

Connecticut Senatorial Elections Seen As Top Nov. Political Battleground

(Editorial: This is one of a series of stories written by Associated Press staffers on the scene about the important contests for senatorial seats. Today's story is on the races in Connecticut, tomorrow, Nevada.)

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NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Two Senate fights, one involving a bitter foe of Wisconsin Sen. Joseph McCarthy, have turned little Connecticut into a big political battleground.

Two men called "Bills" are locked in one contest—Democratic Sen. William A. Benton, who wants McCarthy kicked out of the Senate, and Republican Sen. William A. Purtell.

They are running for the full six-year term in a contest which stands as a political oddity in the country. Rarely does a senator battle a senator for the same seat.

The second race will decide who is to replace the late Democratic Sen. Brien McMahon, who served as chairman of the joint congressional committee on Atomic Energy before his death last summer.

Rivals in the fight to serve the last four years of McMahon's term are U. S. Rep. Abraham A. Ribicoff (D), a two-term in Congress, and Prescott Bush (R).

Because of the two Senate races (Nebraska is the only other state with two) and its listing as a doubtful state, Connecticut has been crossed by top leaders of both parties with an intensity out of proportion to its eight electoral votes.

President Truman came twice last week. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the GOP presidential nominee, came twice this week. Gov. Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic nominee, came last month and returns Monday.

Sen. McCarthy spoke earlier in the campaign in Bridgeport. He did not mention Benton, who lives in nearby Fairfield.

Truman, also speaking in Bridgeport, hotly upbraided state GOP leaders who, he said, "to their shame, openly embraced" McCarthy.

McCarthy comes back to Connecticut next week. He has a two million dollar libel and slander suit pending against Benton in their feud over the Communist-in-government issue.

With the exception of Ribicoff, a handsome 42-year-old lawyer, the senatorial nominees have not spared the hot words.

Ribicoff, member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, has acquired a reputation for political independence. Much of the time, he has spoken dispassionately, sometimes in criticism of his own party.

Ribicoff's technique recently brought from Bush, a tall, dignified financier of 57, the comment: "The voters have had enough of phony protestations of independence, false pretenses and evasion of the real issues."

Benton, who hops around the state in a helicopter as he did in his 1950 campaign, has referred to the two GOP nominees as the "tweedledee candidate favored by the manufacturers' lobby" (Purtell) and the "tweedledum candidate from Wall Street" (Bush).

Purtell is a manufacturer. His return to the tweedledee and tweedledum jibe was that Benton had embarked on an "11th-hour program of sneer by implications, innuendoes and accusations of guilt by association, something which he has piously protested against."

What brought out the senator vs. senator battle was the fact that both Benton and Purtell got their jobs in the first place through appointment rather than election—the 52-year-old Benton in 1949 when Republican Sen. Raymond E. Baldwin resigned, and the 55-year-old Purtell when Sen. McMahon died.

Benton's appointment came from his old business partner, Democratic Gov. Chester Bowles, now ambassador to India. It ran until the 1950 election. He then squeezed through in a 1,100-vote victory to fill the final two years of Baldwin's term.

Purtell got his appointment from Republican Gov. John Lodge after Congress adjourned. The new appointee has yet to sit in the Senate, and may never do so unless he beats Benton.

Purtell's interim appointment runs only until election day. His seat will go to the winner of the Ribicoff-Bush contest.

Taft Lashes HST Tactics In Campaign

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sen. Robert A. Taft said last night President Truman is attempting to create a "sort of divine right of kings" in American politics with Adlai Stevenson, Democratic nominee for president, as his "true disciple."

The Ohio senator, addressing a GOP rally on behalf of the candidacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower, to whom he lost the Republican presidential nomination last summer, said the President is trying to surround himself with an aura of infallibility.

"Every once in a while," Taft said, "the President says 'I see an emergency,' even when there is no emergency."

Truman, Taft added, "started a war in Korea without authorization of Congress. He claims the right to send U. S. troops wherever in the world he chooses," and added: "Stevenson is a true disciple of the Truman philosophy."

Taft said Stevenson's only apparent "measure against the Communists is price control." He said he arrived at this conclusion from an analysis of Stevenson's argument that Soviet Russia largely determines the American budget because of its large percentage of the world's defense appropriations.

