

# Voters In Texas Decide To Keep \$1.75 Poll Tax

DALLAS (UPI)—Texans voted Saturday to keep their 61-year-old poll tax in a special election that may have a strong effect on the 1964 presidential election.

Two leading supporters of repeal of the \$1.75 tax conceded defeat. Opponents had said repeal was designed to help President Kennedy carry Texas in 1964.

Returns at 12:30 a.m. EST to the Texas election bureau showed 284,422 votes against repeal and 221,938 votes for repeal. Returns were from 232 of 254 counties, 196 complete.

Mrs. Maurice Brown, state president of the League of Women Voters the key organization behind repeal, said "It looks as though we did not work hard enough." State Republican Chairman Peter O'Donnell conceded defeat saying "the people have spoken." O'Donnell endorsed repeal, but the state party did not take an official stand.

Late counts from counties expected to vote heavily for repeal indicated a victory for backers of the \$1.75 tax. A special election in the 10th Congressional District to elect a successor for U.S. Rep. Homer Thornberry resulted in a runoff at a date to be set.

Returns at 11 p.m. EST put conservative Democrat J. J. (Jake) Pickle of Austin in front by about 400 votes. With all 10 counties reporting, 6 complete, Pickle had 10,431 votes to 10,037 votes for Republican Jim Dobbs, who will be in the runoff. Liberal Democrat Jack Ritter trailed with 8,857 votes.

Supporters of the poll tax contended repeal was a liberal scheme to help President Kennedy carry Texas in 1964. In 1960, with Texan Lyndon Johnson as his running mate, Kennedy carried the state by only 47,897 votes.

Repeal forces claimed the tax is merely a price on the ballot box. They pointed out that only two more states are needed to ratify a federal constitutional amendment that would do away with the poll tax in national elections. Failure to repeal the Texas poll tax, they said, would result in chaos at the polls.

Figui, a town which normally has a population of 15,000, is inside Morocco about 37 miles from the Algerian base of Colomb Bechar. It was the scene of nearly 60 hours of fighting after the truce went into effect a week ago Friday.

The Moroccan News Agency Map said observers have noted an Algerian buildup on the disputed frontier as far north as Port Say on the Mediterranean and as far south as Timouchy, some 400 miles to the southwest.

Map, in a dispatch from Tangier, said midnight circles there had reported the presence of non-western submarines in the Straits of Gibraltar and that there was speculation they were supplying arms and war material to Algeria. It said the submarines were believed Soviet or Egyptian.

(In Algiers, government authorities refused all comment on reports Algerian troops are massing on the frontier. Ethiopian Army officers arrived in Algiers last night to help Mali soldiers police the truce and mark a demilitarized zone.)

**Freeway Planned Around Wolf Creek**

SALEM (UPI)—The State Highway Commission Friday announced plans to reconstruct the 4.1-mile Coyote Creek-Grave Creek section of the Pacific Highway in Southern Oregon.

The proposed construction will transform the existing two-lane highway into a four-lane divided freeway meeting federal interstate standards.

The proposal includes bypassing the town of Wolf Creek and the construction of two interchanges.

**Sports Bulletin**

St. Mary's High School defeated Eagle Point 13-0 here last night in the final Rogue League game for both schools. St. Mary's scored on a pass from John Batzer to Anthony Mele, and on a run by Eric Jensen.

**JFK RESTS**

MIDDLEBURG, Va. (UPI)—President Kennedy joined his family Saturday for a quiet weekend in Virginia's hunt country after a flying visit to New York City. He was greeted by his wife, Jacqueline, who wore riding clothes.

**AMERICAN KILLED IN VIET NAM**

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI)—A U. S. Army soldier was shot and killed and another enlisted man was wounded Friday when Communist Viet Cong guerrillas ambushed their Vietnamese reconnaissance patrol in the central highlands, a U. S. military spokesman announced Saturday.

**SATELLITE LAUNCHED FROM VANDENBERG**

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (UPI)—The Air Force Saturday launched a satellite missile a Thor-Agena combination booster from this West Coast missile base.

**SWISS BANK ROBBERY FOILED**

GENEVA, Switzerland (UPI)—Police ambushed a gang of would-be bank robbers Saturday, shooting down three, and foiled plans for a double bank robbery set for high noon, a police spokesman reported.

**JOHNSON ENDS EUROPEAN TOUR**

BRUSSELS, Belgium (UPI)—Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson Saturday ended a week-long official tour of the Benelux countries which he called "highly successful and gratifying" although he was criticized for handing out trinkets to the natives.

