

Elections Test Impact Of Civil Rights Revolt

grass-roots political impact of the Negro civil rights "revolution" gets its first major assessment today in off-year state and local elections across the nation.

The racial controversy was particularly in evidence in the spirited contests for governor conducted in Mississippi and Kentucky, and in Philadelphia's mayoralty election.

The response to the Negro demands was not of major concern to most political strategists; it was the reaction of the white majority to those demands that was thought to provide a clue to 1964's general election.

In Mississippi, where both candidates are ardent and outspoken segregationists, the civil rights issue took an odd twist as the Republicans made their first serious bid since Reconstruction to capture the governor's mansion.

Li. Gov. Paul B. Johnson, a Democrat, was still favored to win but Republican Rubel Phillips, a handsome young admirer of Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, R-Ariz., made a race of it.

Johnson argued that a true two-party system in Mississippi would split that state's white voters and give Negroes the balance of power. Phillips said that segregation would be strengthened by a two-party system because each party would serve as a racial watchdog over the other.

Johnson was backed by outgoing Gov. Ross R. Barnett, who is barred by law from succeeding himself, and some of the biggest names in Mississippi politics. Phillips claimed he would stand stronger than Barnett against the admission of Negro James H. Meredith to the University of Mississippi last year.

The Democrats were also favored to win the gubernatorial race in Kentucky where Republican Louis B. Nunn opposed Democrat Edward T. Breathitt Jr. But here again the Democratic margin was expected to be smaller than in recent years.

In Kentucky the civil rights issue centered on the executive order issued earlier this year by retiring Democratic Gov. Bert Combs. It forbids racial discrimination in all business establishments licensed by the state.

Nunn hit hard at the order, not on racial grounds, he said, but on constitutional grounds—a position somewhat similar to that of Sen. Goldwater. He also attempted to link Breathitt to the Kennedy administration.

Philadelphia, divided by explosive racial tensions, vote on whether to give Democratic Mayor James H. J. Tate his own four-year term or turn the

Democrats out of office for the first time in 12 years in favor of Republican James T. McDermott.

Tate, who became mayor when Democrat Richardson Dilworth resigned to run unsuccessfully for governor against Republican William W. Scranton, ran with the backing of Rep. William J. Green Jr., city Democratic chairman, and the on-the-scene endorsement of President Kennedy, who made a special trip to Philadelphia last Wednesday.

Purely local issues dominated most of the rest of the hundreds of state, city and county elections across the nation.

In New York City voters were to register their opinions on a controversial proposition concerning legalized off-track horse race betting. The proposal, championed by Democratic Mayor Robert F. Wagner and hotly opposed by Republican leaders of the State Legislature, would allow the mayor to appoint a committee to draw up a plan for legalized bookie parlors in the city.

Other major cities holding municipal elections included: Cleveland, Columbus, Youngstown, Akron, Canton, Toledo and Dayton, Ohio; Boston; San Francisco and San Diego, Calif.; Rochester and Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Tucson, Ariz., and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Father Kills 3 Children

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—A 35-year-old unemployed machinist from suburban Elms was scheduled to undergo questioning today at St. Francis General Hospital in an effort to learn a motive for the slaying of his three children.

Police said George Vidovich Sr. apparently slashed the children's throats while they lay sleeping Monday. Officers said the father then attempted to take his own life by placing a hose from his car's exhaust pipe to the inside through a window.

Vidovich was unconscious when located by officers but he was revived by oxygen. Three Allegheny County detectives and several attendants at the hospital were required to strap Vidovich to a bed.

The dead are George Vidovich Jr., 14, a ninth grader at North Catholic High School; JoAnn Vidovich, 11, and Richard Vidovich, 9, JoAnn and Robert were students at St. Nicholas parochial school in Millvale.

Police said the children's bodies were found in their beds by neighbors.

A note found on the kitchen table of the Vidovich home read: "Jean, this is the best way out. It's not your fault."

The children's mother, Mrs. Jean Vidovich, 32, is being treated at St. Francis Hospital for tuberculosis.



EFFORT FAILS — A valiant attempt is made by fireman Bernard F. Woods as he applies mouth to mouth resuscitation to youngster who perished along with his brother when fire swept their apartment in the Dorchester section of Boston Monday. Aiding is fireman James S. Donovan.

