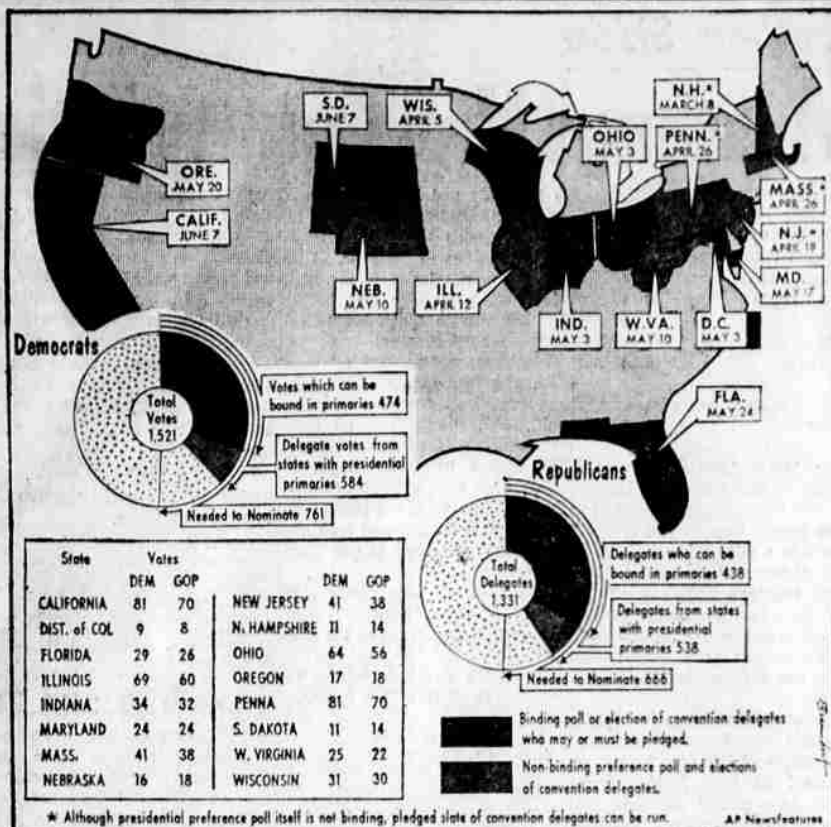




Presidential Primaries In 16 States Kick Off March 8 In New Hampshire

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Presidential hopefuls are beginning to step off on a winding political trail that may or may not lead to nomination at Democratic and Republican conventions in July.

The presidential primary trail stretches from New Hampshire to California, touching 16 states from March 8 to June 7. Theoretically available to a determined and persuasive Democratic candidate are a maximum of 474 convention votes deliverable on the first ballot at Los Angeles. For the Democrats, it takes 761 votes to clinch the nomination. A Republican campaigner on the primary trail could conceivably capture 438 votes of the 666 required for nomination.

Present indications are that no Democratic candidate will succeed in coralling all the theoretically possible votes. Only Sen. John Kennedy of Massachusetts and Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota among the Democrats have so far indicated any plans to enter primaries outside their home states. Presidential primaries have historically been a double-edged political weapon. Consistent victories at the elections roll through the spring produce invaluable publicity and build a bandwagon for a triumphant entry into the convention hall. On the other hand, loss in a crucial primary can wilt a budding candidacy overnight.

A primary bandwagon is not certified as a vehicle capable of becoming a convention steamroller. As the charts on the accompanying map show, the total convention votes from all 16 states with presidential primaries do not reach the magic nominating number. In these totals, "binding primaries" are given their most liberal interpretation. Actually, the pledges are based on varying degrees of tradition and political commitment. In practice, there's no legal guarantee of fulfillment.

Vice President Richard Nixon has declared no opposition for the Republican nomination. Supporters of New York Republican Gov. Nelson Rockefeller have filed a slate of delegates pledged to Rockefeller in the New Hampshire primary, but without determined effort by the candidate himself—and Rockefeller has announced he won't make the race—a major accumulation of delegate strength in primaries is highly unlikely.

Seasonal Decline Reaches Oregon

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's unemployment began its seasonal decline last week, the state Department of Employment said today.

The commission said 31,382 persons applied for jobless benefits last week, or 884 fewer than in the previous week.

It was the first weekly decline since early last October.

Most individuals returning to work last week were in lumber and logging jobs.

Search Continues

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Search continued today for two of three men believed to have drowned in the Colorado River Sunday.

Firemen found the body of Oscar Castillo, 22, shortly before noon Monday. Police listed the other men as Manuel Chappa, 25, and his brother, Albert, 20.

Witnesses said the men were thrown into the river when their borrowed rowboat was swept over a low water dam.

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National Education Act Irks City Budgeters

By NORM CARDOZA

The new federal National Defense Act for Education, though it dangles a tantalizing promise of school revenue, is rubbing city school district budgeters a little raw.

The act was passed by Congress two years ago, and is due to expire in two years.

EACH YEAR, under the program, the federal government makes available a lot of money for improvement of mathematics, science, foreign language and counseling programs in high schools across the country.

Money allocated by Oregon is given for administration to the state Department of Education.

But the department has had trouble giving the money away to some school districts. Boards of directors have balked at accepting it. That includes the KUHS board in some instances because some qualifications the government insists on are too rigid.

The Klamath Union High School District has accepted some money for its science, math and language departments.

Now, the board has before it an offer of more money to improve its counseling program. Some money for that department already has been applied for.

THE GOVERNMENT was asked to pay 40 per cent of the rental of an International Business Machine data processor and 40 per cent of the cost of additional clerical help in the counseling department hired to qualify for the federal funds. The request may be withdrawn at any time, but application deadline was February 5.

The machine would handle grade recording, attendance procedure and scheduling, displacing about 2,600 hours of teacher time now expended per year on those chores, says KUHS Principal Willard McKinny.

He believes that the machine would also be used to do other clerical jobs.

It would cost \$4,200 per year to rent, or \$350 per month.

The district has applied to the government for 40 per cent of about \$17,000 earmarked for the counseling program.

McKinny thinks, with the IBM rental, the federal government will pay for 40 per cent of the whole program. Thus, the reduction to the city district in the cost of clerical help will offset the additional cost of machine rental.

However, he is not sure the government will approve all of the counseling program. In that event, unapproved portions of the program would get no aid.

BUT THE BOARD during a meeting Monday night couldn't figure how to raise the money for the program without adding it to the present budget.

Before federal funds are made available, the school must pay for the program, then apply for reimbursement.

Chances are the program would not cost the taxpayer more, since budgeters can include the prospective reimbursement in the budget of receipts they estimate they will collect during the fiscal year.

It is complicated business, and more than one board member and member of the budget committee has grumbled about it. (The budget committee is composed of the five board members and five local citizens.)

Some of them don't like the idea of federal aid to local education in the first place.

But since the money is there (one school official said "they were pleading with us for a while to take the money"), some hate to turn it down.

Second Worker Dies From Fire

PORTLAND (AP) — A second worker died Monday night from burns suffered in an explosive fire at the Oregon Metallurgical Co. plant in Albany, Ore., Jan. 31.

He was Kenneth Lamb, 22, of Albany. He was burned over most of his body when a vat of chemicals used to purify rare metals caught fire and burned with explosive force.

Also burned fatally in the accident was Gerald Fisler, 30, Jefferson, Ore. He and Lamb were taken to the University of Oregon Medical School Hospital, where Fisler died Feb. 3.

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