

Vote Campaign Stepped Up; Nation's Voters Apathetic

By ED CREAGH

WASHINGTON (AP)—The political campaign is getting hotter. The candidates are raising their voices and extending their cruises. But what do the voters think about all the shouting?

Until recently, at least, they have taken it with remarkable calm.

Some political professionals, admittedly with an axe to grind, say this apathy has been sloughing off in the past few days.

The Republicans say President Eisenhower's Oct. 8 call for a GOP Congress gave their campaign a shot in the arm. The Democrats say the only apathy they find is among Republicans.

Associated Press political reporters touring the country, however, find there still is no hot public interest in the campaign—whatever its final 2½ weeks may bring—except here and there, where special issues or unusual situations have arisen.

"The 1954 campaign is a play without a villain and the comedy isn't even good slapstick," says the AP's Don Whitehead. "The politicians are working hard to keep the audience awake, but everybody seems pretty sure nothing at all either."

Educators Hold Meeting

"Developing Citizenship With Children" was the theme of the annual Oregon Elementary Principals' Association meeting sponsored by the Oregon Education Association, Department of Elementary School Principals and the State Department of Education at Salem October 11-12.

The keynote address was given by Dr. Alice V. Kellher of New York University. Dr. Kellher, a professor of education, stressed that a policy was needed to give parents a better understanding of the viewpoints of teachers. Her talk was entitled, "Education, A Positive Force Today."

Among other prominent educators to speak was Dr. William C. Jones, dean of administration at the University of Oregon. Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction in Oregon and Dr. Harry L. Dillin, president, Linfield College.

Attending from Klamath Falls were Mrs. Isabelle Brinker, supervisor Klamath County School District, Elton Fishback, principal of Shasta school, Clayton Sharpe, principal at Fairhaven School, Stanley Sevruk, principal Keno School, Harvey Denham, principal Merrill School, representing the Klamath County Schools, Charles McLin, principal Pelican School, and Carl Pottler, principal at Roosevelt, representing city schools.

Grange Holds Booster Night

Open house and booster night program were held at the Poe Valley Community Hall on September 29.

After opening ceremonies, Master Rex High read a message of greeting from National Grange Master Herschel D. Newsom, Washington, D.C., and introduced Henry Hendrickson of Sherwood, state deputy. Bonifay Yancey of Klamath Falls, county deputy, and visiting masters.

The program was under the direction of Lecturer Lillian Reiling and included an agricultural report by Paul Breithaupt, a legislative report by Wilbur Reiling and a humorous reading by Marjorie Witting.

Youth Chairman Blanche Hatchett presented a skit. The cast included Mrs. Priscilla Tubach, Alice and Virginia Hatchett, Peter and Carol Reiling, and Virginia Roenicke. Martha Tubach directed a musical program.

Martha Wenz spoke on home economics and its relationship to the grange. Final number was a comic skit with Ruth Johnson, Paul Hatchett, Edwin Wenz, George Reiling, Neil Witting, Virgil Koehn and Dot Johnson, as members of the cast.

Refreshments were served by the Home Ec members to some 75 guests, grangers and children.

A carnival and bazaar will be held November 20.

Oregon GOP Club Convention Held

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Republican Club opened its annual two-day convention here Friday with 300 delegates.

Feature of the first day's session was a panel discussion led by the party's four congressional candidates.

Much the same appraisal—voter apathy, except in certain areas where unemployment or other issues stir interest—comes from other traveling AP men—Douglas B. Cornell, Reiman Morin, Jack Bell and Morris Landsberg.

All their reports came in before there was time to assess the possible effect of Secretary of Defense Wilson's now famous remark about bird dogs and kennel-fed dogs.

Whitehead has been in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan. Cornell has visited Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Bell is reporting on Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. Morin's territory includes New Jersey, Delaware, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Landsberg has been in California, Oregon and Nevada.

Privately, and sometimes publicly, many political professionals agree with Whitehead's appraisal, written from Louisville, Ky.:

"So far as I can see there isn't a compelling issue or personality around to get the mass of voters excited. Business generally is good. There's no war. Nobody seems to be very mad about anything, unless it's a man who's out of a job."

Here in brief are the findings of the AP correspondents who have been in closest touch with voter sentiment.

Whitehead—So far I've seen no signs of increasing interest in the campaign, although it is likely to pick up as election day nears. With no compelling personality or issue to stir the people, the election is likely to be a contest of organization—with the better party organizations getting out the vote and perhaps making the difference.

Bell—Voters in the Southwest and Rocky Mountain States, where there are several critical Senate contests, are viewing this year's campaign with extreme apathy. President Eisenhower's flexible farm price support program had been built up as a major issue, and it has that prominence in a few states. But in others the flexible vs. rigid parity proposals don't seem to strike any campaign sparks.

Cornell—Whether there will be a pickup in interest before election day is hard to say. You get the general impression there won't be. Proprietors of barber shops and rural beer emporiums tell you their customers don't have much to say about the election.

Morin—Registration is at a postwar low in New York City in spite of a concerted Democratic effort to stimulate it to support the party's ticket, entirely composed of New York City men. In Maine, where the election already has been held, the vote excided 1950. But in Connecticut Vice President Nixon drew crowds of only a few hundred. Television is an invisible factor in the whole region.

Landsberg—People seem weary of politics, though there has been a definite pickup of voter interest in California, Oregon and Nevada for local reasons. Nevada suddenly found itself with a senatorial race as a result of the death of Sen. McCarran (D-Nev.).

Atomic Pool Use Urged

NEW YORK (AP)—President Eisenhower urged American industry and leaders in technology Thursday night to aid in development of the atomic pool he has proposed.