Prosecution Introduces 'Other Woman' As Motive In Minneapolis Murder Trial

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI)—It was only a smiling picture, but it had a most telling effect. The man held his eyes tight shut. He took off his glasses and squeezed his nose between his eyes with his right hand. His eyelids were clamped in a grimace.

Timmer Eugene Thompson, the former elder of the Presbyterian church in St. Paul in which his 34-year-old wife was a choir singer, had heard himself described Monday at his murder trial as a faithless husband who sneaked off with another woman for nights in motels and hotels.

The state of Minnesota had said it would show he took the "other woman" dining, dancing, paid for her baby sitters, had her teeth cared for, financed her secretarial training, and begged her to give him 11 months to get enough money for both of them to live on.

The beguiling "other woman" had informed Thompson she intended to marry another man— took place 15 months before the slaying of Thompson's wife Carol, prosecutor William B. Randall said the state would show.

Late in the afternoon, Randall was in the middle of questioning his third witness, a friend of the Thompsons who told how he had advised the husband to take out insurance on his wife.

Suddenly the prosecutor from St. Paul produced the smiling picture, identified it to the court clerk as state exhibit H, and handed it to defense attorney Fly Segell. Segell sits five feet in front of defendant Thompson. He held the picture in front of him and studied it.

It was Carol Thompson must have had a glimpse earlier to see who it was. But he never saw it as Segell held it at close range. He dug his right hand into his eyes. His neck reddened. His jaw muscle worked.

Will Ask For Life
Randall will ask this jury to send the crewcut criminal lawyer to prison for life, the maximum sentence for first-degree murder in Minnesota.

He told the jury in his opening statement Monday that Thompson "instigated, planned and helped" in what the state expects to show was a three-man conspiracy in "murder for hire." Besides the "other woman" motive, he offered to prove that in a space of about a year before Carol's horribly botched slaying last March 6, Thompson took out \$1,055,000 in term and accidental death insurance on her, with himself as beneficiary.

Randall told the jury he would show Thompson sent \$2,500 in cash to his police character, acquaintance, Norman J. Mastrian, who went "shopping for a killer" and found one on his fourth try. This alleged killer has confessed the crime.

California Woman Scientist Among Four Nobel Winners

STOCKHOLM (UPI)—Two Americans, including a woman nuclear scientist, two Germans and an Italian today were awarded the 1963 Nobel prizes in physics and chemistry.

The physics award winners were Dr. Maria Goeppert Mayer of the University of California, Prof. Eugene Wigner of Princeton University, and Prof. Hans D. Jensen of the University of Heidelberg.

The chemistry prize was shared by Drs. Karl Ziegler of Muehlheim, West Germany, and Giulio Natta of Milan, Italy.

Italy Faces New Crisis

ROME (UPI)—The stop-gap cabinet of Premier Giovanni Leone resigned en masse today, plunging this North Atlantic country back into the political crisis that has plagued it for most of the year.

The cabinet, formed after general elections last April, voted to resign in a 24-minute session, ending its 137 days in office. The development had been expected.

Leone immediately went to present his resignation to President Antonio Segni, a Christian Democrat like himself.

Unless they call new elections, the Christian Democrats appeared to have only two possible courses of action: To form another center-left coalition or to set up a new government based on right-wing support.

Either could lead to serious trouble, with the Communists—the second largest political party in the country—waiting in the wings to cash in. The Communists also might stand to gain by elections. In April, they

Both prizes carry cash awards of \$31,158. Half the physics prize will be shared by Dr. Mayer and Prof. Jensen, with the other half going to Professor Wigner. Ziegler and Natta will split the chemistry prize equally.

Dr. Mayer and Jensen were given their award by the Swedish Academy of Sciences for their joint discoveries concerning nuclear shell structure.

Atomic Nuclear Work
Wigner's prize was for his contribution to the theory of the atomic nucleus and the activity of elementary particles.

Dr. Ziegler and Natta were honored for their work in organic molecules which has made possible a number of new products in plastics, in the field of synthetic detergents, and in anti-knock mixtures for high octane engine fuels.

Wigner, 61, was born in Budapest, Hungary. He came to the United States in 1930 to lecture at Princeton University and taught mathematical physics the following year. He retained the post until 1937, the same year he became an American citizen.

