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CONTESTS

# **Smith Elected Governor**

By ROBERT E. FORD **Associated Press Writer** Hubert Humphrey, underdog d a late starter, swept Texas' itical 25 Electoral College votes

to the Democratic basket toy in one of the closest presiential races the state ever held. The Democrat spurted ahead ortly after the vote count arted at the end of Tuesday's neral election balloting and eld this lead doggedly.

Lt. Gov. Preston Smith, 56, a ongtime state official captured e top Texas government spot -the governorship-over strongming Republican Paul Eggers, 9. of Wichita Falls.

ALL THE Democrats seeking atewide posts marched into ofce, most of them back into the ne positions they previously

It was a day for the incuments, too, in the U.S. House of epresentatives. All Texas conssmen won reelection, meang Texas sent 20 Democrats and

three Republicans back to Washington.

THE latest vote went like this: Humphrey had 1,103,591 votes, Nixon 1,059,266, and Wallace 499.254 when the Texas Election Bureau made its last count of

the night at 4 a.m. These figures gave Humphrey 41.46 per cent of the Texas vote, Returns from 234 of 254 counties, 123 complete, on the

14 amendments to the Texas **Constitution:** 1. State workers' pension

system changes: For 756,154, against 549.766. 2. Welfare ceiling raise: For 548,261, against 741,237. 3. University fund chang-

es: For 789,240, against 538,-275. 4. Dallas County road

bonds: For 592,339, against 627,275. 5. Legislators' pay raise:

For 623,577, against 683,647. 6. Anti - pollution tax benefits: For 580,241, against 686.755.

7. Property tax decrease: For 798,385, against 480,343. 8. State contracts changes: For 583,404, against 646,-

424. 9. Raise teacher pension contributions: For 966,303, against 424,018.

10. Texarkana tobacco tax relief: For 440,272, against 796,946.

11. Governmental consolidations: For 571,517, against 616.174. 12. Industrial bond issu-

ance: For 582,811, against 669,-729.

13. Stored property tax exemption: For 522,723, against 705,060.

14. Legislators' office eligibility: For 610,390, against 373,487.

Nixon 39.79 and Wallace 18.75. Texas Election Bureau returns at that time in statewide races: Governor: Preston Smith 1,425,-944, Paul Eggers 1,082,400.

Lieutenant governor: Ben Barnes 1,651,533, Doug DeCluitt 642,-952

ATTORNEY GENERAL: Crawford Martin 1,563,962, Sproe-

sser Wynn 653,253. Comptroller: Robert S. Calvert 1.486.610. John Bennett 678.664. Treasurer: Jesse James 1,570,-

382, Manuel Sanchez 627,123. Land Commissioner: Jerry Sadler 1,527,780, Millard Neptune 644,793.

Agriculture commissioner: John White 1,490,403, E. G. Schuhart 659.843.

Railroad Commissioner: Jim Langdon 1,464,873, Jim Segrest 675.651.

WHEN the Texas Election Bureau made its final tabulation of the night, there were 117 counties of the state's 254 incomplete. Of these, Humphrey was leading in 81, Nixon in 30, Wallace in 6.

timated the total vote at 2,950,-000 with slightly less than 300,000 untabulated.

The only major counties with Dallas and Tarrant.

analysis of the untabulated vote on the basis of trends that had held throughout the night would give Humphrey a final lead of 40,000 to 50,000 votes.

## Humphrey Gets Texas Votes; Nixon Nears Victory **In Photo-Finish Race** Humphrey Beaten



**VOTING LEADER** 

Former Vice-President Richard Nixon shields his eyes from the lights as he listens to a question in an Austin appearance last week. Nixon neared the 270 electoral votes needed for election early Wednesday. (AP Wirephoto)

### Nixon, Eggers Win **Straw Vote Here**

Republicans Richard .Nixon, Spiro Agnew and Paul Eggers and Democrat Ben Barnes were the election choices of A&M students in Tuesday polling on cam-

A total of 1,720 students voted in the Student Presidential Preference Poll sponsored by the Political Forum of the Memorial Student Center Directorate Great Issues Committee. The voting was a part of planned activities which included an "Election Central" in the MSC Ballroom where students could watch election returns

"I BELIEVE THIS is the largest turnout of students for a from 270 boxes of 293, with these mock election at A&M," noted totals: Humphrey 113,820, Nixon Voting Project Chairman Larry Voting Project Chairman Larry 166,459, Wallace 49,567. The esti-Carreker.