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**Football Scores**

Saturday College Games

West  
Oregon 21 WSU 7  
SOC 20 Col. of Idaho 7  
USC 25 Stanford 11  
Wash. 39, Cal. 26  
Air Force 45 UCLA 21  
Lewis & Clark 35 Pacific 7  
Idaho St. 38 Weber 25  
Montana St. 18 Montana 6  
Willamette 26 Whitman 12  
Southern Utah 13 OTI 7  
Arizona 34 Idaho 7

Midwest  
Indiana 20 Oregon St. 15  
Pitt 27 Notre Dame 7  
Nebraska 23 Kansas 9  
Wisconsin 17 Northwestern 14  
Michigan 14 Illinois 8  
Iowa 27 Minnesota 13  
Penn St. 10 Ohio St. 7  
Mich. St. 23 Purdue 0

Southwest  
Texas 7 Baylor 0  
Oklahoma 24 Iowa St. 14

SMU 9 Texas A & M 7  
Missouri 28 Colorado 7  
Rice 7 Arkansas 0  
Utah St. 35 Colorado St. 13  
New Mexico 17 Wyoming 6  
Texas Tech 51 Kansas St. 13

South  
Miss. St. 13 Auburn 10  
Miss. 41 Tampa 0  
Vanderbilt 0 Kentucky 0 (tie)  
Tennessee 26 Tulane 0  
Florida 21 Georgia 14  
Ga. Tech 15 Fla. St. 7  
Duke 39 Wake Forest 7  
LSU 28 Texas Christian 14

East  
Navy 42 Maryland 7  
Harvard 21 Princeton 7  
Yale 28 Penn 7  
Syracuse 15 West Virginia 13  
Dartmouth 47 Columbia 6  
Army 8 Utah 7  
Cornell 28 Brown 25  
Slippery Rock 30 Clarion St. 0  
American Football League  
Buffalo 27 Denver 17



AT THE MINE—Rescue workers gather at the scene of a mine disaster near Omuta, City, Nyushu, Japan, after a gas explosion ripped through a coal mine. The rescuers were attempting to get to 200 miners still trapped. (UPI)



TRAIN WRECKAGE—Rescue workers search wreckage of overturned commuter train at latest reports killed at least 163 persons. Yokohama, Japan, one of two involved in a crash with a derailed freight train, which at least 163 persons. (UPI)

# Parade, Veterans' Events Scheduled In Medford Monday

Celebration of Veterans Day in Medford Monday will start with a breakfast for veterans to be served by the Ladies Auxiliary of Post No. 1833, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The last event of the day's observance will be the Last Man's Club supper. Sandwiched in between will be a Veteran's Day parade.

All offices in the Medford City Hall will be closed for the holiday, announced City Manager Robert Duff, county offices and U. S. Post Offices also will be closed. Some stores will remain open, however.

The Mail Tribune will publish a noon edition.

The VFW breakfast will be served from 7 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. at the organization's hall, 42 N. Front St.

Parade at 10:45  
Parade time has been set for 10:45 a. m. this year. Thirty units had registered for entry yesterday. The earlier time for starting was chosen to enable a more impressive recognition of the hour of 11. At the stroke of 11 o'clock the procession will stop and remain still while "cease fire" and "taps" will be sounded by buglers and trumpeters of the various parade bands.

The line of march will then move eastward from the starting point, West Eighth and Ivy Streets on Eighth to Bartlett Street, north on Bartlett to Sixth Street, west on Sixth to Front Street, south on Front to Main Street and west on Main to Ivy Street to disband.

Medford Mayor James Dunlevy will be grand marshal of the parade. A place of honor in the line of march will also be given to James A. Hurson, new director of the Veterans Domiciliary.

Slogan Picked  
The slogan for this year's Veterans Day observance, "There's No Ism Like Americanism," was submitted by David Frisch of the Domiciliary in the contest conducted by the Department of Oregon, Disabled American Veterans.

The Last Man's Club supper is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. at Don's Hide-A-Way. The club is composed of World War I veterans, who are not necessarily members of any other veterans organization.

**JOURNALISTS NAME KOOP**

NORFOLK, Va. (UPI)—Theodore F. Koop, vice president of Columbia Broadcasting System, Saturday was elected president of Sigma Delta Chi, National professional journalism society.

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**Mine Explosion Kills At Least 171, Traps 200 Others**

Rescuers Save 800 From 'Tomb'

OMUTA CITY, Japan (UPI)—A coal gas explosion ripped through the mile-deep Mitsui-Mikawa coal mine Saturday killing at least 171 miners and entombing 200 others in shafts filled with poisonous fumes. About 800 others were saved. Thousands of Japanese self-defense forces, troops and rescue workers wearing steel helmets and gas masks raced against the clock to reach 200 workers trapped 2,100 feet down in a collapsed gallery far out under the waters of Ariake Bay. They were hampered by knocked out electrical and ventilation lines.

Fumes Spreading  
Rescuers said deadly carbon monoxide fumes were slowly filling the underwater chamber of the trapped men — some of whom may already be dead.

Rescuers had brought up 800 workers by daybreak today. Many of them were unconscious from inhalation of the lethal fumes. About 1,200 miners and surface laborers were at work when the mighty explosion boomed shortly after 3 p. m. Saturday.

The blast splintered pithead building, disintegrated two huge power transformers, shattered windows a third of a mile away, sent a shock wave felt four miles distant, and spiraled a billow of black smoke skyward.

