

More States Become More Doubtful In Latest Look At The Political Campaign

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NEW YORK (NEA)—Vice President Richard Nixon and Sen. John Kennedy rush toward their campaign climax with each trying to crack a block of 10 doubtful states to bring victory firmly in grasp.

Fresh telephone checks across the country, new appraisals gained from top strategists in both camps and careful comparison of many independent analyses yield this picture of the presidential race:

With less than three weeks to go, neither nominee is in.

Holding a decisive 194 electoral votes in the balance are these doubtfuls—New York (45), Pennsylvania (32), Texas (24), North Carolina (14), Tennessee (11), Kentucky (10), Minnesota (11), Colorado (6), Washington (9), California (32).

Undecided voters still may represent a tenth of the electorate, although they are far fewer than a month ago. The candidate who successfully woos this element, estimated at up to seven million voters, most likely will capture the 269 votes needed to win.

Major shifts are taking place. The biggest states, all hanging close to center in late September, are beginning to move. From the earlier doubtful list Ohio has edged toward Kennedy and Illinois toward Nixon. Michigan has switched from Nixon to Kennedy.

Currents in New York, Pennsylvania and California lead both sides to declarations of optimism regarding these three. But indications are not clear enough to permit their allotments to one camp or the other.

Also on today's doubtful list are four southern and border states originally parceled evenly between the nominees. This change appears to have cost Nixon most, since huge Texas had been in his column.

Of the other new additions to the doubtful roster, Minnesota and Washington come from Kennedy's total and Colorado from Nixon's.

In terms of votes still to be brought within reach, Kennedy's task is exactly as it was a month ago and Nixon's job is just a little bit tougher.

Weight of the evidence today gives Kennedy 18 states with the

identical total of 190 votes he showed in September. In Nixon's column are placed 22 states with 153 votes. The doubtful 10 make up the remainder.

These allotments represent a broad consensus of expert judgments. In each candidate's list are shaky states put there by borderline decisions. A smashing finish by either Nixon or Kennedy could alter the lineup materially.

Significantly, however, of the 22 states now tabbed for Nixon, 15 are privately conceded by Kennedy forces to be moving that way. Of Kennedy's 18, the Nixon people acknowledge 12 as probably belonging there. And the two sides are in substantial agreement on nine of the 10 doubtfuls.

Thus at the strategists' level surprising accord exists on how the race now stands. The two sides diverge sharply only on 14 of the 50 states.

Nixon's present total includes: Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Delaware, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Oklahoma, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, South and North Dakota, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Hawaii.

In Kennedy's column: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Alaska.

If this division of strength is reasonably accurate, then Nixon must pull 116 votes from the ranks of the doubtful. Kennedy needs 179.

Should either man sweep New York, Pennsylvania and California, most observers think it would signal a landslide that would produce far more than the necessary 269 votes.

Short of that, many combinations drawn from the doubtful 10 could supply the winning total for either Nixon or Kennedy.

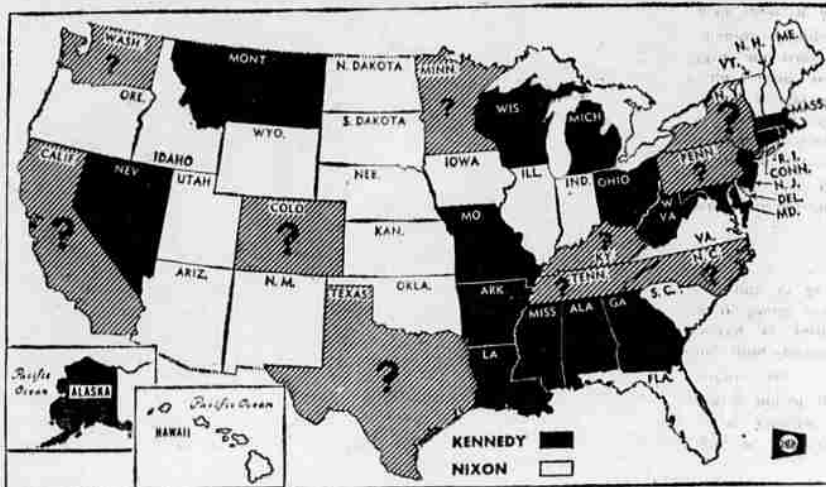
MOO MILK, PLEASE

TEMPLE, N.H. (UPI) — Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fiske and their 10 children were selected as New Hampshire's number one milk-drinking family.

