

Primary Ballots Indicate Probable Decrease in Votes

The Associated Press — WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP)— The vote in this year's presidential election is for a big gain for the Democrats from the nearly 50,000,000 votes cast in the 16 states polled over 2,500,000 votes less than in the most recent comparative statewide primaries.

Important factors in the decline include the millions of service men scattered all over the world and the migration of workers to war plant centers. These were apparent two years ago when the off-year congressional elections brought out only about 30,000,000 votes.

Comparisons Noted
Here briefly are the total votes in some of the states, with comparisons:

California: Senatorial primary vote 1,650,569, drop of 19,227 from 1942 gubernatorial. Primary registrations off 380,000 from 1942.

Idaho: Governor 71,365, off 10,280 from 1942.

Ohio's two-party gubernatorial and South Carolina's democratic senatorial primaries were the only elections pulling more voters to the polls than two years ago. But these races were unusually lively ones.

Buckeye State
The Buckeye state primary vote totaled 794,924, or 125,993 more than that in 1942, but there were four republican candidates for governor this year with 111,000 votes. Gov. John W. Bricker, GOP vice-presidential candidate, had no opposition for a third nomination two years ago. The republican vote accounted for almost all the increase, although the democratic vote was higher than in 1942 by slightly more than 1000.

Ohio may prove a November exception to the smaller indication this year. The secretary of state's office there estimates a presidential vote of 3,500,000 as against 3,376,239 in 1942.

Plans for Mining Asked From RFC

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP)— The Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC) today asked the secretary of the Interior to make a study of the feasibility of mining in the western states.

The RFC law to permit it to make loans for the development of mineral resources when it deems the project advantageous to national security. The law requires that loans be made only if the projects will aid in the war effort.

The new measures proposed for making accessible, exploring or developing mining areas; for mining, milling or processing ores, and for developing, rehabilitating and operating gold mines, now shut down by government order.

The RFC, however, would require that the RFC approve and process applications for loans currently and before withdrawal of the gold mining order and that the loans be made available immediately on the withdrawal of the order.

Smallpox, Social Diseases Reported

One case of smallpox and seven cases of social diseases were reported by physicians in Klamath county to the Oregon state board of health this week. There were 23 measles cases and 14 cases of polio reported in Multnomah county during the week.

Lake county reported no communicable disease.

Lugosi Cruel, Inhuman, Says Wife

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 18 (AP)— A divorce suit against Film Actor Bela Lugosi, portrayer of monster roles, has been filed by Actress Lillian Arch. She alleges that he made her home life unbearable and was "a cruel and inhuman husband."

Miss Arch asks custody of their son, Bela Jr., 6. She said they separated Tuesday after 11 years of marriage.

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