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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
With certified election results in from 49 states (Rhode Island's certification is still out as this is written, but is expected to be completed before the day is over) Senator Kennedy holds a thin lead of 113,498 in the popular vote over Nixon. Here is the tabulation based on complete unofficial returns from Rhode Island and official returns from all other states:

Kennedy	34,231,090
Nixon	34,117,592
Others	505,658
Total vote	68,854,340

Let's take a look now at percentages.
Of the total votes cast for President, Kennedy got 49.715 per cent. Nixon got 49.550 per cent. Others (meaning scattering minor candidates in the various states) got 0.735 per cent.

Which is to say: Kennedy got less than half of the total votes cast. But Nixon's percentage of the total votes cast was a trifle smaller than Kennedy's.

Let's look now at the total TWO-PARTY vote.
It amounted to 68,348,682. Kennedy got 34,231,090 votes. His percentage of the total two-party vote was 50.063. Nixon got 34,117,592. His percentage of the total two-party vote was 49.937—a record-low percentage difference of 0.126, or about one-seventh of one per cent.

In other words, by a hair-thin margin, Kennedy got MORE THAN HALF of the total two-party vote cast—which means that he won the POPULAR vote as well as the electoral vote.

President's Health Good, Say Doctors

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's general physical condition "continues excellent," doctors who examined him at Walter Reed Hospital reported today.

Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, Army surgeon general, and Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, the President's personal physician, issued a statement saying Eisenhower's chronic bronchitis, noted at the last annual examination, "has shown improvement as has the bursitis of the left shoulder."

Eisenhower checked out of the hospital today after completing his annual head-to-toe examination. He returned to his White House desk immediately after leaving the hospital.

The statement of Generals Snyder and Heaton:

"The President entered Walter Reed Hospital Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, for the completion of his annual physical examination. He departed Walter Reed Hospital at 10:30 a.m. this morning, Dec. 15. "The President's general condition continues excellent as revealed by appropriate barium studies of the gastro-intestinal tract, studies of the cardio-vascular system, examination of other special system and various laboratory tests.

Final Vote Edge Closes

WASHINGTON (AP)—The complete official vote for the nation showed today that Democratic Sen. John F. Kennedy squeaked through to victory with a popular plurality of only 111,957 in a record turnout of 68,833,254 voters on Nov. 8.
Kennedy's electoral vote margin stood, however, at 300 compared with 223 for Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Republican, and 14 for Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., the choice of some Southern electors who ran unpledged. Majority needed for victory is 269.

Weather

Klamath Falls and vicinity — Mostly cloudy through Friday with occasional periods of light snow. Low tonight 24-30; high Friday 40-45.
High yesterday 45
Low last night 27
Precip. last 24 hours none
For year 4.37
Last year .84

Sen. Boivin Confident, Holds Votes

SALEM (AP)—Sen. Harry Boivin, D-Klamath Falls, said again today he expects to be elected president of the Oregon Senate. Boivin said, too, he had rejected a request to release his pledged votes.

Boivin said he had pledged from nine Democratic senators and expected to get all 10 Republican votes.

The Democrats control the Senate, and the majority of them are supporting Sen. Alfred Corbett, D-Portland, for president.

Boivin told today of a telegram received from Sen. Robert Straub, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, asking him to release his pledged votes.

"We don't elect precinct committeemen to tell legislators how to vote," Boivin said. If senators followed the dictates of party officials, it would make them rubber stamps, he said.

Straub asked the release of the delegates because the executive committee of the central committee adopted a resolution saying Boivin and his supporters should be bound by the unit rule.

Nineteen county Democratic central committees have adopted similar resolutions. Some suggested that Boivin and Sen. Walter Pearson, D-Portland, vote with the majority of Democrats or get out of the party.

Pearson, the present Senate president, recently called for the resignation of Straub as state central committee chairman.

Both U. S. senators from Oregon, Wayne Morse and Maurine Neumann, are Democrats.

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King Assumes Full Control

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—King Mahendra of Nepal today personally assumed control of the government, ordering the arrest of Premier B. P. Koirala and other members of his elected government.

The king succeeded to the throne on March 13, 1955. The Koirala Cabinet was formed in May 1959, under a constitution granted by the king in February 1959.

From the middle of the 19th century, Nepal was ruled by the Rana family, which provided the hereditary prime minister of the country.

After World War II a revolutionary movement in 1950 and 1951 restored to the monarchy the powers it had lost 104 years before and broke the hereditary power of the Ranas.

The first general elections in February 1959, resulted in overwhelming victory for the Nepali Congress.

There was no immediate explanation for the takeover by the 39-year-old monarch who recently returned from a tour of the United States and Europe.

