scant 119,450 popular votes two years ago, was fighting in a close race against Democratic Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown.

The other two potential White House nominees, former auto maker George Romney of Michigan and Rep. William W. Scranton of Pennsylvania, are the "new faces" in the presidential test run. Both have been leading in some polls in their states.

Romney Opposes Swinson — Romney is trying to unseat Democratic Gov. John B. Swinson, 37, legless war veteran now finishing his first two-year term. Scranton, 45, is opposed for the Pennsylvania governorship by former Mayor Richardson Dilworth of Philadelphia.

Of the governorships at stake in today's voting, 21 are now Democratic and 14 Republican. Republicanism, building for the 1964 and 1968 presidential races, were confident they would make gains in governorships. The patronage, prestige and power involved are vital to any national effort.

Republicans appeared concerned only about possible losses in New Hampshire and New Mexico, while making strong bids for governor's chairs in Ohio, Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

Democrats hold all but two of the 15 governorships in the

states which have no contests this year. Montana and Utah are under GOP control.

Even Democrats conceded that the GOP had one of its best chances in Ohio, where Democratic Gov. Michael V. DiSalle, an early Kennedy-for-president endorser, is up for reelection. Republican state Auditor James A. Rhodes appeared the favorite.

In normally Democratic Texas, Republicans were struggling to build on their present U.S. Senate seat by

Firm Offers To Purchase Timber Felled by Storm

Quincy, Mass. — A New England lumber and building materials firm offered its help today in disposing of lumber felled in a storm in the Pacific Northwest last month.

The offer by L. Grossman Sons, Inc., was based on the company's experience in salvaging lumber after the 1938 hurricane in New England.

The offer was wired by Joseph B. Grossman, vice president and senior financial adviser of the company, to President Kennedy, Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges and Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman.

"In 1938, when a parallel situation existed as the aftermath of New England's worst hurricane, L. Grossman Sons, Inc., organized the Eastern Pine Sales Corp., bought the timber from the federal government and salvaged and sold it in record time," the telegram said in part.

"With this experience behind us, we offer our help in an advisory capacity in the present crisis. We also stand ready, if called upon, to purchase and dispose of the lumber felled by the recent hurricane," Grossman said.

taking the governorship as well. Former Navy Secretary John Connally, a friend and long-time backer of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, was the favorite to keep the governorship in Democratic hands, however.

In New Hampshire, where party feuding after the death of Senate GOP Policy Chairman Styles Bridges rocked the GOP, Democrat John W. King was credited with at least a chance to score an upset. But the edge apparently still was with Republican John Pillsbury, a one-time Bridges aide.

In New Mexico, Democratic State House Speaker Jack M. Campbell was threatening Republican Gov. Edwin L. Mechem, seeking his third term.

A second former Eisenhower administration figure, ex-Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton, was pitted in Nebraska against Democratic Gov. Frank B. Morrison. Democratic incumbents also were fighting to save their places in Colorado and Wyoming.

Portland State To Hold Homecoming

Portland — Homecoming week end at Portland State college, Nov. 9 to 10, is expected to attract nearly 500 alumni to the annual banquet and some 1,200 alumni, faculty, and students to the formal dance.

A full round of activities, culminating in the dance to the music of Les and Larry Elgart in the College Center Ballroom, has been announced by Verne Davis, homecoming chairman.

Tickets for the banquet are being sold at the PSC Alumni office, 1604 Southwest Tenth st., until Thursday noon, Nov. 8, Davis said. Dance tickets may be purchased at the gate.

Foreign Briefs

RED CROSS SOCIETIES APPEAL FOR CASH
Geneva — The League of Red Cross societies appealed Monday for cash and other aid for 100,000 homeless victims of recent storm damage in Thailand.

A statement issued by league headquarters said the American and Dutch Red Cross societies already have donated \$5,000 and 750 blankets.

10 DIE AS HOUSE COLLAPSES IN ORAN
Oran, Algeria — A house in Oran's Moslem quarter collapsed Monday when the ground shifted slightly and killed all 10 members of the two families which occupied it.

ASTRONOMY STATION CAN'T FIND ROCKET BEAM
Manchester, England — The Jodrell Bank Radio Astronomy Station has been unable to pick up signals from the Soviet Mars probe because the Russians have not answered a request for transmitting times.

"We have tried several times to pick up signals from the rocket but this is very difficult to do in the absence of the information we requested several days ago," a spokesman for the astronomy station said Monday.

CZECH GRADUATES IGNORE DIRECTIVE
Vienna — Czech university graduates are guilty of "selfishness and bourgeois behavior," the Czech Communist party newspaper Rude Pravo said Monday.

The newspaper said a Community party recommendation that all graduates work in factories for at least one year is generally ignored and working discipline among young teachers is notably bad after graduation.

42 Years Later

Former Doughboy Doesn't Have To Pay French Wife

Portland — A woman judge ruled Monday that a World War I American dough-

boy does not have to pay alimony or support money to the French wife he had not heard from for 42 years.

John Stefanski, 62, was granted a divorce by Circuit Judge Jean L. Lewis of the Multnomah County Court of Domestic Relations.

Stefanski said he married the young French girl, Georgette, in 1919. But she did not come to this country with him and he said he understood she had obtained a divorce.

But last year he received a letter from Georgette saying she was still Stefanski's wife and had been wounded near the end of the German occupation of Paris in World War II. She demanded \$50 monthly alimony payments.

The judge said she had found "inconsistencies" in Georgette's deposition and questioned why she waited more than 40 years to try to contact him.

Sam Wilderman, Stefanski's attorney, said he had made a thorough search of court cases and had not found one in which a French wife had sought support and alimony after such a long delay.

