

Power Issue Prominent One In Oregon Political Race

Editor's Note—This is another of several stories by roving Associated Press reporters analyzing the campaign in key states.

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Kilowatts are charging up a hot Oregon race for the Senate between Guy Cordon, the Republican incumbent, and Richard L. Neuberger, a New Deal Democrat trying to swing a Republican state.

The "power issue" has been a prominent one right from the start, but other factors also figure in the campaign.

Court Studies Seareation

GEORGETOWN, Del. (AP)—The question of readmitting 11 Negro children to the previously all-white high school in Milford, Del., rests with the State Court of Chancery today.

Arguments were presented yesterday in the court before Vice Chancellor William Marvel, who did not indicate when he would announce his finding.

Meanwhile, State Atty. Gen. H. Albert Young said he would issue new subpoenas today through the court of chancery to obtain the financial and membership records of the National Assn. for the Advancement of White People.

Bryant Bowles, national president of the NAAWP, has refused to turn them over to Young, contending that they must be subpoenaed through a court.

Bowles and the NAAWP have been in the forefront of the move for segregated schools. As a result of pressures brought by the NAAWP, Negro pupils who attended the Milford High School for the first three weeks of the fall term this year were ordered to be returned to a Negro school in Dover.

Young, in his capacity as attorney general, asked Marvel yesterday to order the return of the 11 Negro pupils. He said that the ruling he sought "will arm" Delaware officials "with the kind of decree where we can get those people who are trying to destroy our community and destroy our laws."

Republicans are seeking to put the Eisenhower administration and the President's personal popularity on the line.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon has denounced Neuberger as a left-wing Democrat. Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind-Ore), who bolted the GOP and is backing the Democratic ticket, has said Cordon is an isolationist and reactionary.

Cordon supporters profess to be confident the help-Eisenhower appeal will tell the difference on election for the state's senior senator. Democratic spokesman acknowledge Eisenhower is held in general esteem but contend there is a feeling of letdown against the administration itself.

Neuberger, 41, a nationally known writer and a state senator since 1948, advocates public ownership and management of power facilities. He pictures the 64-year-old Cordon as "the senator of the giveaway." Cordon, he says, has "betrayed" Oregon on power matters.

Cordon denies he or the administration is giving anything away. He says he upholds the system of private enterprise, as against "superstate paternalism." Defending his support of government partnership with private concerns to turn out more kilowatts, he said:

"I favor any sound proposition which will increase power for the Pacific Northwest and do it rapidly."

Cordon, appointed to the Senate in 1944 and elected in 1948, sometimes differs with the administration, although he says "I'm 100 per cent for Eisenhower."

The President has spoken up for Cordon, and Douglas McKay, a popular Oregon governor before he became secretary of the interior, returned to campaign for Cordon when it looked as though he needed help.

As for himself, Cordon seeks reelection on his 10-year record without special emphasis on Eisenhower's call for a Republican Congress.

Democrats are staging a vigorous drive in two congressional districts. Republicans say they are hopeful, however, of retaining party members in all four seats and electing McKay's gubernatorial successor, Paul Patterson, to his own four-year term. Joseph K.



TWO BUSY WOMEN confer over Camp Fire business during the visit of Eileen Plumb, right, regional field adviser for Camp Fire Girls, Inc., here on a visit this week to the Klamath Council. Miss Plumb has a busy schedule of luncheons, dinners, conferences and speeches. With her is Naomi French, executive director, Klamath Falls and vice chairman of the region comprising four states, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Ike, Political Aides Eye Storm Over Wilson's Talk

DENVER (AP)—President Eisenhower and his political lieutenants today kept a sharp eye on the stormy repercussion to Secretary of Defense Wilson's unemployment "dog" story and hoped to counteract Republican, Democratic and labor criticism.

At Eisenhower's headquarters here the reaction on the part of his aides seemed to be to regard the Wilson episode as one of the bad "breaks" that turn up in almost every campaign.

The White House clearly is worried about what effect Wilson's remarks—which he says were distorted and are being used for political advantage by the Democrats—will have on the Nov. 2 congressional elections.

A presidential associate who asked not to be named said it would take several days to evaluate the extent of the impact. He said the situation would be watched carefully and dealt with as its develops.

The concern at the President's vacation headquarters here became evident yesterday when Eisenhower himself came to Wilson's defense and sought to soften the impact on the hard-fought Republican campaign to keep control of Congress.

The chief executive acted as criticism of Wilson came from a few GOP candidates for Congress, from Democratic opponents, and from CIO President Walter Reuther and AFL chief George Meany.

In effect rejecting Reuther's demand that Wilson be made to retract his statements or be ousted from the Cabinet, Eisenhower expressed confidence in his Cabinet member in these words:

"I never have found him in the slightest degree indifferent to human misfortune."

The furor the President was attempting to quiet was touched off by Wilson at a Detroit news conference Monday. He said then he has "a lot of sympathy" for the unemployed, but it always had "liked bird dogs better than kennel-fed dogs."

Eisenhower's headquarters announced late yesterday that on Oct. 23 he will make still another effort to keep the Republicans in power in Congress.

He will be host then to Pennsylvania GOP candidates for Congress and state offices at an outdoor luncheon at his Gettysburg farm.

Du Mont said the telecast won't go east of Ohio, west of Utah or south of Tennessee.

In the aftermath, critics contended that was an unwarranted slap at the unemployed.

Wilson, former president of General Motors Corp., fired back yesterday with a statement that he intended "no invidious comparisons, nor insinuations likening people to dogs in any sense." He added:

"I am sure that the distorted version of what I said is being used by the people of the adverse political party trying to capitalize on a misinterpretation of the full meaning of what I actually said."

The secretary said he related the "bird dog vs. kennel dogs" story to underscore that "I admired spirit and initiative" in hunting for jobs.

Police Discover Secret Factory

HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—Police Chief Rafael Salas Canizares said today his agents discovered a secret explosive factory in Havana's Chinatown. He charged it was set up as part of a terrorist plot to disrupt Cuba's Nov. 1 presidential elections.

Salas reported more than 100 suspects have been arrested in connection with the alleged plot. Although none was identified, the police chief said all are members of the National Revolutionary Movement (MNR).

Salas said police agents uncovered the factory last night, finding documents relating to the alleged plot and unspecified quantities of dynamite and other explosives.

Salas accused MNR chief Rafael Garcia Barcoenas, a University of Havana professor, of heading the plot. He said Garcia left Cuba two days ago for Miami, Fla.

Dulles Relaxes At Lake Retreat

WATERTOWN, N.Y. (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles was resting at his retreat on Main Duck Island in Lake Ontario today, preparing to add some four-digit figures to a log showing 168,000 miles of official travel.

The secretary and Mrs. Dulles flew here from New York yesterday, a 360-mile trip. His security officer, Frank J. Madden, said the unofficial flight was not included in the mileage chalked up since Dulles took office in January 1953.

Dulles will return to Washington Monday and fly to Paris Tuesday.


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Carson Jr., a former mayor of Portland, is the Democratic candidate for governor.

Neuberger's main strength centers in barely Democratic Multnomah County (Portland), which has nearly one fourth of the state's population of over 1 1/2 million.

Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national committeeman, said that "as of now, Dick Neuberger is elected," but acknowledged that the outlook might change.

Some GOP leaders keep their fingers crossed when they tell you Cordon will win, but Ed Boehmke of Eugene, Republican state chairman, says he is "very confident."

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