

WEST ENDS REUNIFICATION TALKS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Yesterday was election day in a large number of states where governors and such were chosen and a VERY large number of cities, which chose mayors and other city officials. In general, it was a local, off-year election, uncomplicated by national issues.

Over the country as a whole, wherever elections were held, the Democrats made a VERY good showing indeed. Republican successes were few and far between.

The professional Democrats are jubilant. They are sure it portends a Democratic landslide next year. Most of the able non-partisan political analysts go along with this conclusion to a reasonable extent. They think these local victories give the Democrats ORGANIZATIONAL strength and thus put them in a good position for next year's congressional and Presidential campaign battles.

I'm no political prognosticator, but I doubt if these elections yesterday had much bearing on the national picture. It's a better guess that where the Democrats won—and they DID win in a great majority of the contests—they had better, or more popular, candidates. In local affairs (including states) there is a growing tendency to vote for the man rather than the party.

Besides, most of the larger Eastern cities are run by political machines, and a Republican machine can be just as bad as a Democratic machine. One can be familiar with the local situations in all American cities. It may be that where the Republicans lost in city elections the voters were chiefly intent on throwing the rascals out.

There is a growing conviction on the part of voters that a Democrat can be just as good a mayor as a Republican—and vice versa. There is likewise a growing belief that even a GOVERNOR'S political affiliation isn't TOO important.

National political policies are being increasingly accepted on a NATIONAL rather than local basis. So it doesn't necessarily follow that a trend, even a strong one, in local elections this year can be a positive indicator of the outcome of the national election next year.

It is at least interesting that the stock market rose again this morning. Business is inclined to have more confidence in Republican policies. So it could be said that business isn't scared by the outcome of yesterday's local elections.

But—
We must remember that inflation is a factor in rising prices. It is generally accepted that inflation is more likely to get loose again under a Democratic than under a Republican administration. So we can't accept the stock market reaction as a definitely accurate indicator of opinion as to next year's election outcome.

In Wisconsin this morning Senator Alexander Wiley, in a speech in Milwaukee, said, "I predict flatly that President Eisenhower will run for reelection—and will score another smashing victory."

That's Wiley's personal opinion. He claims no inside knowledge. He is just going out on a limb and making a personal prediction. He adds that he can be wrong, and if he is "the Republicans (Wiley is a Republican) will have a much harder time."

Whether he runs again or not is Ike's personal business, and his alone—because it is his life that is at stake. It could be that when the time comes he will prefer to stay in the center of things—where he has been for nearly a decade and a half.

Many good men dread retirement. Ike may be one of them. At any rate, what he does is his personal affair. I think, however, that Senator Wiley is speaking the simple truth when he says that if Ike should be a candidate again he would win practically by acclamation.

If his decision is NOT TO RUN—which seems more probable—I'd say the GOP better stake its future on Ike's policies and the team Ike has built up and not try to out-promise the Democrats in the way of giving EVERYBODY what he wants—including a key to the treasury.

South Africa Gets Recall

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—South Africa announced Wednesday she had decided to recall her delegations from the United Nations because of a decision for continued investigation of South Africa's race segregation policy.

W. C. DuPlessis, South Africa's chief delegate to the U. N. General Assembly, made the announcement to the Assembly's special Political Committee.

The committee had just passed a resolution to go ahead with a long investigation of the apartheid race segregation policy in South Africa.

The vote was 27-7 with 12 abstentions.

DuPlessis told the committee this amounted to a "flagrant intervention into South Africa's domestic affairs in violation of the U. N. Charter."

"South Africa," he said, "is no longer prepared to accept this... I have been instructed to announce therefore that my government has decided to recall the South African delegation to the General Assembly and also its permanent representative to the United Nations."

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Mrs. Smith Faces Fight For Child

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. Marjorie Smith of Portland, freed last week on a charge that she plotted the murder of her husband, faces a court battle for the custody of her 3-year-old daughter.

The child, Susan Smith, has been in the care of her paternal aunt, Mrs. Ellen Hightower of Los Gatos, since shortly after Mrs. Smith's arrest April 22.

Mrs. Hightower Tuesday filed a petition in superior court here asking that she be appointed legal guardian of the child. She has been awarded temporary custody pending a hearing on the case Nov. 30.

The husband, Kermit Smith, was killed April 21 by a dynamite bomb which had been wired to the ignition of his car.