"But price control doesn't prevent inflation," Taft said.

The President, Taft said, tries to convince the American people the Republican party "is the party of great corporations and special interests and complete contempt for the welfare of the little man."

But a careful reading of Mr. Truman's speeches, the Ohioan said, "shows his belief in all-powerful government. . . . Nothing is so dangerous or costly to the little taxpayer and consumer."

On the subject of inflation, Taft said that "no one is better off today in America; many are worse off today."

Cost Of Living Drop Seen In Latest Government Poll

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government Friday reported a drop in the cost of living for the first time in six months.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that its index — the measuring rod for the government — declined two-tenths of one percent between Aug. 15 and Sept. 15.

There had been a steady climb for the previous six months.

The BLS attributed the drop to lower prices for food, down one percent in the month.

The decline in food prices was offset in part by increases for all other major groups of living cost items.

The price of clothing went up six-tenths of one percent.

BLS pegged the new index at 199.8 percent of the 1925-39 base period, down from the August record high of 191.1.

Friday's index measures the retail price of food, shelter, clothing, medical care and scores of other goods and services brought by moderate income urban families on Sept. 15. It takes BLS a month to gather price data and compute the index.

The latest report showed that living costs have advanced 12.1 percent since Korea and 5 percent since wage and price controls were imposed January, 1951.

The old series index was 191.4 percent of the base period. BLS publishes two indexes each month. The new series, or official figure, takes into account new spending habits of the American people.

N.J. Chief Raps Demos

PORTLAND (AP) — Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey made two speeches here Friday in behalf of the Republican ticket.

Driscoll, whose speaking tour will take him to Salt Lake City Friday night, said in a speech at Salem Thursday night that a "red smog hangs over the Washington air."

It is "composed of red faces, red ink, red tape, and a number of red figures in the various departments," Harry Truman has even thrown in a few red herrings," the New Jersey governor said.

He deplored the Alger Hiss case and the Korean War and blamed both on "soft complacent smart-alecky Democratic politicians who cannot understand the overriding threat of international Communism."

Douglas McKay of Oregon introduced the New Jersey governor in the Salem speech before 150 Republicans.

His first Oregon talk was a non-campaign appearance before the Corvallis Rotary Club earlier Thursday.

The big governmental problem of the present, he said there, is whether to favor centralization of government or whether to back up state and local laboratories for solving out solutions. He referred to the latter, which he favored, as "working federalism."

PTA Notes

TULELAKE
Tulelake Elementary PTA held their first fall regular meeting Oct. 17, 1952, in the grade school auditorium. Mrs. Ross Ragland, president, presided.

The program consisted of a clever skit, written and portrayed by Mr. Fries' 8th grade class, and a song by the 8th grade girls.

Mrs. E. J. Havlina, membership chairman, reported a total of 201 members enlisted in the recent membership drive. The kindergarten won the first prize for bringing in the most new members and the second grade placed second.

The program chairman, Mrs. V. J. Barron, announced that the programs for this year would be ready for distribution at the next scheduled meeting. The theme for this year is to be "Education."

Mrs. Ed Osborne, project chairman, reported that last year's project of the Stage Curtains would be too costly for a one year attempt. It was decided to make the curtains a two year project.

Mrs. Frank Jameson, Legislative chairman, discussed Propositions 2 and 3 on the California November 4 election ballot. She urged all parents and PTA members to carry on an active campaign for a "Yes" vote on both measures.

It was reported that Mrs. H. T. Osborne will be the Publicity chairman for the ensuing year.

Mrs. J. R. Barr announced that the 25th District meeting would be held October 22 at Edgewood.

Mrs. Martin Dinger expressed the need for toys for Well Baby Clinic. The toys may be left at the Health Room before the next Well Baby Clinic, November 12.

The parents adjourned to the various classrooms of their children for a brief session. This arrangement allowed the teachers to meet the parents of their students and to inform the parents of the aim in this year's teaching program for their respective class.

Refreshments of hot spiced cider and donuts were served by the kindergarten mothers.

P-I Building Goes To USAF

PORTLAND (AP) — The immediate future of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition here is in doubt. The Air Force leased the 10-acre exposition building Thursday for use as a warehouse.

