

# Presidential Race Still Undecided In State Of Texas With Odds Quoted On Nixon

**Editor's Note:** Herewith another of the dispatches on political activities in various areas of the country.

### Political Pulse Texas

DALLAS, Tex. (UPI) — The presidential race is still so close in Texas that either candidate could come up with a gimmick to catch the attention and favor of the voters and win the state's 24 electoral votes.

The most unbiased political observers in Texas—the bookmakers—quote the odds as 6-5 for Nixon. It's at least that close in a state where all state officials are Democrats, the Legislature is 100 per cent Democratic and only one congressman is a Republican.

Sen. John F. Kennedy's biggest disadvantage is his Catholic religion. Texas' one million voting Baptists don't like the idea of a Catholic in the White House.

**Re-Entry Helped Nixon**  
The recent re-entry of Allan Shivers, who was governor four terms, into politics, certainly helped Nixon. It was Shivers who led the Democratic state executive committee into the Eisenhower camp in 1952.

He supported Eisenhower in 1956 and he is now supporting Nixon. He has explained all three bolts by saying he is "putting Texas ahead of the Democratic party."

Shivers soothes the political consciences of many old-line Democrats who find it hard to turn Republican, no matter how much they like the GOP's candidates and platform.

There is a strong rivalry between Shivers and Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, the Democratic vice presidential candidate. Johnson took the state party leadership away from Shivers in 1956.

Shivers is a handsome man, a master of sarcasm and a clever campaigner.

When Gerald Mann, director of the Kennedy-Johnson campaign in Texas, accused him of not really being for either party, Shivers replied:

"You mean old Jerry Mann, the TCU football player? Whatever happened to him?"

Mann played football at SMU—not TCU—and is a former attorney general.

**Voted to Support**  
On the other hand, a group of Negro businessmen, professional men and lawyers met recently in Austin, the state capital, and voted 44-14 to support Kennedy.

The Negro leaders voted on a motion introduced by C. B. Buckley Jr., of Dallas, who, at first

included only Kennedy's name in his motion. After some argument, Buckley agreed to include Johnson's name.

The Negroes voted down a proposal not to endorse either ticket. Arguing for the proposal, J. L. Thomas of Bryan said: "The Democratic party promises you of coffee, they refuse."

There are 214,000 Negro voters in Texas. Another question mark is the attitude of 700,000 Texans over 65, all eligible for poll tax exemptions.



**A3C DONALD LEACH**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leach, Klamath Falls, has finished basic training and will be a drill instructor at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas for one year. He will then enter Officers Candidate School at Lackland. Leach is a 1958 graduate at KUHS.

### KU Instructor To Attend Meet

Charles Woodhouse of Klamath Union High School will attend the national convention of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters in San Francisco October 18-21.

Comprising educational radio and television members from public schools and universities all over the country, the association will hold its sessions in the Jack Tar Hotel and will feature educational radio and TV seminars as well as technical equipment displays.

Woodhouse, NAEB consultant for this area, is chairman of the state Radio and Television Committee of the Oregon Education Association to whom he will report on the convention November 19 in Portland.

### 2 KF Students In ROTC Plan

Two Klamath Falls students are enrolled at Oregon State College under Naval ROTC midshipmen training appointments.

They are William Clark Foster of 172 Dahlia Street, and Charles Ellis Russell, 2336 Wantland Street.

Under the program, all tuition fees for four years of college are paid. In addition, they receive books and uniforms, plus \$50 a month during their college work.

The two were among a group of 44 young men from seven states named by Capt. R. W. Shafer, commander of the naval program at OSC.

Students receiving the appointments were picked from top scorers in a nationwide written examination by state selection committees. They must also pass a rigid physical examination. More than 30,000 young men took the test last fall and approximately 2,000 were selected for the college appointments.

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