

California Becomes Political Key With Roosevelt's Entry

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP)—James Roosevelt's bid for the California governorship gave the West coast state top ranking with New York and Pennsylvania today in major party speculation over the 1950 and 1952 elections.

These are the three most populous states, on the basis of census bureau estimates. They cast a total of 107 of the nation's 531 electoral votes in a presidential election. Each of them will elect a governor and U. S. senator next year.

The governors' chairs are now held by republicans (Dewey, N. Y.; Warren, Calif., and Duff, Pa.). The senate seats are now democratic (Lehman, N. Y.; Downey, Calif., and Myers, Pa.).

Possible Results

The results conceivably could furnish—or eliminate—a potential candidate or two in the formulations of presidential tickets for 1952. Add to that the fact that the three states will elect 101 representatives—now divided 50-50 between the two parties (plus one American laborite from New York)—and the outcome will go far in determining the makeup of the next congress.

Ohio, farther down in population estimates, also rates high in the

figuring. There, a leading republican senator, Robert A. Taft, and a democratic governor, Frank L. Lausche, will be up for re-election.

Expected

The announcement by the 41-year-old (he'll be 42 next month) last night in Los Angeles that he will run for the democratic gubernatorial nomination had long been expected by politicians here. He said he would also reluctantly run for the republican nomination, under the California law which permits such dual candidacies.

The first reaction among democratic officials was that President Truman and the democratic national committee will keep hands off the primary race if the late president's eldest son has opposition.

Policy

The democrats say this is not because James opposed Truman's nomination last year, but it is dictated by the general policy of non-interference in primaries and practical politics.

They figure that Roosevelt combines much of the political acumen and speaking ability of his father, and that these attributes, with his vote-attracting name, would win over any primary opposition.

E. George Lucker, wealthy Imperial county rancher who managed Truman's California campaign last year, may run against young Roosevelt.

Opponent?

Republicans said it was too early to talk about their prospects in California. They figure much depends on whether Gov. Warren runs for a third term. As of now, some republicans tab Warren as the only man who could beat Roosevelt. Others feel if Lieut. Gov. Goodwin J. Knight runs, as indicated, he at least would make more of a party fight out of it than Warren.



YOUNG HEROINE—Fire broke out in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davis of Moorland, a small community near Muskegon, Mich. The mother was out doing chores. But 4-year-old Margaret Davis, center, was equal to the occasion. She wrapped her 10-month-old brother, Dale William, (right), in a blanket, and led 2-year-old Alice Marie, (left), by the hand, to take them safely from the burning house.

Sea Strike Averted By Truce

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP)—A strike of 2000 AFL deck officers on 500 vessels plying the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico sealanes was narrowly averted late last night by government intervention.

A truce for at least one week—but more probably for 30 days—was agreed upon an hour before the AFL masters, mates and pilots were to walk off passenger and dry cargo vessels of the 38 companies represented by the American Merchant Marine institute.

Truce Accepted

Federal mediators who stepped into the dispute on Monday, weary from tussles with coal and steel strikes, proposed the truce. It was accepted to allow more time for the parties to settle their differences over hiring arrangements demanded by the union, and 16 other contract issues.

The peace terms provided that the union and the companies each would consult their principals by next Monday and either side would be free to revoke the truce by Tuesday noon. If the extension of the contract was agreed upon, it would continue until December 16 at 12:01 a.m.



DR. MARGARET GREGORY has taken over the practice of Dr. Wayne McAtee, who has left for Portland. Dr. Gregory has practiced in Tacoma for the past four years.

TIDE EXTREMES

ASTORIA, Nov. 16 (AP)—The year's highest and lowest tides will both occur at Clatsop beaches next Sunday. The high tide, of 9.9 feet, will come at 12:49 p.m. and the low tide of minus 1.9 at 7:49 p.m. The extremes are caused by the position of sun and moon, lined up behind one another.

Californian Killed In Hotel Plunge

SEATTLE, Nov. 16 (AP)—A San Francisco bay area business executive fell to his death from his eighth floor hotel room window at 2 a.m. today.

The coroner's office identified him as Kenneth Edwin Larsen, 35, Pacific coast manager of Lakeside Laboratories, Incorporated. His home address was listed as Palo Alto, Calif.

Mystified

Officers were mystified as to the cause of the fall. He landed on a roof at the second floor level. He was clad only in underwear and socks. Coroner's deputies said the bed covers in his locked room were turned back as though he had been

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preparing to retire. His window was open and the venetian blind up. He had plane reservations for flight to Portland today for a business conference.

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'Oh, I'm An Old Cowhand..'

By BILL JENKINS

SPENT a great deal of yesterday very happily knocking around Chilquin watching a bunch of cowboys and ranchers bring in several hundred head of cattle to be shipped south.

That is a sight that I can heartily recommend to everyone who lives in the Klamath basin but hasn't gotten out of town in years. It gives you a different slant from the chamber of commerce outlook on growth, modernity and business. It's still a part of the old west. A tiny remnant of a fleeting past. Cattle driving, that is, not Chilquin.

We get so fed up with stories of progress and new industrial methods and new plants and more business growth that lots of times we can't look back and see any of the romance and color of our own region.