Unless another large building can be put up in the next year, there may be no place for the 42-year-old show. President T. B. Wilcox said that instead a junior livestock show might be held next year.

The City Council has talked, however, of putting up a big building for use of the livestock show and as a place where basketball games and other sports events could be held. A plan to use a site near the livestock building now is under study.

Women Top Men In Registration

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — For the first time on record, more women than men in New York State have registered for an election.

Secretary of State Thomas J. Curran said Thursday official figures showed that 50.1 percent of the record 7,821,979 persons who registered for the general election Nov. 4 were women.

The weaker sex counted 3,992,381 compared to 3,899,126 for the males. The feminine margin was 23,727.

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JETS CRASH—Two F-86 Sabrejets plummet toward the ground (left) near Barnes airport, Westfield, Mass., following their mid-air collision during a demonstration of precision flying. The two pilots died in the crash which left large clouds of black smoke lingering in the sky (right) after wreckage of planes fell over a wide area.

Russ Score Victory In Food Barter

LAHORE, Pakistan, (AP)—Soviet Russia scored heavily on a propaganda squeeze play by concluding a wheat for jute and cotton barter deal with Pakistan one day before the Washington announcement of a 15 million dollar food loan to this grain-short nation.

Leftist leaders here are laughing heartily at the successful timing of Russia's agreement which permits Moscow to exchange wheat for two products it needs while getting credit for a humanitarian gesture.

Pakistan's vital Punjab Province, slated for the biggest slice of the Soviet wheat, already is thanking Russia for its "timely assistance."

The thanks might be going to the other side of the Iron Curtain, some officials say, if the United States food loan had come a few days earlier.

An announcement of the Russian barter deal reached the Punjab just before the United States-Pakistan loan agreement was concluded in Washington. This permitted leftists here to broadcast that no American help would have been forthcoming if it had not been for the Russian move.

With the first Russian wheat shipments already reaching this area, grain prices have dropped sharply here, wheat is easier to buy in most markets and the sharp side of the food crisis is smoothed.

Those who look on Soviet trades as politics with a friendly eye point out that the barter deal with Pakistan permits this country to dispose of 22,000 tons of jute and 13,150 tons of cotton—now a glut on Pakistan's markets—for 1 1/2 million tons of critically needed wheat.

The American loan, they add, must be repaid.

Under terms of the barter deal Russian ships deliver the grain to Pakistan ports, loading Pakistan jute and cotton for the return voyage.

If only the United States had acted a month or two earlier to grant a food loan, the Russian propaganda home run would have been impossible," said one official here.

"Now we are placed in the position of combating leftwing claims which too many people are ready to believe."

Ore. Demos Open Ruckus

PORTLAND (AP) — Democrats were choosing sides Friday in an open break between the state Democratic chairman, Howard Morgan of Monmouth, and State Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland Democrat.

Morgan touched it off by announcing he wanted a change in the law that requires party officials to sign candidates' statements in the official Voters' Pamphlet.

He said that made it appear he was endorsing Mahoney, and about the mildest thing he said there after was that Mahoney was a "source of embarrassment."

Mahoney retorted he felt the same way about it. He was embarrassed to have it appear Morgan, and William H. Way, chairman of Multnomah County Democrats, Martin took Morgan's side, Way supported Mahoney.

Generals Due To Retire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty-six Army generals will be due for mandatory retirement next January.

But the Army probably will use a provision in an Officer Personnel Act to retain on duty at least one of them, Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, commander in chief, U. S. Army. Europe, it was learned today.

The act provides that officers of the permanent rank of brigadier or major general (they may be holding higher ranks temporarily, as in the instance of Eddy) shall be retired upon completing five years in that grade and 35 years of commissioned service.

In answer to questions, an Army spokesman told a reporter this provision would affect 14 permanent major generals and 12 permanent brigadier generals, about half of whom are temporary major generals.

This will be the largest number of general officers to leave active duty at one time since the end of World War II. However, the Army currently has about 490 generals.

They include one five-star officer (Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff), eight four-star generals, more than a score of three-star (lieutenant) generals and about 140 two-star (major) generals. Many of these are holding temporary rank called for by their current assignments.

The Officer Retirement Act permits the Army, during an emergency, to retain up to 10 general officers who otherwise would be retired until they reach the age of 64. It is under this provision that the Army is expected to keep Gen. Eddy at his important European assignment.

