

SUBURBAN VOLUNTEER FIRE



WORKINGS OF THE RESUSCITATOR, part of the Suburban Volunteer Fire Department Disaster Car, equipped by the personnel of the department at no cost to the taxpayers were demonstrated at the Republican picnic at Chiloquin by Joe Searles in white coat, to U. S. Senator Guy Cordon, center and Governor Paul Patterson, left.

GOP Leaders Confident Of Victory In Western States

CINCINNATI (AP) — Republican leaders exuded confidence today that the GOP will more than hold its own in the western half of the country in the battle for control of Congress.

Through their public statements, however, ran some dark threads of doubt about the farmers' reaction to the Eisenhower administration's flexible price support program and fears of possible party losses in depressed employment areas.

In interviews with Associated Press reporters, organization leaders attending the Republican National Committee campaign strategy conference which ended yesterday claimed a net gain of 17 House and 5 Senate seats in 14 key Midwestern, Rocky Mountain and Far Western states.

The present Senate lineup is 48 Republicans, 46 Democrats, 1 independent and 1 vacancy. In the House, there are 218 Republicans, 213 Democrats, 1 independent and 3 vacancies.

No GOP National Committee member or state chairman was willing to concede publicly any losses to the Democrats, although Vice President Nixon said frankly such results were possible in areas where unemployment is high.

Michigan was mentioned as among such areas and John Felkens, state GOP chairman, said this factor must be taken into account. He said economic conditions in October might determine the Michigan outcome in November elections.

"The economic situation in

Michigan is tight," he said. "We Republicans think it will improve before the election and that it may prove the determining factor."

Sen. Homer Ferguson, Republican, is opposing Democrat Patrick McNamara for the Senate and Republican Don Leonard, former state police commissioner, is battling Democratic Gov. G. Mennen Williams, seeking reelection.

Felkens said he thinks Republicans have a "fighting chance" to gain one seat in the House.

John H. Rouse, executive secretary of the Republican party of Wisconsin, predicted a third term for GOP Gov. Walter Kohler and a gain of one or two seats in the party's congressional delegation.

Peavey Heffelfinger of Minnesota, the party's national finance chairman, thought the outcome may be determined to a great extent by farmer reaction to the Eisenhower administration's farm program. Humphrey has been a vigorous backer of rigid, high-level price supports.

Yock predicted Minnesota Republicans will hold their five present

congressional seats and win two of the four now held by Democrats.

CONFIDENCE

Morton H. Hollingsworth, Illinois GOP chairman, expressed confidence Republican Joseph T. Meek, lately given a political pat on the back by President Eisenhower, will defeat Democratic Sen. Paul H. Douglas in November. But Hollingsworth's outward confidence evidently was not fully shared by some Republican campaigners.

Hollingsworth said Republicans

have a chance of upsetting Democrats in three House races, in the 2nd, 9th and 21st districts.

There have been reports Republicans are in trouble in Colorado, but GOP State Chairman Charles

A. Haskell couldn't see it that way. He predicted a Republican sweep in contests for senator, governor and four house seats, Democrats now hold two of the latter and the senatorial post.

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Egypt Leader Backs West

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser's military government declared today that

"Egypt stands in every respect with the West" but that a defense pact with the Western Powers now would only provide the Communists with fuel to stir up "the still suspicious minds of the Arabs."

A communique from the ruling Revolution Council that deposed King Farouk two years ago said it realized the United States and Britain would never invade the Arab world and added:

"It's (Egypt's) culture, trade and economic life is linked to the West. Ideologically Egypt is outspokenly against communism. Militarily Egypt considers that the

only possible global danger to the Middle East is an invasion from Russia."

The communique was issued to foreign correspondents as a "background paper." Apparently it was aimed at clarifying Egypt's foreign policy, which is undergoing a major swing since the British agreement on the evacuation of the Suez Canal zone and the opening of talks for American economic assistance.

The statement pointed out the traditional fears among Egyptians and Arabs of any Western ties as a result of the past British occupation of the Middle East and declared that any defense pact at the present time with the West

would "defeat its purpose." The fanatical Moslem Brotherhood, the underground Communists and a few old-line political leaders have been agitating against the government for endorsing the British-Egyptian Suez agreement.

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