Votes tabulated for the Texas Governor's race were Paul Eggers, 1,094 and Preston Smith, 619, with four write-in votes for Don Yarborough and one each for Dolph Briscoe, Waggoner Carr, and George Wallace.

BALLOTS CAST for lieutenant governor were Ben Barnes, 1203 and Aggie-ex Doug De-Cluitt, 458, with one write-in vote for Ramsey Clark.

The presidential and gubernatorial results of the A&M student poll were similar to results obtained in polls conducted at 19 other Texas colleges and universities at various times in the past two weeks. The Nixon-Agnew ticket and Paul Eggers carried at 17 campuses while the

In California, Ohio WASHINGTON (AP) - Republi- donnybrook and anything can

can Richard M. Nixon drove to within inches of winning the presidency today, scoring major victories in California and Ohio.

By at least three accounts— ABC, CBS and NBC broadcasting networks-the 55 - year - old former vice president had already made it by virtue of an 11th hour triumph in Illinois.

CALIFORNIA and Ohio pumped a massive 66 electoral votes into Nixon's growing lead over Democrat Hubert H. Humphrey in a dramatic, nose-to-nose race to become the 37th President of the United States.

Illinois would put Nixon over the top, mounting his electoral vote total to 287-17 more than required for victory.

Nixon was reversing his razor-thin loss to John F. Kennedy in 1960 by outscrambling Humphrey.

IN POPULAR votes Nixon and Humphrey were in a virtual tie. But as the morning wore on, Nixon's electoral vote count surged comfortably ahead of Lyndon B. Johnson's vice president.

Humphrey's only chance—and it was diminishing rapidly-was to deny Nixon an Electoral College victory and have the House

decide the presidency. To accomplish this, Humphrey had to keep Nixon's total beneath 270. Nixon, meanwhile, could end it all by taking Illinois or by beating out Humphrey in any one of three other undecided states: Maryland, Missouri or Washington.

EVEN IF Humphrey won all four he still would be short of an electoral majority.

Humphrey's total stood frozen for hours. American Independent George C. Wallace, who said on the eve of balloting that the race really was between him and Nixon, was a distant third with 45, all in the Deep South.

Nixon knocked off Humphrey

happen." He said he doesn't believe the result will be known until later in the day.

Humphrey said he is "an optimistic man" and "I feel that way tonight."

If the issue should go to the Electoral College, members could cross party lines. Only 16 states and the District of Columbia bind their electors to support the popular-vote winner and even those laws have not been tested for constitutionality.

NIXON HAS SAID he would be willing to accept as the presidential victor "the man who receives the most votes for the office who ever that man may be.

Humphrey did not accept Nixon's invitation to let the plurality winner take all. He said he felt bound to follow the "constitutional process" of letting the decision go to the House, if it came to that

WALLACE'S comment was that "this election is not over yet." This seemed an obvious reference to the possibility that the decision might go to the Electoral College, since Wallace would have little influence on a choice made by the House.

Humphrey's main strength was built around New York, Pennsylvania and Texas, all heavy electoral vote states, with support in the northeastern states. NIXON FASHIONED his electoral vote strength largely from midwestern and western areas as well as a fringe of states around the Deep South and New Jersey. How much President Johnson's Thursday decision to halt attacks on North Vietnam affected the outcome remained problematical. Nixon's advisers thought Johnson's action may have added a percentage point to Humphrey's support. But they also thought refusal of South Vietnam to send a delegation to the Paris peace talks might have subtracted this. THE VIETNAM issue seemed to have no overriding effect on Senate races, where doves and hawks registered victories and defeats. Sen. J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a leading critic of the Johnson administration's Asian policies, won reelection, But Sen, Josept S. Clark, D-Pa., another dove, was defeated. Barry Goldwater of Arizona and Edward Gurney of Florida, regarded as hawks, won Republican seats. WALLACE'S impact on the outcome would be limited to what he might do about Electoral College votes, if he got the opportunity to do anything. Outside the South and the border states, Wallace's political muscle is flabby.

### **County Picks Nixon, Smith; Barnes Beats Ag-Ex DeCluitt** Voting against statewide trends, Amendment 12, empower cities

razos County voters cast 6,899 ichard M. Nixon, 6,299 for Demcratic candidate Hubert H. Humhrey, and 2,437 for American hdependent candidate George C. Wallace.