A message from the President was read at a dinner session of the annual conference on Atomic Energy in Industry.

Eisenhower described the atomic pool plan—aimed at harnessing the vast energy of the atom for the building of a better world—which he proposed to the General Assembly of the United Nations Dec. 8.

The President's message to the conference was read by Dr. Willard P. Libby, newly appointed scientific member of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The three-day conference, which ends Friday, is being attended by 1,000 industrialists and atomic scientists of a number of nations. The conference, dealing with the peaceful uses of atomic energy, is being held under auspices of the National Industrial Conference Board. The board is an independent and non-profit institution for business and industrial fact-finding through scientific research.

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HOME EXTENSION

KENO
By Mrs. Lane Smith
The Keno Home Extension Unit was called to order by the vice president Mrs. Leonard Ramsey at the home of Mrs. Lane Smith, October 13. The roll was called and the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer's report was read.

Mrs. Merle Anderson offered to give an extra meeting on the "Embossing of Thin Metals" on October 27 for those who wish to make Christmas gifts.

A motion was made that a book be purchased by Mrs. Lane Smith for the purpose of making a scrap book for the Unit.

The project "Creative Embroidery" was taught by Mrs. Joe DeGrande, and Mrs. Lane Smith. Potluck lunch was served at noon with Mrs. Ralph Cecil as a special guest. Singing was led by Mrs. Cecil Howard.

The November meeting will be held at Mrs. Henry Buckingham's home.

Those attending the meeting were Mrs. Cecil Howard, Mrs. Leonard Ramsey, Mrs. Ray Hinchshaw, Mrs. Dick Wick, Mrs. Henry Buckingham, Mrs. Merle Anderson, Mrs. Dan Scherer, Mrs. John Olthoff, Mrs. Robert Rowton, Mrs. Joe DeGrande, Mrs. Charles Martin and Mrs. Lane Smith.

LINDLEY HEIGHTS
By Mrs. Fred Schlegel
"Creative Embroidery" was the project for the October 13 meeting at Joan's Kitchen. Leaders were Mrs. Corda Everhart and Mrs. Helen Owens.

A brief business meeting was held. Members ate sack lunches. Seventeen members, including several new ones were present.

Suggestions on how meetings can be made more interesting will be used to answer roll call on November 10 when "Touch Ups for Wood Furniture" will be presented by Hope Holbrook.

ALTAMONT
The October 5 meeting of the Altamont Home Extension Unit was held at Joan's Kitchen at the fairgrounds.

Wilma Groves, chairman for the coming year introduced Hope Holbrook, extension agent.

The project, "Touch Up for Wood Furniture" was led by Miss Holbrook.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 4 instead of November 2, election day.

Year books were filled out and the committee chairman and project leaders were selected.

The traveling prize was donated by Mrs. Cecil Peyton and was won by Mrs. Pauline Christen.

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Intelligence Agency Asked To Confirm Solon's Record

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Rep. Douglas Stringfellow today turned to the Central Intelligence Agency seeking confirmation of his statement that he parachuted behind enemy lines on a secret World War II mission.

The 32-year-old Utah Republican said he would have to depend on the CIA to release its files on him, after the Army Times in Washington questioned whether he really was a war hero. He called a copyrighted article in the Times an "unfounded politically inspired attack."

The Times, which has no official Army connection, asked in the story under the by-lines of Editor Harold G. Stag and Managing Editor Les Honeycutt.

"Was Congressman Stringfellow the heroic and lone survivor of an OSS 'cloak and dagger' operation . . . or was Congressman Stringfellow a private first class with the 62nd Armored Infantry Division who served overseas less than one month, but never saw combat, although he was seriously injured and disabled" while on a routine assignment?

Stringfellow told a reporter here last night:

"Rumors and innuendoes began circulating about me last summer and they have increased in scope and viciousness. Stag called me from Washington last Monday and said he was going to print this story unless it was refuted by a high official of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"We were a long way apart—I was in Ogden, Utah—and there seemed to be no opportunity for us to sit down together and talk it over. I couldn't reason with him on the phone."

The congressman said that if the CIA declines to release its records, he would be in "a hell of a lot of trouble."

In Ogden, Keith H. Jaques, Stringfellow's administrative assistant, said the CIA "because of the nature of its responsibility, is not permitted to make its records public" but that the White House had been asked to make an exception in this case.

The congressman flew in here from Denver, where he talked briefly with members of the President's staff, reportedly about the Army Times article. Murray Snyder, assistant presidential press secretary, said he did not see President Eisenhower.

Stringfellow stopped here on his way to Butler, Mo., where he gave a campaign speech on behalf of Republican Rep. Jeffrey Hilleison, who is seeking reelection.

Stringfellow related here last night that he volunteered for Army service Nov. 8, 1942, was called to active duty on April 8, 1943, and that in June 1943, while being given special training at Ohio State University, he was interviewed by a man from the Office of Strategic Services. He said he volunteered for the type of service the interviewer had discussed with him.

"I think it was Sept. 25, 1944, that I was taken out of my company at Ft. Campbell, Ky., and told I was going to be a member of an advance guard," Stringfellow said.

He said he and 30 other men were flown across the Atlantic to North Africa and on to Italy. Eventually, he said, they parachuted behind enemy lines in Germany to capture a certain German.

He said he once was told the German was Dr. Otto Hahn, a scientist, but he now is uncertain of whether it was Hahn.

The Germans captured him and four other parachutists, he said, but all escaped eight days later with the aid of the German underground. He said he was flown back to United States to rejoin his old outfit less than three weeks after he started the mission.

The congressman, a first-termer has braces on his feet and walks with a cane. He was injured by a land mine explosion in France in Nov. 19, 1944.

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