Victor L. Wolf, 45, testified at the trial that he had rigged the bomb at Mrs. Smith's urging so they could collect Smith's insurance and live together in Alaska.

But the jury did not believe him and acquitted Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Hightower's suit contends that Mrs. Smith is an unfit mother. Her attorney, John Burnett, said that Mrs. Smith may be involved in a civil action to prevent her from collecting her husband's \$30,000 gross estate.

He said that under Oregon law a person acquitted of murder may be, in effect, tried again in a civil court, and if evidence justifies, be prevented from benefiting from the estate.

SPAILDING TO DEFEND
Bruce Spaulding, the attorney who defended Mrs. Smith in her murder trial, said in Portland that he would represent Mrs. Smith in the custody suit.

It was believed that Mrs. Smith will challenge the jurisdiction of California courts to award custody of the child, contending that she is a legal resident of Oregon.

Mrs. Hightower, in her petition, waived any claim to compensation for care of the child. She said that should the Oregon courts award part of her father's estate, Susan would be placed in trust until the child became of age.

Plans for a public hearing in Portland on the Crescent Lake timber sale controversy has been ordered, it was announced Wednesday.

E. L. Peterson, assistant secretary of agriculture, scheduled the inquiry into the proposed sale of 75 million feet of timber in the Windigo Pass area at the request of groups from various Southern Oregon communities, including Klamath Falls and Bend, which opposed the sale.

The opposition was based on the contention that the sale would place competitors of the L. H. Lumber Company, which planned a sawmill and chipping operation at Crescent Lake, at a disadvantage.

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Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Thursday. High of 60. Low Wednesday night 34.

High yesterday 54
Low last night 27
Precip. last 24 hours 0
Precip. since Oct. 1 0.96
Same period last year 0.29
Normal for period 1.39

Judge Orders Abbott Jury Dismissed

OAKLAND, Calif. (UP)—Superior Judge Charles Wade Snook called another panel of prospective jurors today in the kidnap-murder trial of Burton W. Abbott.

As the trial went into its third day, 19 members of the original panel of 35 had been excused, two on peremptory challenges and 17 for cause. A tentative jury of seven men and five women was in the box.

However, the composition of the jury was sure to be changed in view of the fact that the defense and prosecution each had 19 peremptory challenges left.

65 PROSPECTS
Judge Snook ordered 65 prospective jurors from the court of Superior Judge Chris B. Fox to be on hand this morning.

Abbott, 27, a tubercular accounting student, is accused of kidnapping and murdering 14-year-old Stephanie Bryan of Berkeley last April. Some of her personal effects were found in the basement of Abbott's Alameda home last July. A few days later, her body was found in a shallow grave near his mountain cabin.

Abbott, who was calm and at ease when the trial got under way Monday, appeared nervous and tense yesterday. He sharply denied reports that he was "amazed" to learn that he could be convicted on circumstantial evidence alone.

CHEWS GUM
The reports said he had discussed this in Alameda County jail with jailers and fellow prisoners.

"I don't remember any such discussion," he snapped.

The slender defendant chewed gum rapidly during the afternoon session yesterday. He listened with heightened interest as his attorneys asked prospective jurors their attitude toward circumstantial evidence. His glasses went on and came off frequently.

At the end of the session—which went an hour and a half overtime—he appeared fatigued as he was led away to a dinner of stuffed bell peppers, diced beefs and jelly.

Judge Snook indicated he may order night sessions in order to get a jury chosen as quickly as possible.

Meeting Called
Mayor Paul Landry has called a meeting tonight for heads or representatives of the numerous groups in the community interested in channeling efforts toward coordinated Christmas giving to the needy through the Christmas Clearing Bureau. The session will start at 8 o'clock in the city council chambers. All interested persons are urged to attend.

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The meeting was attended by Mayor Paul Landry, Arnold Gralapp, John Howard, Don Sloan, majors Thomas Gerbing and Oscar Whitten, chamber director Bob Veatch and Max Wauchope, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee.

Ed Bell presided with George Barich representing the chamber staff.

Western Airliner Forced To Return
PORTLAND (AP)—A short circuit in the wiring system forced a Western Airlines plane with 39 persons aboard to turn back on a flight to San Francisco Tuesday night. Lacking brakes, it ran off the end of the runway but no one was hurt.