The New Hampshire June Dairy Month Committee says the family drank 288 quarts of milk in April.

REAL SERVICE

ROANOKE, Va. (UPI)—Thieves broke into Rufus Hurt's service station, drove their car onto the grease rack, lubricated it, gassed it up and drove off after helping themselves to several oil filters, some anti-freeze and cigarettes from a vending machine.



Klamath Area Onion Raising Big Business

By MARIAN BARRON

Raising onions in the Tulelake-Klamath basins brings an estimated revenue of over a quarter of a million dollars to this area. Income for 1959 amounted to \$313,664, which puts onion raising in the big business class for farmers.

Sunspeed Vegetables, Inc. has been contracting onions in the Tulelake area for the past 15 years. The onions are grown from a special strain of Southport White Globe seed developed exclusively by Sunspeed Vegetables and are shipped by bulk truck to the Vacaville plant of Basic Vegetable Products, Inc.,

where they are processed. At Vacaville the onions are peeled, the root and top removed, sliced and dried. After dehydration the slices are milled into various forms from whole slices to small minced pieces and powder. The finished product is used all over the world and in every product where onion flavor is needed.

The harvest in Tulelake usually starts in late September and continues until the first part of November. Kaye Yoder, field superintendent, is in charge of operations in the area.

The company has approximately 550 acres under contract in the Tulelake Basin for 1960 which includes eleven growers. The av-

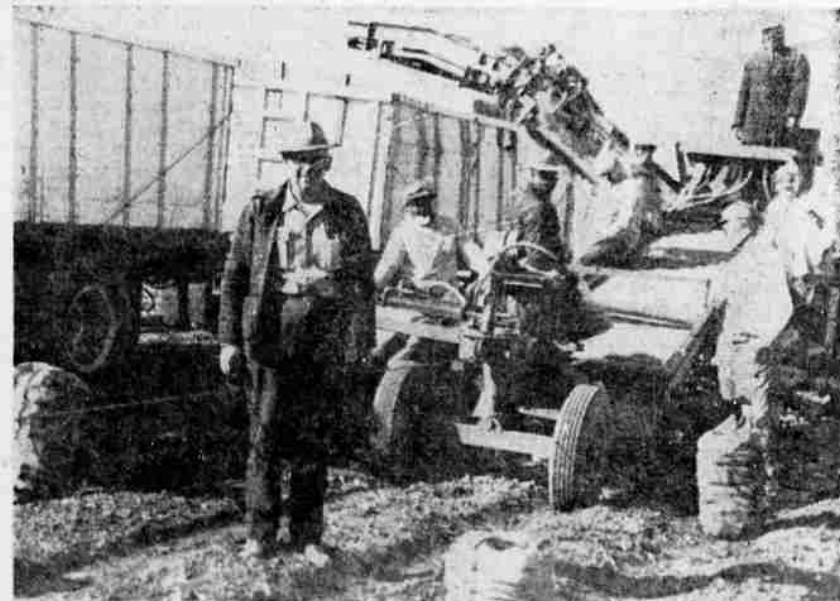
erage yield is 20 tons per acre. As soon as the onions are ready for harvest they are dug, put in bags, and left in the bags in the field for 4 to 6 days for curing. After the curing period Sunspeed's equipment and personnel move in and grade and load the onions in bulk trucks at the rate of 7 to 8 trucks per day.

BOWLING PARTNERS

BALTIMORE, Md. (UPI) — John Unitas, all-league quarterback for the Baltimore Colts, and L. G. Dupre, a halfback teammate, plan to open the first of three 48-lane bowling alley establishments here this spring.



SUNSPED Vegetables, Inc. harvesting onions on the E. J. Duckett operation one mile south of Tulelake.



ED DUCKETT (front, left) has raised onions in the Tulelake area for ten years. A former navy officer, he entered farming here at the close of World War II.

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