

Call GOP Chance To Control House Brightest In 16 Years

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NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Polls and surveys indicate Republican political prospects are the best in 16 years as the mid-term congressional election campaign today enters its windup week. Voting for control of the 80th congress and to fill hundreds of state offices takes place Nov. 5. The 80th congress will convene Jan. 3.

Democrats sharply dispute the accuracy and the significance of polls which suggest a G. O. P. trend is rolling. National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan scoffed at "crystal gassers" who seek to forecast elections and held that some returns were rigged against his party.

But one fact is undisputed. For the first time since 1928 the Democrats are minus the most spectacular and effective leader who ever campaigned an American political party to election day triumphs.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected governor of New York in that year. He died in April, 1945, a four-term winner of the White House.

How hard his death hit his party will be measured on election day.

President Truman, his successor, is sitting this campaign out, in contrast with the Roosevelt technique. Crowds, speeches, the cheers

and the hustings were pie for Mr. Roosevelt.

Maine's election took place on Sept. 9. There remain to be elected next week 33 governors, 35 United States senators and 432 representatives in addition to hundreds of lesser states officials.

Maine elected three Republican representatives, one Republican senator and a Republican governor.

The 35 senate seats at stake next week were held in the expiring 79th congress by 24 Democrats, 10 Republicans and one Progressive. Senator Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, who entered the Republican primary but was not renominated.

Two Short Term Votes

Two states are holding short term elections for seats in the 79th congress. Unless President Truman summons a special session of the 79th, the short term winners in Ohio and Connecticut will not take their seats although they can draw pay.

American tradition practically assures that the Republicans will gain

seats in both the house and senate. With one exception in modern political history, the majority party always has lost congressional seats in off-year polling.

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Those states and districts are: Cal., 4th, 6th, 14th; Conn., 2d, 3d, at-large; Del., at-large; Ill., 3d, 9th, 22d, at-large; Ind., 11th; Ky., 7th; Md., 1st; Mich., 12th; Minn., 3d, 4th; Mo., 5th, 8th, 9th; N. Y., 4th, 40th; Ohio, 3d, 14th, 16th; Pa., 6th, 11th; Wash., 1st, 3d; W. Va., 1st, 3d, and Wis., 5th.

Republicans must make a net gain of 26 seats to obtain a bare house majority of 218. They need a net gain of 10 for a bare senate majority of 49.

Among the 48 states, there now are 25 Democratic governors and 23 Republicans. Among the 33 states holding gubernatorial elections next week, 16 incumbents are Democratic and 17 Republicans.

Spokesmen for the two major parties bitterly dispute the degree of the indicated G. O. P. trend. For the 26 or more seats they hope to gain this time, Republicans are

looking primarily to the congressional and senatorial seats which went Democratic two years ago by a narrow margin.

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Kentucky's 7th district, which went Democratic two years ago by a very close margin, sent Rep. Andrew J. May to congress. He was the representative who was sought for questioning by congressional committees in connection with the Garson war profits expose. Mr. May was elected in 1944 with a

margin of only 2½ per cent of the major party vote cast.

This year's contest for control of the house is important as a political barometer. It is usual for a change in national administration to follow a mid-term shift in house control.

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REPORT SECRET RED CITY MAKING BOMBS

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (U. P.)—

Russia has established a "secret laboratory city" known as "Atomgrad," where her top scientists are working on development of cosmic bombs. They are said to be 1000 times more powerful than the atom bomb, a magazine article asserted yesterday.

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Maybe He Figured On Double-Header

EVANSTON, Ill., Oct. 28 (U. P.)—

Ferdinand Coldwater, Stockton, Cal. garage mechanic, likes his football straight.

Mr. Coldwater came here to watch College of the Pacific play Northwestern Saturday. He had a seat on the 50-yard line.

At 8 o'clock Sunday morning a woman whose apartment overlooks Dyche stadium telephoned police. She said there was something in the stadium.

Police found Mr. Coldwater staring at the field.

"Waiting for somebody, pal?"

"Sure," was the reply. "Waitin' for the game to start."

"The game's over," said Sgt. Witt. "Northwestern won, 26 to 13, about 14 hours ago."

"Can't be over," Mr. Coldwater informed him. "O! Man Stagg's the greatest coach in the business. Yea Stagg."

After a few cups of black coffee, Mr. Coldwater said he dimly recalled College of the Pacific's defeat.

SERVICE IS FORMED TO 'TEND THE BABY'

Baby sitting became a full grown commercial enterprise here today with the opening of the first professional agency which has 43 sitters on call.

The enterprise, known as Parent Aids, has been formed by Mrs. Gertrude B. Hopper, 805 N. DeQuincy st., and offices have been opened in the Century building.

Rates for sitters have been set at 55 cents an hour until midnight and 65 cents after midnight. Mrs. Hopper says the sitters are business women, teachers, nurses, college students and mothers of grown children and the service will extend to complete care of small babies, companions to older children, and chaperons to young people during holidays. Special rates are quoted for 24-hour, week end or one or two-week service.

Mrs. Hopper was a social worker for the department of public welfare for eight years and patterned her agency after similar ones in other cities. She has taken out \$10,000 liability and compensation insurance on each staff member in addition to \$2500 theft insurance.

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