Smoldering insulation filled the pilot's compartment with smoke. Passengers resumed the trip to San Francisco on another plane.

KF Housing Shortages Discussed

A very drastic and serious shortage of adequate housing exists in the Klamath Falls area today.

This statement was made by Ed Bell, sub-chairman of the housing-commercial division of the Military Affairs Committee of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting of city and military officials in the chamber offices last night. Others at the meeting concurred generally with Bell's statement.

The meeting was called to review the housing situation in relation to the coming influx of U. S. Air Force personnel.

The city planning commission members at the meeting, headed by Bell, who is also vice chairman of that group, declared a quorum and voted authority to prepare a zoning map and publication of zoning regulations as an aid to prospective Klamath builders.

Mayor Paul Landry, representing the city administration, said the housing problem is now more acute than it was at the beginning of the year.

The mayor stated that he sees the building of new units to house the USAF personnel as a patriotic duty of the citizens of Klamath Falls.

Since the jet interceptor base will be in the nation's first line of defense the provision of housing for the married members of the base is a major responsibility of the community.

Major Thomas M. Gerbing, base executive officer, said he sees no reason to change the projected timetable for the arrival of USAF personnel. Under present plans a total of 207 housing units will be needed by the USAF by February 1, 1956 with a total of 408 needed by December 1956—this by the Air Force alone.

RENTAL HOUSING
The air officer said that although most of the USAF personnel will desire rental housing some career men may buy houses, if the financing and prices are consistent with those of other cities in the U. S.

Arnold Gralapp, superintendent of city schools, reiterated the tightness of rental housing in the area as experienced by new teachers who arrived this fall. Although fewer new teachers were hired this year than last, it was more difficult for them to find housing.

Gralapp is serving as sub-chairman of the educational-religious welfare division of the Military Affairs Committee.

Don Sloan, member of the city planning commission, said a possible answer to the problem was a locally financed housing unit.

John Howard, also a member of the city planning group, urged all Klamath homeowners to remodel, or expand, any existing houses capable of being turned into rental units.

Howard also stated that if very much new housing is built the city's sewage system would have to be expanded. Mayor Landry said that expansion of the system has been under study for some time and that he felt the city officials could work out this problem when and if it arises.

Major Gerbing suggested an appeal to homeowners who have units up for sale asking them to put these units on the rental market.

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BASIN GOP LEADERS heard a call to arms Tuesday night from State Senator Gene L. Brown, Grants Pass, who launched a campaign here to retain the Eisenhower administration in Washington. Pictured above are (left to right) Mrs. Gene L. Brown, Sen. Brown, Mrs. Olive Cornett, Oregon national committeewoman, and Norman M. Wilson, president of the Klamath County Republican Club, which sponsored the dinner meeting in the Willard Hotel.

Brown Levels Charge At Demos

By LYLE DOWNING

Oregon's two Democratic senators—Wayne Morse and Richard Neuberger—were compared to "Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee" by State Senator Gene L. Brown of Grants Pass when he addressed a Klamath County Republican Club dinner in the Willard Hotel Tuesday night.

Although he came to Klamath Falls to answer recent charges against the Republican administration made here by Senator Hubert Humphrey at a Democratic dinner, Senator Brown gave the Minnesota solon, the once over lightly treatment and centered his attack on Morse and Neuberger.

He said both senators sing the same "blame and doom" tune.

PRaise
The Josephine County legislator also praised the Eisenhower administration for what he described as adhering to the principle of Abraham Lincoln that the object of government is to do for the people only what they cannot do for themselves.

Senator Brown pointed out that the Eisenhower administration has brought the greatest period of peace-time prosperity the United States has ever known.

He denied the claim of the Democrats that the farmers are having a hard time.

Referring to the Truman administration, Senator Brown said: "CROCKEDNESS"

"The years of the Truman administration were marked by pei-

ty crookedness and graft in government. But I am not accusing Mr. Truman, himself, of having been crooked."

Turning his verbal guns on Senator Morse, Brown said:

"I once studied criminal law under Senator Morse at the University of Oregon when he was a professor there. I greatly admired

him then. However, I have since changed my mind. I believe the only reason Senator Humphrey came all the way out here from Minnesota to speak for Senator Morse was because the Oregon senator couldn't get anyone here to speak for him."

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