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Capitol Memo

Appling's Decision On Reelection Has Political Impact

By ZAN STARK
Salem (UPI) — Will Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. seek reelection? This question is being asked more and more frequently. Appling, a Republican, smilingly says "I've made up my mind." But he hasn't announced his decision.

The announcement, when it comes, will have great political impact.

Many observers feel if Appling seeks another term as secretary of state it will mean he plans to run for governor when Gov. Mark Hatfield's term expires in 1966. Hatfield, by constitution, cannot seek a third term.

Others say Appling will not seek reelection because of the risks of business. He is one of the founders of Independent Distributors, a Portland wholesale logging and farm equipment firm. The recent death of his father left Appling with a Beaverton dry cleaning business.

Appling's decision may affect the futures of many of the state's leading political hopefuls.

Sen. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland) has announced he is thinking of running for secretary of state. House Speaker Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) also is believed to be eyeing the office. Both may be viewing it as a possible stepping stone to the governor's office.

Possibly it is because of the political significance of the decision that Appling remains mute while others guess.

Today is Appling's 44th birthday. Married, and the father of four children, he was appointed to his present office by Hatfield in January, 1959.

On Nov. 8, 1960, he was elected to the present four-year term which expires at the end of next year.

Articulate, mature and outspoken, all who know him regard him as an outstanding administrator, keenly intelligent, and politically powerful.

He's not regarded as anyone's "yes man." Appling has split with Hatfield in the past, and some believe they detect a widening of that split.

Unlike Hatfield, who tends to isolate himself from members of the legislature, Appling works closely with lawmakers.

During the recent legislative session, Appling got almost everything he asked — a claim Hatfield cannot make.

Statehouse regulars know that Appling runs every section of

the secretary of state's office with an iron hand. Little goes on that Appling is unaware of, and none of his staffers would dare try to second-guess "The Boss." They ask his advice before delivering official pronouncements.

Appling demands efficiency. If a staffer is unable to satisfy a request from the public and Appling finds out about it, two things happen. Appling supplies the answer, then immediately demands to know why the staffer failed to provide the requested information.

He's not the usual brand of politician. Newsmen find him refreshingly candid. To a direct question he will either give a direct answer or say he isn't going to answer.

He doesn't try to walk on both sides of the fence at the same time.

Appling does his job as he believes it should be done without worrying about what effect it might have on others.

He will be in the national spotlight next spring when he selects candidates for the state's presidential primary ballot. Nobody expects Appling will let any personal or political pressure affect his selection. He is respected by the Democrats, and reportedly has more basic Republican party strength than does Hatfield.

Appling's decision, when it does come, will be a politically significant one.

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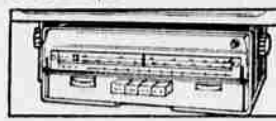
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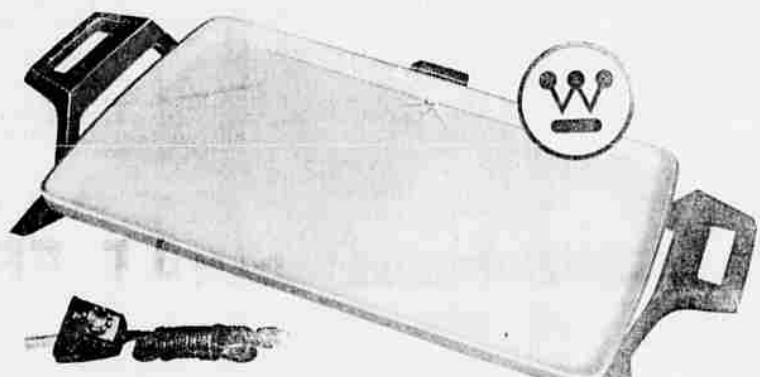
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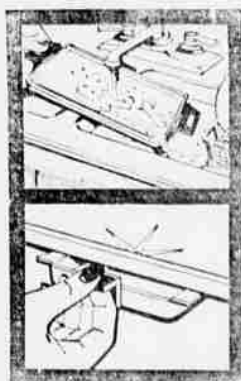


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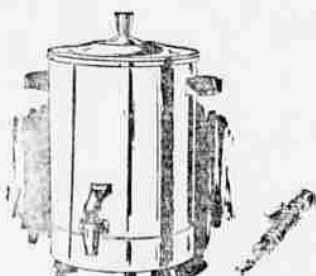
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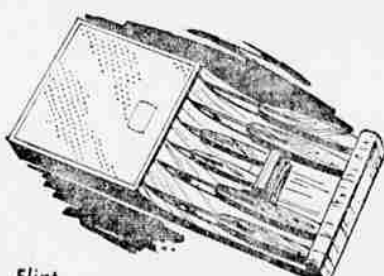
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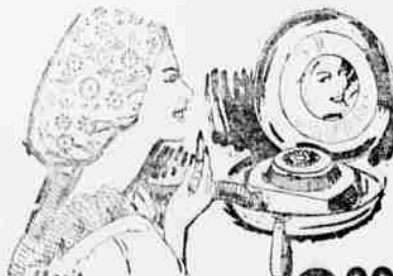
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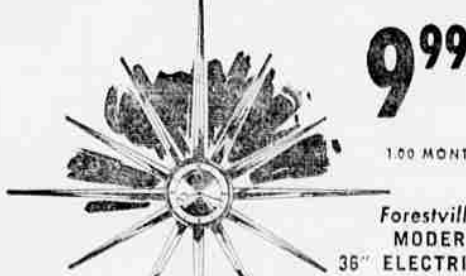
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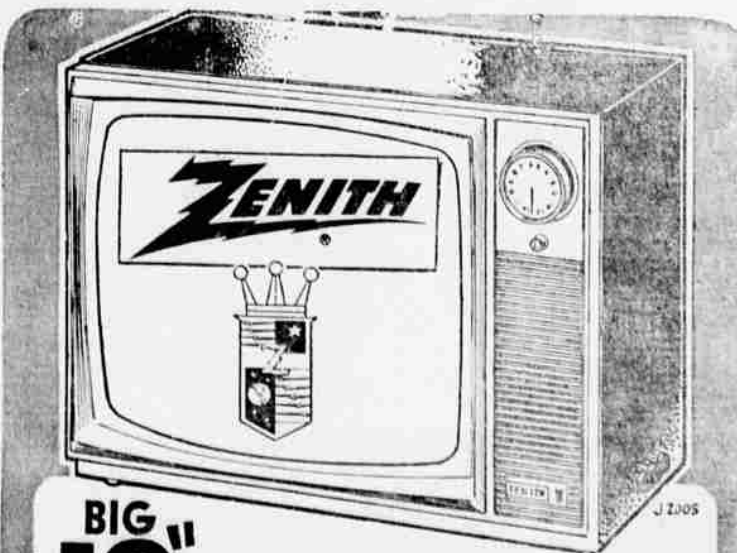


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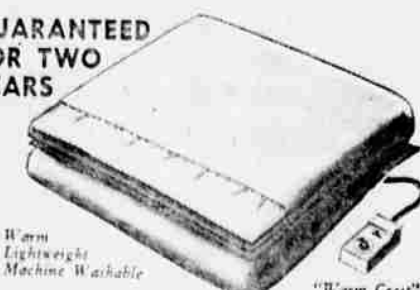
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