

NH Primary Has Problems

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After travelling the length and breadth of New Hampshire at that frozen, happy time called primary season, one wonders what inscrutable thoughts bearded old Ho Chi Minh must be thinking about a subject so inscrutable as the new Hampshire presidential primary.

Do his early days in America as a busboy at the Parker House Hotel in nearby Boston qualify him to comprehend the spectacle of Michigan Gov. George Romney

stumbling down ski slopes and falling off snowmobiles; of Richard Nixon sipping coffee with a klatch of rural housewives in a rambling old farmhouse, of urbane Sen. Eugene McCarthy shaking hands in the frosty dawn at a Nashua factory gate.

What can Ho make of television crews musing through the mountain drifts of Crawford Notch in the White Mountains to capture for a waiting nation the nine voters in Hart's Location who make history every four years by getting up at dawn to

be the first voting precinct to report anywhere in the land?

Last time around, if Ho wants to analyze American voting patterns, Hart's Location's five Republicans cast one vote for Barry Goldwater, one for Nelson Rockefeller, three by write-in for Henry Cabot Lodge, who happened to be in Saigon at the time, and the four Democrats all voted for Lyndon Johnson by write-ins.

Lodge, of course, won the election by not even showing up in New Hampshire, just as Gen. Dwight Eisenhower won it back in 1952 from a villa outside Paris,

beating Bob Taft who chugged doggedly for weeks through the drifts.

The write-in provision on the ballot adds to the inscrutability of the New Hampshire primary, and also gives it a zany, suspenseful flavor that later and perhaps more important primaries lack.

Already the lists include two Indians: Chief Burning Wood, running on a platform of "Indian Power," and Princess Running Water, frankly out for the hippie vote; a Chicago ice cream peddler named Don Dumont running on a "Good Humor" platform; a California jockey promising to do something for the little people; Jacob Gordon, a Worcester,

Mass., businessman with a plan to end the Vietnam war in 72 hours, and Herbert F. Hoover, a fourth cousin twice removed of the late Republican president who was last removed by the police as a draft dodger but pardoned by President Kennedy.

Covering the New Hampshire primary on the spot is a colorful experience for any reporter reasonably gifted with a typewriter, thermal underwear and the ability to tell a ground swell from a frost heave. Winning it from Paris or Saigon is no longer considered an impossible feat. Understanding it from Hanoi—or even Hart's Location—is another matter.

A&M Professor Publishes Freshman English Textbook

A new college English text for freshman composition courses, "The Five-Hundred-Word Theme" by Dr. Lee J. Martin of Texas A&M, will roll from Prentice-Hall presses soon.

Skills exclusive of mechanics involved in writing and revising a short expository theme are presented. Thirty diagrams and accompanying text explain struc-

ture of sentence, paragraphs and organization.

Martin, English Department head at A&M, said the text is designed to "let the student see in a diagrammatic form what his product is supposed to be."

The publication grew out of an overhead projector transparency set he devised several years ago for instructing large sections of freshman English.



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