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MORE COMING

WASHINGTON (AP)—President-elect John F. Kennedy said today he would announce another Cabinet appointment — "maybe two"—later in the afternoon.

He put the time for a Cabinet announcement tentatively at 5 p.m., EST.

Passing his word to newsmen clustered around the ice-covered, sanded steps of his Georgetown home, Kennedy gave no hint as to the posts to be filled or the people to fill them.

In Ethiopia

Emperor's Son Takes Away Crown

CAIRO (AP)—A revolutionary government, installed by a bloodless coup hatched in the palace, ruled Ethiopia today, apparently ending the autocratic regime of the almost legendary Emperor Haile Selassie.

The new government headed by the emperor's own son, modern-minded Crown Prince Asfaw Wossen, 44, was installed in Addis Ababa Wednesday while the emperor was on a state visit to Brazil.

Outwardly unperturbed, the bearded emperor, 68, conquering Lion of Judah, cut short his tour and flew for home. But there were serious doubts that he would be permitted to return.

The new government, claiming the support of the imperial guard, army and police, banned all flights of aircraft into or out of the country—an action that could block the emperor from landing.

Machine guns were posted on rooftops in the capital where a dusk-to-dawn curfew prevailed. Units of the army guarded the American, British and Soviet embassies.

Calm prevailed in the capital, but normal communications with Addis Ababa were disrupted. Radio broadcasts and stray bits of information gave little idea of how the coup was being received by the rest of the 18 million Ethiopians.

One announcement said Ras Tafari, former ambassador to India, had been made premier.

The proclamation of a new government made no mention of the emperor, so technically he was still the "king of kings" of Ethiopia.

But Crown Prince Asfaw Wossen declared his aim was to end "3,000 years of injustice." This appeared to be a direct attack on the dynasty itself, which traces its origins to a union of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

During those three millennia of legend and history, succession to the throne never has been settled except by the sword, and no emperor ever has been succeeded by his son.

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Spectacular Blast Stops Rocket

Program Is A \$40 Million Failure



PACK 4 CUB SCOUTS of Mills School have done their share to help those in mental institutions in Oregon have a merrier Christmas. They have assisted by gathering costume jewelry, cosmetics, sheet music, Christmas wrappings and many other items to be shipped before Christmas by Mrs. Hagan Moore, working with the Mental Health Association. Mrs. Moore is assisted by Mrs. Eric Majors in the vast undertaking to provide cheer for the unfortunate. Other items are still needed to help complete the next shipment. This is the second year that the 45 pack members have helped. Cubmaster is Bill Jensen. Left to right are David Boyer, Bruce Jensen and Robert Norris. Shipments are delivered without charge by Klamath Falls Fast Freight.

Van Vactor Funeral Set Saturday

District Judge Dayton Edwin Van Vactor, 65, died in Hillside Hospital shortly after noon Wednesday. He had presided at court until two weeks before his death. Judge Van Vactor was a victim of cancer. He had been a resident of Klamath Falls for 35 years.

He was a veteran of both world wars and had served the military a total of 17 years. He entered the service in World War I.

Electricity Plan Is Told

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission announced Wednesday it might build the biggest version yet of a relatively simple reactor that has prospects for speeding the day when economic power may come from the atom.

But, said the commission, construction will depend upon results of a feasibility study to be completed by the end of the year.

The AEC said it had in mind constructing a 50,000-kilowatt version of a reactor type known as the organic cooled and moderated reactor.

In this type, organic chemicals are added to the clear water ordinarily used in some other types of reactors.

Among the advantages: the organic type can operate at higher temperatures and lower pressures than other types of water-cooled reactors—and it has no major corrosion problems.

The commission said it wanted to know whether utility companies would be interested in teaming up with the commission on building such a prototype reactor.

The AEC believes such a device would "provide information which will permit industry to construct full-scale economically competitive plants in some high-cost fuel areas of the United States."

U.S. Embassy, French Hospital Hit In Flaming Battle For Laos Capital

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U.S. Embassy and a French hospital have been hit by shellfire in the flaming battle for Vientiane, sending hundreds of French women and children and some Americans fleeing to Thailand.

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The staff fled, leaving hundreds of wounded and dying from the battle under the care of only two French army doctors.

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along with that of the neighboring U.S. Information Agency building. Four Americans were slightly injured.

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Anti-Communist headquarters in southern Laos broadcast claims that its forces had driven to the edge of the airfield on the western outskirts of Vientiane.



JUDGE D. E. VAN VACTOR

Defenses Revamped

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Nike-Hercules batteries armed with powerful nuclear missiles will take over protection this summer of 18 American metropolitan and airbase areas, the Army says.

The Hercules replaces the Nike-Ajax, now used to guard vital target areas against possible enemy aerial attack.

