

Shift Of 11,000 Votes In Four States Would Have Won For Dick

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The first Republican autopsy on the presidential election shows that a shift of some 11,000 votes in four states could have put Vice President M. Nixon in the White House.

The states are Illinois, with its 27 electoral votes, Missouri with 13, New Mexico with 4 and Nevada with 3. Nixon would have carried all four states if he had received a vote in each precinct from just one person who voted for Sen. John F. Kennedy.

Each of these states is among those in which GOP National Headquarters has pressed for recounts or investigations of alleged voting irregularities.

More Than Enough

Nixon won 223 electoral votes in the Nov. 3 election. If he had carried Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico and Nevada, his electoral vote would have been 270, one more than the necessary majority.

Final and official results show Kennedy carried Missouri by 9,878 votes, Nevada by 2,403 and New Mexico by 2,294. His margin was less than 9,000 in the unofficial count in Illinois, where the GOP is still battling to reverse the result.

A preliminary study by the research division of the Republican National Committee emphasized major shifts away from the Republicans in the big cities and their suburbs and among Catholic voters.

The improved Democratic showing in the big cities and suburban areas was most conspicuous in the East. In New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Missouri, Michigan and New Jersey, the Kennedy majority in the major city in each state was more than enough to offset Nixon majorities in the rest of the state.

Big City Disadvantage

In cities with a population of more than 200,000 Nixon's share of the presidential vote ranged from 28.6 points in New Orleans, La., down to 3.2 points in Dallas, Tex., below President Eisenhower's 1956 percentage.

The Republican study reported a "major switch" among Catholic voters to Kennedy, particularly in the New England and Middle Atlantic states and in the lower income brackets.

In major cities where Catholics are more than a third of the population, Nixon ran 17.2 points behind Eisenhower's 1956 percentage of the vote. Nixon was 5.5 points behind Eisenhower's 1956 percentage in big cities where Catholics were less than a fourth of the population.

Among Negro voters, the GOP found that Nixon's share of support was less than Eisenhower's in 1956 and about the same as Eisenhower's in 1952.

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Church Denies Bribe Charges

HAVANA (AP) — Relations between the Roman Catholic Church and Prime Minister Fidel Castro today were at the most critical level yet after the church angrily denied Castro's charge that priests took bribes to preach against his revolution.

Adding to the increased tension among Catholics were persistent but unconfirmed reports that Archbishop Enrique Perez Serantes of Santiago was detained briefly by authorities in Camaguey Saturday and told to leave Cuba.

The 77-year-old archbishop was returning from a meeting of Catholic prelates in Havana. The reports said he replied firmly that he would stay in Cuba and take the consequences.

Archbishop Perez Serantes, who once saved Castro from a Batista firing squad but now is his most outspoken critic in Cuba, said by telephone from Santiago: "I am an old man and suffer from loss of memory. I do not recall any such thing happening to me."

Camaguey military officials said they had not detained the archbishop.

In an open letter to Castro read Sunday in Santiago's cathedral, nine Catholic bishops, including Manuel Cardinal Arteaga, asserted that the government's revolutionary indoctrination program preaches communism.

The letter also denied Castro's charge that "henchmen in cassocks" accepted bribes from sugar industry interests to preach against the revolution.

There has been no official reaction to the letter, which was read in Catholic churches without incident.

Wild Shooting Fatal To Man

LOVELOCK, Nev. (UPI) — Three California teen-agers, who said they fired a high-powered rifle from a speeding car without intending to hit anyone, were scheduled to go on trial today for the death of a sleeping truck driver.

Orville Haylett, 36, Payette, Idaho, was hit by a rifle bullet as he slept in a truck rolling across a desolate stretch of Highway 49 east of here last September. Haylett's relief driver said he heard the bullet hit the metal sleeper cab as the truck met an approaching car.

Accused of firing the fatal shot were Gary Taversi, 18; Gary Hendrick, 19; and William Hendricks, 17, all of Sacramento.

They were arrested by the Nevada Highway Patrol after the shooting and indicted on a murder charge Oct. 12.

Sheriff A. E. Rose said they admitted firing a 30-30 rifle as they sped along the highway, but all said they were unaware of hitting anyone.

Rash Of Demonstrations And Political Strikes In Latin America Is Merely Curtain Raiser

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The rash of demonstrations, political strikes, uprisings and pocket-sized revolutions which plagued Latin America in recent weeks can be viewed as just a series of fairly mild curtain-raisers for what is yet to come. Castroism—or, as the Latins call it, Fidelismo—is the front, anti-Yankeeism is the rallying cry and communism often is the directing force for a steadily increasing threat to the established regimes of Latin America.

In the past six weeks Latin America has seen an upheaval in El Salvador, short-lived revolutions in Nicaragua and Guatemala, strike threats in Chile, Brazil and other countries, an uprising in Argentina, rioting and violence against the government of Venezuela and violent unrest in Bolivia.

Not all these things stem from the same forces or causes, but all are useful to the Castro-Communist alliance in its effort to keep the whole continent nervous and off balance.

Rioting by Castro supporters broke out in El Salvador late in October, in advance of an army coup which ousted President Jose Maria Lemus. The final result is yet to be assessed. There may be considerable Castro influence in the Central American nation, but it has not yet seemed to be a dominant factor in the junta.

Castro and Communist influence may have been strong in revolts which hit Guatemala and Nicaragua in mid-November.

In Guatemala, a group of military officers tried to overthrow President Miguel Ydigoras, but the government said it captured all but a handful of rebels.

In Nicaragua, troops loyal to President Luis Somoza routed a rebel force which the government said had both Castroite and Communist backing.

Such events led President Eisenhower to order the U.S. Navy and Air Force to patrol the Guatemalan and Nicaraguan coasts to prevent Castro-Communist invasions.

The recent uprising in Argentina was led by supporters of exiled dictator Juan D. Peron, but the Peronistas have been wooed persistently both by the Castroites and the Communists. While the uprising has been put down for the time being, President Arturo Frondizi remains in danger.

Strong Castro and Communist influence is evident in the rioting against the Romulo Betancourt government of Venezuela and in the unrest in countries such as Bolivia and Colombia. In Chile, leftist labor forces are posing a rising threat to the nation's attempts at stability.

Castroism and communism feed on poverty, corruption within established regimes, frustration of a generation of university students unable to find outlets for their talents and a number of other factors. These include a deep-rooted sense of outrage among the young intellectuals at the history of U.S. activities in Latin America. Their feeling is that the North Americans exploited Latin America and hindered its development.

The uprisings, revolts and riots are only symptoms of what is to come. Cuba now is a base for fomenting revolution, and a source of a constant stream of Communist-oriented agents into Latin-American countries, bent upon creating chaos wherever possible.

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