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Humphrey Gets Texas Votes; Smith Elected Governor

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Hubert Humphrey, underdog and a late starter, swept Texas' critical 25 Electoral College votes to the Democratic basket today in one of the closest presidential races the state ever held. The Democrat spurred ahead shortly after the vote count started at the end of Tuesday's general election balloting and held this lead doggedly.

Lt. Gov. Preston Smith, 56, a longtime state official capped the top Texas government spot—the governorship—over strong-running Republican Paul Eggers, 49, of Wichita Falls.

ALL THE Democrats seeking statewide posts marched into office, most of them back into the same positions they previously held.

It was a day for the incumbents, too, in the U. S. House of Representatives. All Texas congressmen won reelection, meaning 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 changes: 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 issuance: 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, Sproesser 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.

The Texas Election Bureau estimated the total vote at 2,950,000 with slightly less than 300,000 untabulated.

The only major counties with a substantial vote still out were Dallas and Tarrant.

The Election Bureau said its 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.

DALLAS COUNTY had returns from 270 boxes of 293, with these totals: Humphrey 113,820, Nixon 166,459, Wallace 49,567. The estimated 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.

County Picks Nixon, Smith; Barnes Beats Ag-Ex DeCluitt

Voting against statewide trends, Brazos County voters cast 6,899 ballots for Republican candidate Richard M. Nixon, 6,299 for Democratic candidate Hubert H. Humphrey, and 2,437 for American Independent candidate George C. Wallace.

In the Texas governor's race, the county tallied 7,597 votes for Preston Smith, Dem., and 7,360 votes for Paul Eggers, Rep.

Ben Barnes, Dem., received 10,680 votes in his bid for lieutenant governor. Douglas DeCluitt, Rep., received 4,115.

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

Comptroller — Robert S. Calvert, Dem., 10,484; John Bennett, Rep., 3,878.

Treasurer — Jesse James, Dem., 11,051; Manuel Sanchez, Rep., 3,621.

Agriculture Commissioner — John White, Dem., 10,456; E. G. Schuhart, Rep., 3,825.

Land Commissioner — Jerry Sadler, Dem., 10,027; Millard Neptune, Rep., 3,734.

Railroad Commissioner — Jim Langdon, Dem., 10,213; James Segrest, Rep., 2,916.

Voting for the 14 proposed amendments to the State Constitution was as follows:

Amendment 1, concerning State Employees Retirement Fund — 8,184 for; 3,386 against.

Amendment 2, increase in amount spent for public assistance from state sources — 5,144 for; 6,167 against.

Amendment 3, allow Board of Regents of University of Texas System to invest assets in stock — 7,876 for; 3,739 against.

Amendment 4, allow Dallas County to issue unlimited tax bonds — 6,106 for; 4,257 against.

Amendment 5, increase pay of state legislators — 6,659 for; 4,868 against.

Amendment 6, allow exemption from ad valorem property taxation — 5,302 for; 6,191 against.

Amendment 7, gradual reduction of state property tax — 7,468 for; 3,709 against.

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

Amendment 9, increase contribution to teacher retirement system — 9,997 for; 2,381 against.

Amendment 10, refund taxes collected on tobacco products sold in Texarkana, Tex. — 3,994 for; 6,780 against.

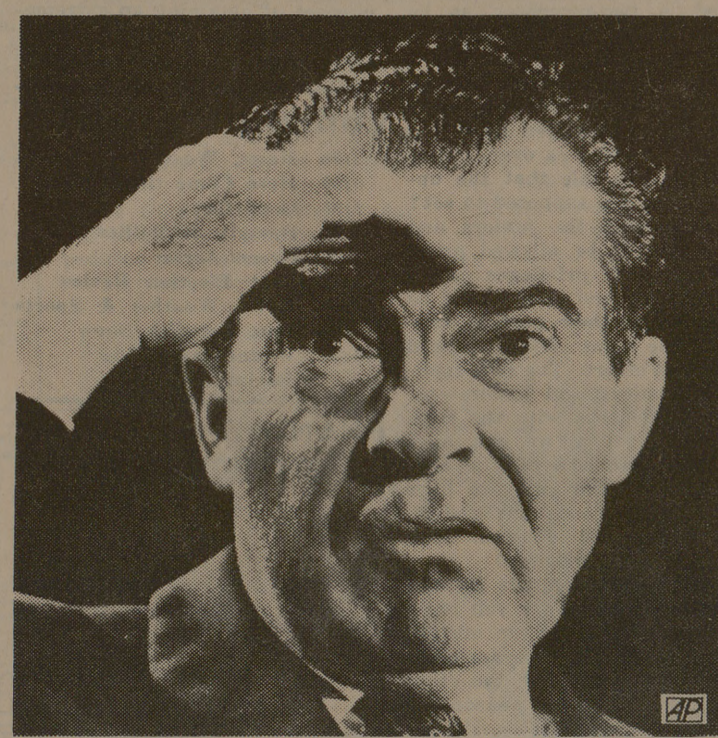
Amendment 11, consolidation of government offices and duties in El Paso and Tarrant Counties — 5,928 for; 4,342 against.

WEATHER

Thursday — Partly cloudy to cloudy. Winds Easterly 10-15 mph. 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.

Nixon Nears Victory In Photo-Finish Race

Humphrey Beaten In California, Ohio



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)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican 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 a 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 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 precincts 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

Nixon, Eggers Win Straw Vote Here

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

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 mock election at A&M," noted Voting Project Chairman Larry Carreker.

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.

The MSC balloting 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 (See Straw Vote, Page 3)

A&M Coeds Allowed To Run For NCAA Football Queen

The Southwest Athletic Conference rejected a Student Senate proposal to let Annelia Wright, Aggie Sweetheart, be the "Campus Football Queen of A&M."

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

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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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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