With three times the range and more than twice the altitude capability of the Ajax, the Hercules is deadly against bombers and air-launched missiles.

It cannot stop an intercontinental ballistic missile. For that reason, Lt. Gen. Robert J. Wood, commanding general of the Army Air Defense Command, urged stepped-up development of an even more advanced anti-missile weapon—the Nike-Zeus.

He spoke at the dedication at nearby Ft. MacArthur of a master control center—the "missile master"—electronic system for semi-automatic control of the ground-to-air launchers.

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Weather

Northern California: Occasional rain with snow in mountains through Friday; colder in mountains; locally windy at times near coast.

Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area: Intermittent snow through Friday with occasional rain as high as 4,000 feet; colder.

Negro Turns Down Offer By Kennedy

WASHINGTON (AP)—President-elect John F. Kennedy said today he had offered the postmaster generalship to Rep. William Dawson, Chicago Negro congressman, but that Dawson declined it.

Kennedy made the announcement to newsmen from the front porch of his Georgetown home here. He said he was doing so because of much speculation that Dawson was going to be named to the Cabinet.

Kennedy said Dawson told him he felt it would be wiser to remain in the House in view of his 18 years of experience there and his chairmanship of the Government Operations Committee.

Dawson, 74, said he felt he could be of more value to the new administration, to his country and to the Democratic party by remaining in the House, Kennedy explained.

By turning down the post, Dawson rejected the opportunity to become the first Negro in U.S. history to serve as a Cabinet officer. Kennedy said he has no one else in mind at the moment for Post Office Department chief.

Toy Collection Barrels Far From Brim In City

An appeal for new toys is made by the Klamath Falls Moose Lodge. Those sponsoring the annual "Operation Santa Claus" re-

French Police Quell Violence

ALGIERS (AP)—Moslems in the turbulent casbah today milled and shouted rebel slogans, but tough French riot forces kept disturbances confined to the ancient Arab quarter.

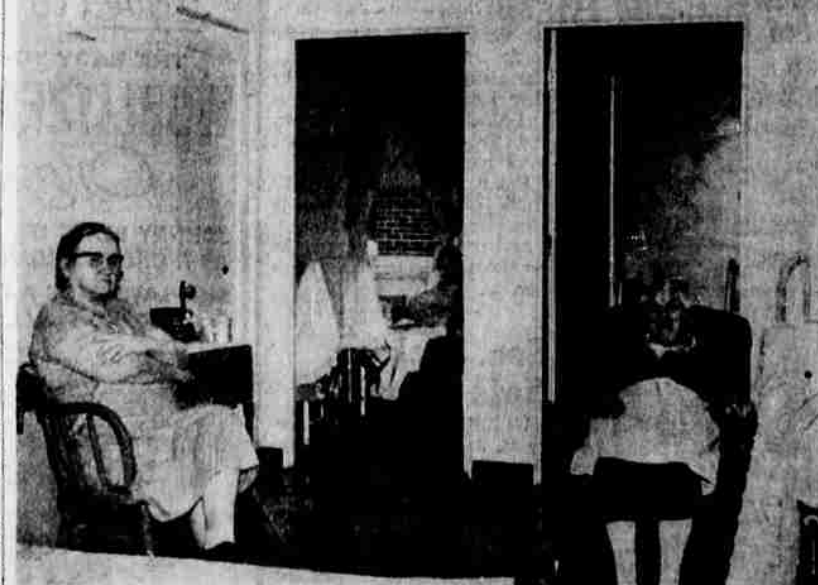
Early today troops and riot police permitted exit from the casbah, where 80,000 persons live in filth and squalor, but they prohibited entry. About 100 Arabs filtered out through gates made by pulling back barbed wire barriers which ring the quarter.

So far the violence which has rocked this capital city during the past six days has claimed 128 lives, most of them Moslems.

There were indications that extremist Moslems were exacting revenge against those sympathetic to French President Charles de Gaulle's policy of self-government for this country of nine million Moslems and a million Europeans.

Shooting Times

OREGON
December 16
6:55 a.m.—4:35 p.m.
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PATIENTS NOT BEDRIDDEN at the Klamath Nursing Home live in cheerful, clean cottages and if unable to walk to the main building for meals they are served on individual trays. Mrs. Olga Norine, left, is 70. Her former home was in Minnesota. Center is Mrs. Jane Nancarrow. She is 76. Third of the trio, Mrs. Rosa Noah, is an alert 86 and proud of her Oregon birthplace. They are all looking forward to the Herald and News Christmas party on Dec. 22 when Santa will arrive with gifts for every man and woman donated by residents of Klamath, Siskiyou and Modoc counties.