In the Texas governor's race, county tallied 7,597 votes for eston Smith, Dem., and 7,360 totes for Paul Eggers, Rep. Ben Barnes, Dem., received 0,580 votes in his bid for lieuenant governor. Douglas Deluitt, Rep., received 4,115.

Other state offices include: Attorney General — Crawford artin, Dem., 10,910; Sproesser ynn, Rep., 3,588.

Comptroller - Robert S. Calert, Dem., 10,484; John Bennet, ... 3878.

Treasurer—Jesse James, Dem., 051; Manuel Sanchez, Rep.,

Agriculture Commissioner hn White, Dem., 10,456; E. G. uhart, Rep., 3825. Land Commissioner — Jerry

dler, Dem., 10,027; Millard

and counties in Texas to issue allots for Republican candidate revenue bonds — 5,666 for; 4,340 against.

Amendment 13, exempt property in public warehouse from ad valorem taxation — 4,990 for; 5.953 against. Amendment 14, allow legisla-

tors to be elected to offices they helped create and to vote to increase salary - 7,795 for; 3,328 against.

### Jaworski Speech

**Postponed** Again Leon Jaworski, scheduled for Great Issues Speaker Series presentation Wednesday, has postponed his talk indefinitely, announced Paul Scopel, mem-

ber of the Great Issues Committee. Jaworski is a member of President Johnson's Violen.\*

Committee which is now being required to meet four times per week in an attempt to comlete its report before Johnson leaves office.

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The Election Bureau said its

**DALLAS COUNTY had returns** 

By DALE FOSTER **Battalion Staff Writer** 

eptune, Rep., 3,734. Railroad Commissioner — Jim angdon, Dem., 10,213; James grist, Rep., 2916. Voting for the 14 proposed

mendments to the State Constition was as follows: Amendent 1, concerning State nployees Retirement Fund —

134 for; 3,386 against. Amendment 2, increase in mount spent for public assistice from state sources — 5,144

r; 6,167 against. Amendment 3, allow Board of egents of University of Texas stem to invest assets in stock -7,876 for; 3,739 against.

Amendment 4, allow Dallas ounty to issue unlimited tax nds — 6,106 for; 4,257 against. Amendment 5, increase pay of ate legislators — 6,659 for; 4,-88 against.

Amendment 6, allow exemption om ad valorem property taxan - 5.302 for: 6.191 against. Amendment 7, gradual reducn of state property tax - 7,-8 for; 3,709 against.,

Amendment 8, eliminate rerement of governor's approval purchase of certain services 5,709 for; 5,129 against.

Amendment 9, increase contriution to teacher retirement sysm — 9,997 for; 2,381 against. Amendment 10, refund taxes lected on tobacco products sold Texarkana, Tex. — 3,994 for; 780 against.

Amendment 11, consolidation government offices and duties El Paso and Tarrant Counties 5,928 for; 4,342 against.

### WEATHER

Thursday — Partly cloudy to loudy. Winds Easterly 10-15 nph. High 68, low 41. Friday - Partly cloudy, becoming cloudy with rain in the late afternoon. Wind Northerly 10 mph. High 64. low 38. Dallas-Partly cloudy to cloudy winds Southerly 15 - 25 mph. High 67. 40% Humidity.

Scopel, a sophomore from Seguin, said Jaworski notified the committee he would be unable to appear here Wednesday in view of the Violence Committee's new meeting requirements.

Jaworski's topic was to have been "Does Justice Favor the Accused?"

mated uncounted vote in Dallas was 28,000. Tarrant County had returns from 123 of 159 boxes, with 108

complete. The totals were Humphrey 65,907, Nixon 69,630, Wallace 23,534. The estimated uncounted total was 60,000 in Tarrant County.

All students with activity cards were eligible to vote in the preference poll. To keep students from balloting twice at different polling places, special holes were punched in their activity cards. Voting booths were set up in

the MSC post office area, Academic Building rotunda, and the new library. All polling places closed at 5:15 p.m.

IN THE presidential race, the voting was Nixon-Agnew, 995; Humphrey-Muskie, 368; and Wallace-LeMay, 322. Write-in votes were Eugene McCarthy, 12; Pat Paulsen, 11; Ted Kennedy, 3; Gene Stallings, 2; Nelson Rockefeller, 2; Barry Goldwater, 1; Lyndon Johnson, 1; John Lindsey, 1; Dick Gregory, 1; and Dean Rusk, 1.