He went to the University of Wisconsin in 1937. Later he worked at the University of Chicago, where he served as director of research and development at Clinton Laboratories from 1946-47.

Mrs. Mayer was born in 1906 in Kattowitz, Poland. She studied in Katowice, Poland, and in Göttingen in Germany until 1930, when she went to the United States. She became a naturalized citizen three years later.

Worked At Argonne
She became associated with Johns Hopkins in 1931. For a time she lectured at Columbia University and at Sarah Lawrence College. From 1942 to 1945 she was a senior physicist at the Argonne National Laboratories in Chicago.

The chemistry and physics prizes were the last of the year. Last month the Nobel prizes for literature, medicine and peace were awarded.

The prize for literature went to Giorgos Sefiris, a Greek poet and former diplomat. The prize for medicine was shared by two Britons, Alan L. Hodgkin and Andrew Fielding, and Prof. John C. Eccles of Canberra, Australia.

Last month in Oslo, Norway, Dr. Linus C. Pauling, an American biochemist, who won the 1954 chemistry prize was named the winner of the 1962 peace prize. He was the first man in the 62-year history of the Nobel Prizes to be honored twice.

Funds for the prizes comes from the estate of Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel, credited with inventing dynamite. He died in 1895.

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Oregon Breaks Six-Year Fire Jinx

SALEM (UPI)—Oregon's six-year fire jinx is broken.

Jubilant state forestry officials, eyeing rain-dripping timberlands, have declared the fire season over in Western Oregon.

They find it hard to believe that the state was not ravaged by flaming disaster again this year—as it has been every six years since 1933, except for 1957.

For this year forestlands were ripe for disaster. Millions of board feet of standing timber were toppled in the savage "Columbus Day, 1962 storm."

The "jinx" was born in 1933 in the first great "Tillamook Burn." That fire exploded over a 407-square mile area—almost half the size of the state of Rhode Island.

12 Billion Feet Lost
Destroyed was 12 billion board feet of timber—more than enough to build a million five-room houses.

It was one of the worst forest disasters ever recorded in the United States. Six years later the same region was laid waste by a fire which ravaged more than 200,000 acres.

Then in 1945 the area was hit again, this time by a 182,000-acre fire.

In 1951 a series of three major blazes took a 55,000-acre toll, although the Tillamook area in Northwest Oregon was spared.

The myth of the terrible "six-year jinx" was firmly fixed. Foresters prepared for the jinx in 1957—but there were no major fires that year.

With Oregon's timberlands this year described by State Forester Dwight L. Phipps as "potentially the most dangerous

in the recorded history of the state" because of storm blow-down, officials prepared for the worst.

Massive Appeals Made
There were massive education campaigns—newspaper stories, television appeals, radio announcements.

Timber operators and forestry officials began mapping fire-fighting strategy early this spring.

They did everything but plead with the weatherman. He's the one who saved the day.

Oregon's summer was not the kind a Chamber of Commerce would order. It was unusually cool, and wet.

There were a few dry periods, and the forests were closed. But each time rain fell before the situation became critical.

As a result, instead of another jinx disaster, Oregon had one of its smallest forest fire losses in history. Less than 7,000 acres were blackened.

There were 491 man-caused fires, 137 less than last year. Lightning caused 430 fires—almost four times as many as the year before. They were a result of the storms which saved the timberlands from disaster.

To foresters, it meant that the disastrous six-year fire jinx had finally been broken.

Mme. Nhu May Rejoin Her Children In Rome

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (UPI)—Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu may fly to Rome Wednesday to rejoin her three younger children who were in South Viet Nam when the Diem regime was overthrown.

The unpredictable first lady of the deposed South Vietnamese government remained in the seclusion of her \$96-a-day Beverly Wilshire Hotel suite today where she has been since the successful coup.

Mme. Nhu had said earlier that she would go to Rome today, but then changed her airline reservation to Wednesday. She indicated that she wanted to talk with the children by long distance telephone from here after they arrived in Italy.

U.S. Lends Aid
The children, ranging in age from 4 to 15, were reported en route from Saigon to Rome via Bangkok, Thailand. Mme. Nhu's eldest daughter, Le Thuy, 10, is with her.