Power Firm Buys Out Phone Company

LEBANON (AP) — The Mountain States Power Company expanded into the telephone business Thursday with purchase of the Linn County Telephone Co.

It serves the Lebanon, Sweet Home and Brownsville areas.

The price was announced as \$300,000 for 900 shares of common stock, listed at a par value of \$100 a share.

A. W. Trimble, Albany, president of the power company, said his firm plans to install dial systems at Lebanon and Sweet Home, but would keep the telephone company operating under the same name and with little change in personnel.

DEPOSITS CLIMB

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Jane Withers, now the mama of three children, has been warned by her doctors to make no more stork engagements. . . . Gene Nelson is groaning. Columbia offered him the title role in "Pal Joey" if Warner would agree to one film a year thereafter. For Gene, the Warner answer: No. . . . Jody McCrea, Joel's six-footer son, has definitely decided to try for movie fame as an actor. His brother, David, will take over the McCrea ranch.

Rosalind Russell's zippy performance on the first TV show from NBC's new Hollywood studios may result in a weekly show of her own. NBC's made the offer and Roz is making up her mind. She was one of the first top stars to invade video with an hour dramatic version of her soon-to-be-released big screen movie, "Never Wave at a WAC."

Preview flash: U-I's Loretta Young-Jeff Chandler co-starrer, "Because of You," is a mother loves heart wringer that should win Loretta an Oscar nomination. It should top even Johnnie Ray in the cry league. . . . Some of Ruth Roman's pals claim that the stork's bringing her twins and express surprise that the fact's not known in movie town. . . . U-I, caught napping when newcomer Lori Nelson won Photoplay Magazine's poll as the most promising new face, is searching for stories for the Madeline Carroll-ish young beauty.

It's movie greasepaint for the first time in five years for Brian Aherne, the rugged individualist who's been turning down long-term studio contracts ever since 1934, "because I've never wanted to be a big star. I like my freedom too much."

"I Confess," the Montgomery Clift starrer at Warners, is Brian's comeback film and he's confessing he's happy to be back on the sound stages, "after doing things I want to do"—TV acting in New York, stardom in last season's Broadway hit, "The Constant Wife," and managing his 160-acre grape ranch near Indio, Calif.

Hollywood's missed Brian but week in the same area.

TV fans haven't—several of his films, including "My Son, My Son," are home channel hits. Last time "My Son" played on a Hollywood station Brian's telephone rang. He answered and a sobbing voice said: "Mrs. Aherne—I want a father just like you." Then the caller hung up. Next day Brian discovered the identity of the gagger—it was George Sanders!

Alice Marble, troubled with asthma attacks, will make her permanent home in Beverly Hills. . . . Esther Williams and Ginger Rogers will want to do the tennis champ's life story, "The Road to Wimbledon." . . . Michael Wilding's spiking the tiffing-with-Lia (Taylor) reports. Says Mike: "Really, we're very happy. Everything's nice and easy and cozy." . . . Don Ameche, Jr., surprised his entire family by making Notre Dame's law school. . . . Isn't Marilyn Monroe's real love the cashier's window at Fox?

Gerald Mohr had to undergo plastic surgery to correct the damage done in a boy-meets-wind accident to the new nose-shape plastic surgeons gave him months ago. His new beeper's on view in "The Ring." . . . Clark Gable and Orson Welles—of all people—are being palsy-walsy all over Europe.

Alan Wilson tells of the movie star who invited Johnnie Ray to her home just to get the swimming pool filled up.

Here's a gasp for Hollywood. Director William Keighley, who's quitting the flicker business, told London reporters: "I don't want to go on in a job where people crack whips over me."

A printed report that Johnny Weissmuller nixed Florence Chadwick for a projected movie based on Catalina Island channel swimming because of an outrageous salary demand was news to Florence. She told me: "I've never personally been asked to be in any picture. To say I asked for too much money is ridiculous. I've never been asked period."

BODIES FOUND

TOKYO (AP) — Bodies of 13 Japanese fishermen washed ashore Friday on the northernmost main island of Hokkaido and 55 others were missing in the gale-whipped Pacific Ocean.

At least three fishing craft capsized Thursday in raging seas. Twenty fishermen were lost last week in the same area.

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