### A&M Coeds Allowed To Run For NCAA Football Queen

The Southwest Athletic Conference rejected a Student Senate proposal to let Annella Wright, Aggie Sweetheart, be the "Campus Football Queen of

The reason given by Wilber Evans, director of the Southwest Conference contest, for the proposal rejection, was that all contestants must attend the college or university. Therefore, a member of the A&M student body will have to be chosen.

All girls interested in the contest may obtain applications at the Student Programs office of the Memorial Student Center. The applications must be returned with picture by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The SWC winner will be selected from college representatives at the A&M-University of Texas game Nov. 28 in Austin. The conference-level winners will

Democrats took the other two for Humphrey-Muskie and Preston Smith.

THE A&M election-day poll compares to a summer poll in which American Independent Party candidate George Wallace won over other presidential aspirants and a May "Choice '68" poll won by Republican Richard Nixon. The MSC-sponsored summer poll and Time magazine sponsored poll differed from the mock election in that they included the names of all candidates for party nominations.

The MSC ballotting showed Wallace with 64 votes; Nixon, 56; Ronald Reagan, 29; Rockefeller, 26; Humphrey, 17; McCarthy, 17; Johnson, 11; John Connally, 3; Lindsey, 3; and Charles Percy, 1. THE CHOICE '68 primary poll

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then compete on the national level for the NCAA "College

Football Centennial Queen." The purpose of the Centennial Queen is to draw attention to the Centennial year of football, according to Bill Carter, President of the Student Senate.

Chosen from the .11 conference winners, the national queen will win a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of her choice, and the runner-up will receive a \$500 scholarship. The Chevrolet Division of General Motors will pay expenses of winners of local contests and their chaperones to the conference contest.

The entry requirements are that the candidate be in good academic standing, be returning to school, and agree to serve as NCAA Centennial Queen, if she wins. Also, she must have an avid interest in football.

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in Ohio by the thinnest of margins. With 98 per cent of the vote counted Nixon had 1,766,384 to 1,658,933 for the Democratic vice president an edge of 107,451.

IN CALIFORNIA, with 95 per cent of the preciencts reporting Nixon had 3,183,897 and Humphrey 3,054,577.

Nixon's press chief, Herbert G. Klein, had claimed Nixon would carry the state by 300.000 votes.

Humphrey went to bed early in the morning without making a specific prediction. He said the election was "a donnybrook," that "anything can happen" and that he was optimistic.

AS THE tabulating of Tuesday's record balloting continued, Nixon had won in 29 states with 261 electoral votes and Humphrey in 11 plus the District of Columbia with 172 electoral votes.

The popular ballot looked this way: Nixon 28,463,410 votes, or 43 per cent; Humphrey 28,186,590, also 43 per cent, and Wallace 8,-941,585 or 14 per cent.

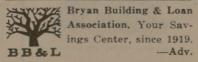
In the Senate Republicans tallied gains, but the Democrats were left with clear numerical control.

In the governors contests that have little over-all national impact but offer the winning party grass roots power, Republicans increased their present majority of 26.

Klein claimed that the Republican candidate would wind up with an electoral majority of more than 300.

Klein said that Wallace "cut in on us heavily" in Pennsylvania, which Humphrey won. No Republican has been elected president in this century without Pennsylvania's support.

APPEARING ON early morning television, Humphrey said that the contest had been "a



In Delaware, Indiana, Idaho, Maryland, Nevada and West Virginia he got slightly more than 10 percent of the popular vote.

He had 9 per cent of ballots counted in California, Illinois, Michigan and New Jersey, 8 per cent in Pennsylvania, 7 per cent in Wisconsin and 5 per cent in New York and Massachusetts.

WALLACE'S vote did not keep Nixon from carrying Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, South Carolina and Oklahoma. Nor was the third party candidate able to take Texas away from Humphrey.

Nevertheless, Wallace's vote in some of the larger states was bigger than the difference between the percentages of the two major party candidates. In such instances there were no clear indications which of the two he had damaged most.

EXPECTED massive protests against the election failed to ma-

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University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M. -Adv

A&M."

### **KEEPING ABREAST**

Lane Gulledge changes figures on one of the tote boards during the long election evening at Political Forum's "Election Center" in the MSC Ballroom. Students received blanket election coverage from color televisions hooked up to all three networks. (Photo by Ned Muse)

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