Travel arrangements for the children were made by the United States "in response to an oral request through a friend." The State Department said Roger Hillsman, assistant secretary for Far Eastern affairs, had a telephone talk with Mme. Nhu by telephone and that she "expressed appreciation" for the assistance.

A source at the hotel where the deposed first lady is staying said she had talked by telephone with "a general" in Saigon who expressed regrets over the deaths of her husband, strong-

man of the overthrown government, and his brother, the ousted president.

Father Pays Visit
The source said Mme. Nhu "took the news rather hard" and spent most of the day lying down, although she did not ask for medical aid.

Mme. Nhu's father, Tran Van Chuong, former ambassador to the United States and a political foe of the deposed Diem government, took time out from his speaking tour of the West Monday morning to meet briefly with his daughter.

The 63-year-old diplomat, who had been feuding publicly with her, brushed aside questions from waiting newsmen after his four-hour-long talk with Mme. Nhu about their political differences which caused him to resign as ambassador.

"As soon as I learned of the tragic events, my heart was very near my daughter," said Chuong. "We spoke only of ourselves and our family."

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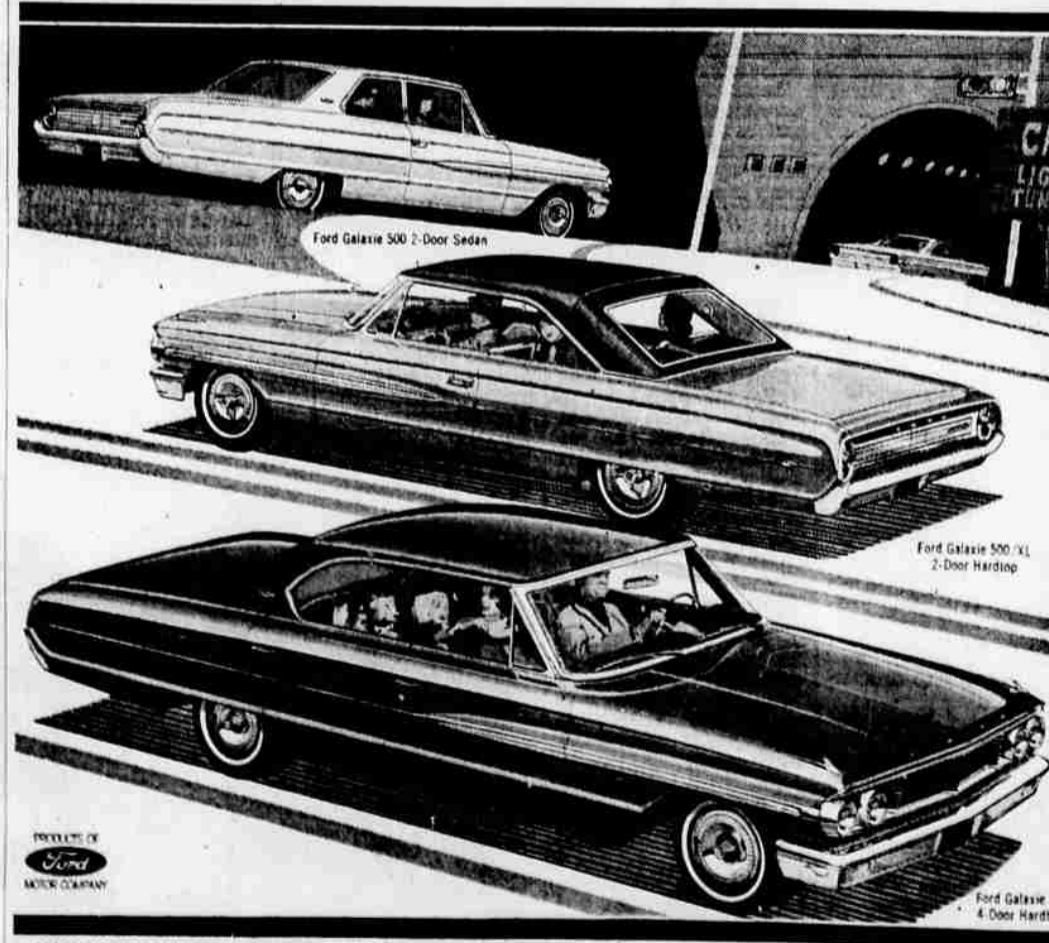
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