He said if the ruling had been otherwise "we probably would have a flock of similar cases filed all over the United States."

Orbiting Chimpanzee Dies of Infection
Holloman AFB, N.M. — Enos, 6, the ill-tempered chimpanzee who beat John Glenn into space, is dead.

Base veterinarians scheduled an autopsy at the aeromedical laboratory here to determine why Enos failed to respond to treatment for a bacteria infection of the intestinal tract that had plagued him for two months.

Commodity Markets Closed for Election
By United Press International
The New York Stock Exchange and most of the nation's commodity markets were closed today for an election day holiday.

KILLED BY CHOPPER
Pasco — Paul Brigham, 78, was killed Monday when he apparently fell into a chopper he was towing with a tractor on his farm near here, the Franklin county sheriff's office said today.

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Headlines on Last Election Day Much the Same as Those of Today

Washington — Voters who picked up a newspaper on election day two years ago found the news much the same as it is today.

The headlines, dominated by the presidential election, told of trouble in Cuba and a crisis in the Congo. And four years ago, when congressmen and governors were being elected as they are today, the United Nations was trying to bring an end to nuclear testing.

In the days prior to the

election that made John F. Kennedy President two years ago today, dispatches told of Russian arms being shipped to Cuba, the seeds that sprouted into the crisis that nearly brought war a few days ago.

Fidel Castro ordered the militia to prepare for "imminent American invasion, and 1,450 Marines landed at Guantanamo Bay for "week end shore leave."

And on election day, Rear Adm. Edward J. O'Donnell

was made commander of the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo with orders to fight if necessary to defend the base. He is still there.

The Congo upheaval was the big story. Patrice Lumumba was barricaded in his house, predicting he would be restored to power. Four months later he was slain and today the Congo has faded from the crisis picture.

In Hollywood, Clark Gable voted from his hospital bed. He died 10 days later.

And in Moscow the next day, the Soviet press hailed the victory of John F. Kennedy as a step toward better U.S.-Russian relations.

Four years ago last Sunday, the UN General Assembly called on the nuclear powers to reach early agreement on a controlled nuclear test suspension. Monday, the General Assembly's Political Committee voted for an end to all

nuclear weapon tests by Jan. 1.

Pope John XXIII had just been crowned and television quiz whiz Charles Van Doren had just been discredited.

Sen. John F. Kennedy, frequently mentioned then as a possible presidential candidate, defeated Vincent J. Celeste for reelection to the Senate from Massachusetts.

Political Survival Of Brown and Nixon In Hands of Voters

San Francisco — California voters will settle today a bitter battle for political survival between Richard M. Nixon and Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

The winner is destined to become governor of a state soon to be No. 1 in population. The loser almost certainly faces political oblivion. The race is rated very close by most pollsters and political experts.

The 49-year-old Republican who almost won the presidency in 1960 and his 57-year-old Democratic foe battled right down to the wire Monday night in a last-minute flurry of charges and counter-charges.

Nixon, in an appearance reminiscent of his famed "Checkers" speech in 1952, told a statewide audience that Brown had lied throughout the campaign. Brown promptly denied it and said Nixon had engaged in the "filthiest campaign I've ever seen in my life."

Flanked By Family
Flanked by his teenage daughters, Tricia and Julie, and his wife, Pat, Nixon said Brown was responsible for false charges that he is anti-Semitic, anti-Negro and anti-Catholic.

He said it was false to say that he in any way benefited from a \$205,000 loan made by the Hughes Tool Co. to his brother, Donald, when Nixon was vice president.

He further charged the Democrats were guilty of lying when they said he really wants the presidency, not the governorship of California.

"If these charges are true, I am not worthy to be governor," Nixon said. "If they are not true, my opponent is not worthy to be governor because he made them... he is responsible for them."

At one point, Nixon made a double slip of the tongue when he said that when he becomes president... He started over again and said "governor of the United States... but caught himself."

Interest Said Betrayed
Said Brown after the Nixon broadcast:

"He ascribed to me charges I have never made. He betrayed his real interest in the campaign when he slipped momentarily and said 'when I am governor of the United States, then caught himself.'"

"The voters of California have no intention of letting Mr. Nixon use this state to further what again and again he reveals as his ultimate ambition—the presidency."

Nixon, in his final appeal to the state's 7.5 million voters; once again firmly ruled out any presidential ambitions in 1964.

"Under no circumstances will I run for president," he said. "Rather than fight President Kennedy, I will support him whenever I think he's right. I have respect for some of the men around him."

Polls opened in the state's 31,820 precincts at 7 a.m. (PST). They close at 7 p.m. (PST) except in two counties where they remain open until 8 p.m. An estimated 5.4 million voters are expected to turn out.

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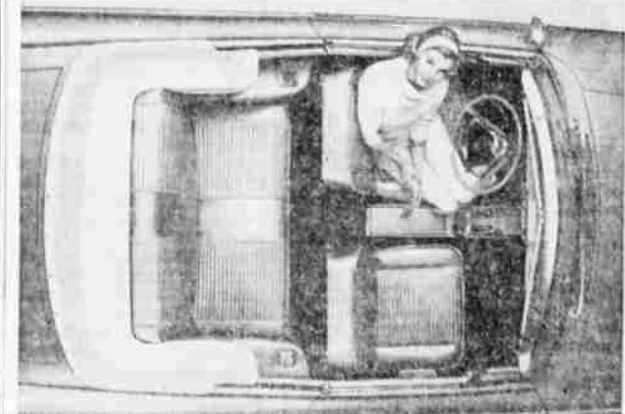
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