Officials of the mine, one of Japan's most modern, said the blast may have been touched off by a spark from the wheel of a railway ore cart, or from electrical equipment.

Political Overtones  
Both the mine disaster and massive train wreck which struck Japan within hours of each other were expected to have an effect on a general election campaign in its final stages in the country.

The mine disaster was expected to add new fuel to a political controversy raging over the Japanese coal mining industry, because the nation's coal reserves are being depleted and many small mines have their backs to the wall economically.

The train wreck may result in a situation similar to one that followed a wreck in Tokyo in May, 1962, when a bitter dispute was touched off between the railway management and the railway workers union over who was responsible.



DOUBLE TRAGEDY—Japan was hit by twin disasters this weekend. A mine explosion near Omuta (1 on the above news map) and a train crash in Yokohama (2) caused the deaths of hundreds of persons. (UPI)

**Commuter Trains Collide; 163 Killed, 72 Hurt**

One American Reported Dead

YOKOHAMA, Japan (UPI)—Two crowded commuter trains, speeding in opposite directions at 70 miles per hour, collided last night after one caromed off a derailed freight train into the other's path.

At noon Sunday police said that a total of 163 persons were killed in the accident. That was three more than the death toll in the Mikawashima Railway Station accident of May 3, 1962. They said 72 others were injured, half of whom were hospitalized.

One American was known dead. He was William Scott, 29, Colorado Springs, Colo., a student at Tokyo's International Christian University.

An unidentified American serviceman was reported among the injured.

Heavily Traveled  
The line along the western shore of Tokyo Bay on the Tokyo - Yokohama industrial axis is heavily traveled by U.S. Naval men from installations in Yokohama and the huge U. S. Naval base at Yokosuka, south of Yokohama. But the accident most of the sailors on Saturday occurred around 10 p.m. when night leave would have already been in the capital.

Rescuers feared the final death toll might exceed Japan's worst railway accident, the Mikawashima station disaster of May, 1962, when 160 were killed.

**Reds Again Claim Allied Traffic To Berlin Illegal**

BERLIN (UPI)—The Communists said Saturday Western Allied traffic to Berlin has no legal basis and is being only "tolerated for the time being."

They said the day will come when the Western Allies will have to conclude an agreement with "Sovereign" East Germany to travel to isolated West Berlin.

The Communists outlined their stand on the Western right of access to Berlin in a commentary in the authoritative East Berlin newspaper Berliner Zeitung.

The statement was considered a challenge to the Western right of free access. However, Western officials refused to comment on it. They take the view that such attacks need not be answered because Allied traffic is no concern of the East Germans. But the East Germans said Saturday it does concern them.

The statement said there is no legal basis for Western Allied convey movements on the highway to Berlin or any other "transit traffic" through East Germany—rail or air.

"The traffic of the American, English and French troops stationed in West Berlin through the territory of the German Democratic Republic has no legal basis," the newspaper said.

**Senate to Call Up Estes for Questions**

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Senate investigators plan to call one-time Texas farm tycoon Billie Sol Estes next week for long-awaited questioning, informed sources said Saturday.

**Flood Danger Eases In Northern Oregon**

By United Press International  
The Willamette River below Harrisburg was expected to continue its rise for the next 12 to 36 hours, but no flooding was forecast, according to the U. S. Weather Bureau River Forecast Center in Portland Saturday.

Willamette tributaries and the main stream above Harrisburg were dropping.

The Willamette was expected to crest at 12 to 12.5 feet at Albany about 4 a. m. today. Flood stage is 20 feet. A crest of 10.5 to 11 feet was expected at 8 a. m. today at Salem.

Heavy rains in the last two days sent the Santiam River to the edge of its banks at Jefferson, but there was little flooding.

Heaviest amounts of rain in the 24 hours ending at 4 a. m. Saturday were recorded at Medford, which had 1.04 inches; North Bend, with .96 inches; Pendleton, with .64 inches.

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PORTLAND (UPI)—W. Orren Brownson and Dr. Donald G. Balmer were elected temporary chairman and vice chairman of the Metropolitan Study Commission in a meeting here Friday.

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SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI)—A U. S. Army soldier was shot and killed and another enlisted man was wounded Friday when Communist Viet Cong guerrillas ambushed their Vietnamese reconnaissance patrol in the central highlands, a U. S. military spokesman announced Saturday.

SATELLITE LAUNCHED FROM VANDENBERG  
VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (UPI)—The Air Force Saturday launched a satellite missile a Thor-Agena combination booster from this West Coast missile base.

SWISS BANK ROBBERY FOILED  
GENEVA, Switzerland (UPI)—Police ambushed a gang of would-be bank robbers Saturday, shooting down three, and foiled plans for a double bank robbery set for high noon, a police spokesman reported.

JOHNSON ENDS EUROPEAN TOUR  
BRUSSELS, Belgium (UPI)—Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson Saturday ended a week-long official tour of the Benelux countries which he called "highly successful and gratifying" although he was criticized for handing out trinkets to the natives.