

Kennedy Nears Goal After Big Win

MANCHESTER, N. H. (AP)—An avalanche of Democratic votes in the New Hampshire primary—plus some Republican write-ins—swept Sen. John F. Kennedy closer to the Democratic nomination for president today.

But New Hampshire Republicans were jubilant, too, as Vice President Richard M. Nixon surged past President Eisenhower's record vote of 56,464, set in the 1956 primary.

With 34 of the state's 300 precincts still to be counted, the preferential vote for Nixon was \$7,129.

Kennedy's total with 29 precincts outstanding was 40,247. The tally smashed all previous marks in the Democratic "beauty contest." In 1956, Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) and Adlai Stevenson together pulled 25,000 votes. Four years earlier, after an even hotter contest, Kefauver and former President Truman polled a combined vote of 35,000.

Tuesday's election was the first of 16 state primaries in this presidential year.

In his spectacular sweep, Ken-

nedy also tore through the customary 2-1 margin held by Republicans in New Hampshire. The percentage spread in this year's election appeared to be about 55-45 for the Republicans.

A break-down of the returns from New Hampshire's 13 cities showed that Kennedy pulled more than twice as many votes there as Kefauver had in 1956. Kennedy received 28,332 as against Kefauver's 12,065 four years ago.

The cities, although largely Democratic, gave Nixon 19,362 votes, topping Eisenhower's total of 13,356.

The Massachusetts senator even pulled some Republican votes. The dimensions of Kennedy's victory took on added significance by comparison to the last two New Hampshire primaries.

In the 1952 primary, the Republicans cast about 77 per cent of the total vote. Four years later, they racked up 65 per cent.

As expected, Nixon and Kennedy scooped up all the delegates to their respective nominating conventions—14 Republicans each with a full vote, and 22 Democrats who share 11 votes.

Spokesmen for both major parties quickly issued congratulatory statements.

In Washington, Sen. Thruston Morton (R-Ky.), Republican national chairman, called Nixon's showing "extremely gratifying." Sen. Styles Bridges (R-NH) said, "The vote of confidence by Republicans of New Hampshire has set the stage for a tremendous Nixon victory in November."

Bernard L. Boutin, New Hampshire Democratic national committeeman, messaged Kennedy, "This great vote is testimony of the high regard in which you are held by the voters of New Hampshire. It is also evident that you are well on your way to Democratic nomination in Los Angeles."

Kennedy, back in Washington after his final campaign drive, said, "I appreciate the vote of confidence I have received from the voters of New Hampshire. It will be a great help on the road to the nomination."

Efforts on the part of admirers of New York's Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller to roll up a sizeable vote for him failed to bear fruit. The governor, who did not enter the race and therefore was not on the ballot, received 2,512 write-in votes for president in 257 of the 300 precincts. Another 1,700 write-in votes were cast for him for vice president.

Paul C. Fisher, Chicago manufacturer, who ran against Kennedy on the Democratic ballot got 5,682 votes in the tally of 251 precincts.

Several factors affected the election:

1. Kennedy campaigned hard before the election. Members of his family, including his mother and two of his brothers, stumped the state earlier.

2. Nixon did not appear in New Hampshire. His campaign, however, was spearheaded by Gov. Wesley Powell and most of the leading Republicans in New Hampshire.

3. A sharply worded exchange of charges and retorts probably steamed up interest among voters who previously had been apathetic. On the day before the election, Powell accused Kennedy of being "soft toward communism." Kennedy hit back with a denial and the assertion that he believed Nixon would repudiate Powell's charge. The vice president, through one of his aides, did so.

Kennedy headed directly for Wisconsin where he is engaged in a struggle against Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) in the primary election, April 5.

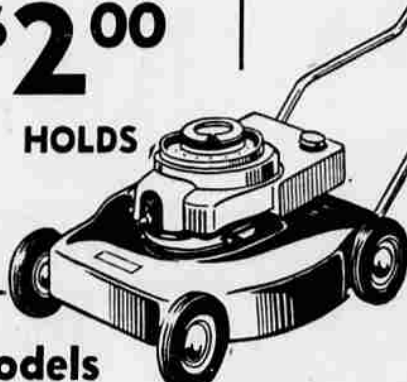
Kennedy's victory in New Hampshire was expected—although the vote exceeded the hopes of his most optimistic backers.

Kennedy himself has described the Wisconsin election as a close, hard fight with Humphrey. Some political observers consider it a make-or-break contest for both Democratic presidential aspirants.



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Controversy Soars Anew Over Airborne Martini

NEW YORK (AP)—A martini at \$5,000 a bottle is more than a cocktail. It's a controversy.

Although a drink or two before dinner has become an accepted part of air travel, many people responsible for air safety don't like it.

Many pilots and stewards insist liquor threatens the safety of an airliner. Their bosses and the Federal Aviation Agency defend the airborne cocktail on the ground that there is no evidence to condemn it.

For more than five years the Airline Pilots Assn. and the Air Line Stewards and Stewardesses Assn. have urged Congress to ban drinking on airplanes. Bills have passed the House but never got by the Senate.

Last July James T. Pyle, deputy administrator of FAA, told the House Commerce subcommittee that a survey had revealed no specific drinking incidents which directly threatened an airliner's safety.

There were some incidents which were potentially hazardous, he conceded. But in almost every case, said Pyle, these were caused by passengers who had been drinking before boarding the plane or had brought their liquor with them.

But the FAA feels it has regulated the "bottle sucker" into sobriety with new rules—the first governing drinking aloft—which take effect Thursday.

The rules:

1. Require airlines to refuse to serve liquor to anyone who appears intoxicated.

2. Require a passenger bringing his own bottle aboard to turn it over to the stewardess who will pour his drinks and decide when he has had enough.

If a passenger is caught tipping and refuses to surrender his supply, the stewardess need only warn him of the FAA regulation and take his name. The FAA will prosecute and fine the offender up to \$1,000.

The regulations have been received without enthusiasm.

"A passenger could sue me for slander if I told him he couldn't have any more to drink because he appeared intoxicated," says a TWA pursuer.

"We don't have time to serve someone from his own bottle," says an American Airlines stewardess.

"The only real solution to the liquor problem aboard planes," says a spokesman for the pilots' union, "is to abolish liquor in flight, as we have long advocated."

"You don't know what a drunk is going to do," says Dan Savage, another pursuer. "I have had drunks that started fires with smoldering cigarettes, drunks that attempted to open doors and windows."

Defenders of the winged cocktail say such incidents are infrequent. They argue that no air crash has ever been traced to a drinking passenger, that competition requires airlines to serve liquor, the public demands it, and prohibition just wouldn't work anyway.



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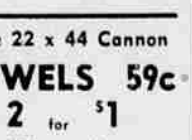
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