Heck, young as I am, watching those riders drift a bunch of cows through the brush reminded me of a time some 13 or 14 years ago when I was at the height of my ambition to be a cowboy. Homer Smith was the foreman for the Bar Y, up past Chilquin then, and he dragged me along on a number of cattle drives and finally put me to work on the ranch during the summers. This particular drive must have been along in November or December sometime because it was colder than the dickens and there was about a foot of snow on the ground. Homer was taking a bunch of steers from a pasture at the head of the valley down to Chilquin. We had four regular hands and myself to do the driving and took the bunch, several hundred of them, right through the middle of the Fort.

We turned them into a pasture on the other side of town and spent the night in the old Fort Klamath hotel. All I remember clearly about that night was that I listened to a lot of stories by the various cowpunchers about their various skills and various things before going to bed and when I woke up in the morning there was about four inches of drifted snow on top of the bed where it had whistled in through various cracks and the party opened window.

Even now I get cold when I think about it, but it was a lot of fun. And I wish I could do it all over again. Not permanently, perhaps, but it still stays as a pleasant memory. Maybe I will do it again someday. Maybe in the summer, though, now that advancing years have cut down my resistance.

COMING home to Klamath from Chilquin I took, strictly on a whim, the old road from the Agency down. The new highway cutoff through there has certainly speeded things up but it hasn't done a darn thing for the beauty of the country. That old highway that winds along the rim of the lake and then ducks through a grove of tall pines along the banks of the Williamson at the old bridge is a beautiful road. Now as you drive it you seldom meet a car. Ducks settle down in the fields almost beside your car and feed in the midst of pastured cattle. Pitt looms up over the lake and is reflected in the quiet water of a little bay. It's well worth your time (a matter of minutes, actually) to drive the old route once in a while.

Madras Prepares For Winter

MADRAS, Nov. 16 (AP)—The Madras city council began preparing today for another long, hard winter.

Councilmen, remembering how the water mains froze last year, decided to cover mains now laid in shallow ditches with additional yards of earth.

Similar protective measures are being taken in rural domestic water systems of this area.

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What Can This Mother Tell Son?

LYNN, Mass., Nov. 16 (AP)—A heartbroken widow in an open letter today pleaded with the world to give her the right answer for her 11-year-old son's question, "why did my daddy have to die?"

Mrs. E. Sylvia Goldstein, widow of Maurice Goldstein, who died with the 2nd armored infantry, 41st division, on November 20, 1944, wrote the Lynn item:

"On Wednesday evening, November 9, my 11-year-old son, Laurence, was waylaid . . . by several large boys. These boys, insulted, spat, beat and kicked my son into the gutter because he was, as they sneeringly said: 'A Jew'."

Irony

"Ironically enough my son was coming home from a Boy Scout meeting—a meeting at which one of the watchwords, I believe, is: 'A Scout is reverent, he is reverent toward others, he is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.'"

"Maybe if he had run away he would have been spared a beating. But, being the son of a veteran, killed in the service of his country, he could do no less than stick it out against unfair odds and strike out against injustice, even as his father did before him."

Answer

"Perhaps if such incidents were brought to the attention of the public there would be fewer heartbreaks, like the one I mention. Maybe then, too, I would know the right answer to give my son when he asks: 'Why did my daddy have to die?'"

The item said the mother had not reported the incident to the police but that the paper had and the local chapter of B'nai B'rith was investigating the matter.

Great Lakes Area Gets Some Snow

By The Associated Press

Snow fell on most of the Great Lakes states today. Buffalo, N. Y., reported a fall up to 16 inches by noon, heaviest of the season.

Snow fell at scattered points in the lower Great Lakes and over much of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Northeastern Iowa and Northwestern Illinois, the weather bureau said. Chicago has its first measurable fall of the season.

Elsewhere over the country the weather was generally fair but cloudiness was reported increasing in the Northwest Pacific states.

Temperatures were reported rather cool over a large portion of the country.

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HST Standing Pat on Civil Rights Issue

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP)—President Truman's civil rights proposals were pushed to the forefront of administration "must" measures today behind his fighting slogan of "no retreat and no retirement."

The president served notice last night—in his second civil rights speech in five days—that he is enlisted in a finish fight against "racial and religious discrimination."

Challenge

With Southern democrats up in arms against his call for anti-lynching, anti-poll tax and other anti-discrimination measures which cost him four Dixie states in last November's presidential election, Truman threw out his blunt challenge: "We are going to continue to advance in our program of bringing equal rights and equal opportunities to all citizens. In that great cause there is no retreat and no retirement."

Truman spoke at the fourteenth annual meeting of the National Council of Negro Women and lavished praise on the record of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, 74-year-old negro educator and retiring president of that organization.

Also Cited

Others cited included Dr. Ralph

Bunche, Negro director of United Nations trusteeships; Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Indian ambassador, and Judge William H. Hastie, a Negro whom Truman recently appointed to the Third U. S. circuit court of appeals.

NEEDLE BLIGHT

PRINEVILLE, Nov. 16 (AP)—Foresters and sawmill operators will meet at Bend Friday to discuss the effects of needle blight in the Ochoco national forest. H. C. Hullett, supervisor of the forest, estimated that 10,000,000 board feet of Ponderosa pine had to be cut prematurely this year because of the blight. It was worse this summer than ever before.

HOSPITAL INFO

EUGENE, Nov. 16 (AP)—William H. Mostyn, grand worthy president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Kansas City, Mo., visited here Tuesday to obtain information for the national organization concerning the activities of the children's hospital school and the Lane county juvenile detention home.

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