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New Jersey Democrats Plan To Take State Vote From Ike

TRENTON, N. J. (AP) — Democrats seeking to take New Jersey out of President Eisenhower's column say they hope to dispel a feeling he is "above politics" by linking him directly to administration activities that have aroused criticism.

Republican leaders predict Eisenhower will win by a larger margin than his 359,000-vote lead in 1952. They contend efforts to destroy his popularity will get nowhere.

That is the gist of opinion picked up on a reporter's political pulse-taking tour from Jersey City and Newark, through Trenton, to Camden.

Gov. Robert B. Meyner, the state's 47-year-old chief executive, puts the Democratic case this way: "We have a job to acquire the public with the Eisenhower-Nixon record. Too often, the public have a way of dissociating what Eisenhower says and what his Cabinet or key people in the administration do."

THE OTHER SIDE

On the other side, Republican State Chairman Samuel Bodine of Flemington says he has found the reaction of the average person to Eisenhower's second-term announcement is "excellent."

"They feel the country is safe in his hands," Bodine said. "They want him to continue on."

How about Eisenhower's health, since he suffered his heart attack? "He made the decision to run," said Bodine. "He wouldn't have unless he felt up to it. We are willing to abide by that decision."

He said the Democrats would make much of the health question "but they won't fool too many people."

Bodine said he and the overwhelming majority of Eisenhower's supporters would back any vice presidential candidate the President favored. He said he has no objections to Vice President Nixon.

Raymond Bateman, executive director of the Republican State committee, said there has been a recent swing of public opinion in favor of Nixon.

A Democratic local office holder

said his party's task is to dispel a popular feeling that Eisenhower is a "dispenser of peace and prosperity" above politics.

"How are you going to beat him?" he inquired, asking that he not be named.

But this man saw solace in 1948 when Harry Truman upset predictions by beating out highly favored Thomas E. Dewey.

The Democrats' realization that they have have an uphill fight to carry New Jersey, even though it has a Democratic governor, is given emphasis by Republican Bodine.

He predicts Eisenhower will win by 400,000 votes.

SAMPLING

But a sampling of public opinion shows there is strong Democratic sentiment in New Jersey.

In Camden, workers of the New York Shipbuilding Corp. roundly booed Eisenhower when he visited there in a campaign tour in 1952.

Five or six workers, interviewed at the same intersection where the booing occurred, indicated they don't "like Ike" better now.

Robert Grimmer, a welder, of Berlin, N. J., while not attempting to speak for all the men in the yard, said many believe the

Taft-Hartley law — though not changed — is being enforced more strictly under the Eisenhower administration.

He and others pointed to the lengthy Westinghouse strike. They contended mass picketing was banned but that the company was allowed to import thousands of strike-breaking workers.

Grimmer professed no great interest in what candidate the Democrats chose, whether Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, Gov. Averell Harriman of New York or Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

He said the main thing is to elect a man of Democratic philosophy, which he described as more favorable to the working man.

Meyner and most other Democratic leaders in New Jersey lean toward Stevenson. Kefauver has some followers. Harriman is reported to have some latent support, particularly in the Jersey City (Hudson County) area across the Hudson River from New York City.

PREDICTION

William Esau, of Newark, peppy former Democratic chairman of Essex County, predicts that if

it appears Harriman has any chance at all for the nomination he will be supported by 95 per cent of the state's convention delegation — all except a few eggheads.

"Further," he said, "if a deadlock develops among Stevenson, Harriman and Kefauver, you can expect Truman to get the nomination. He will say he is more than 70 years old but that he will live

longer than anybody. That's the way he goes about things."

The people you step on the street have a variety of views on the election.

A refrigerator salesman in Newark, all out for Eisenhower, said the country is "well off in his hands." He predicted Eisenhower would win by a larger margin than before.

But Ludwig Scapellato, a mechanic of Newark, said, "The Republican party is done. Ike promised too much. The Republicans are doing nothing to help the poor people."

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Court Makes Judge Ruling

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Supreme Court ruled unanimously Wednesday that it has no authority to elevate circuit judges to the supreme bench to serve temporarily.

The decision, by Justice Walter L. Toole, ruled unconstitutional a 1955 law that permits the high court to appoint circuit judges as temporary justices to help reduce the work load of the supreme bench.

The Supreme Court had appointed Circuit Judges James W. Crawford, Portland; Ralph M. Holman, Oregon City; and Dal M. King, Coquille, to the high court two months ago.

The Portland law firm of McGuire, Shields, Morrison and Bailey challenged Crawford's appointment.

The Supreme Court agreed, holding that such appointments violate the Constitution, which says that Supreme Court justices must be elected by the people.

The court said: "Nowhere in the Constitution do we find any authority vested in the Legislature to provide for temporary members of the Supreme Court, nor to provide for the temporary appointment of any person to perform the judicial duties of the court."

"The Constitution clearly contemplates that only duly and regularly elected or constitutionally appointed members of the Supreme Court, whatever their number, may perform the functions thereof."

The only way that justices can be appointed, the decision said, is for the governor to do it to fill a vacancy.

Norblad Choice Said His Own

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Norblad (R-Ore.) asserted Wednesday that his decision to drop out of the race for Oregon governor and to run for reelection was entirely his own.

His statement was made in answer to Howard Morgan, Oregon Democratic chairman, who said earlier that GOP leaders had forced Norblad to make the switch.

Norblad referred to Morgan's statement, "attributing my withdrawal from the governor's race to a promise or reward of some sort offered me and to a political clique forcing me out."

"I assure you that you are wrong on both scores," he said in a letter to Morgan.

"My political actions have always been of a very independent nature, and no clique or group approached me directly or indirectly regarding my withdrawal . . . My decision was based on the innumerable requests from leaders in both the executive and congressional fields in Washington, D.C., plus those of dozens of just plain citizens in my congressional district," Norblad wrote.

CHURCH PLANS

NEW YORK (AP) — The Synagogue Council of America is planning a research project designed to explore people's underlying "religious motivations." It is described as the first scientific inquiry ever attempted into basic factors which turn individuals toward or away from the active worship of God.

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