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U. S. System Defeats 'Left'

By BILL CUNNINGHAM

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chattering, returns that started with a trickle are now swelling toward a flood, and the flood will flow all night and probably all day tomorrow. It is obvious now that it has drowned the rats.

All the trends to this hour indicate that the Christian Democrats and other non-Communist candidates are headed toward a clear majority. The experts are already beginning to guess at coalitions, balances of power and other profundities as they prepare to work through the night and as much of tomorrow as is needed to sweat out the finish.

But if it's trends the world's interested in, the master trend in this entire scene is the trend toward aroused United States interest in European elections. And from that point it changes to a double-barreled revelation.

The first revelation is how necessary it is for us to send United States political campaigning and election-holding know-how along with our interest. The second revelation is what a terrific job it does in smacking the Communists. They don't seem to know how to counter it.

Officially we have not interfered as a nation. At the American Embassy, however, American Ambassador James C. Dunn is as exhausted as if he'd been running against all the candidates put together. The man's clothes hang on him. He could use a rest. He's been covering Italy like Harold Stassen's been cruising America—and in about the same non-stop oratorical tempo.

He didn't speak a word of politics while greeting American food ships and distributing American relief supplies, but as American Ambassador he's naturally welcomed in even a hostile city with pomp and ceremony.

U. S. METHODS FOR GETTING OUT THE VOTE

It chances that the man is an orator and more important he can orate in Italian. He saw early that the Italians like a big Fourth of July style speech, so he's been obliging at every opportunity. He hasn't been representing America, he's been selling America! The Italians had rather hear him than most of their own candidates.

Then from America plans for getting out the vote were imported by the democratic bloc. It was interesting, and ever touching, to see the sick, the lame, the positively helpless, being driven to the polls. Yesterday some were even carried in in wheel chairs and stretchers.

The aristocratic women organized that part of the campaign on plans, one understands, copied from those used by the women's political organizations of the United States.

And tonight the election is being covered American style, with American reporters and radio men gathering results and firing them into Rome from all parts of Italy. Their Italian colleagues are co-operating eagerly. They're learning how it's done. They seem to like it. In the midst of all this the Italian people themselves are watching eagerly and learning rapidly.

Things may blow loose here when the result is announced, and there are those who profess to see something absolutely ominous in the silence of the Communists. I can't guarantee they won't blow, but up to here it's impossible to find any signs.

BUSINESS AS USUAL IN PEACEFUL ROME

I moved around through a perfectly calm Rome today. Business was going blithely along in the shops and the streets were fully populated with surprisingly prosperous looking people.

The two major political leaders, Togliatti and De Gasperi, were both unreachable. In fact, De Gasperi was reported in Naples. Some of the minor leaders, Giuseppe Saragat for one, were in evidence, but nobody had anything to say or will have anything to say, or even to do, until the returns are officially in.

It seems silly to deny the charge that we did everything we could to influence this Italian election. We didn't do it as a nation, but we certainly did as individuals.

And why not? We're officially out to halt the spread of Communism, and the Communists of Italy claim a party membership of 2,500,000 and call themselves the largest Communist party in the world outside of Russia. The tally now reveals that they have been stopped here and that instead of the sweep they expected three months ago they really had the fight of their lives.

American methods at the finish, by and for a people who'd never had a free election before and didn't know how to run one, undoubtedly made the difference. Communism was quickly knocked dumb, and the final tally will reveal that it was knocked down, and out.

That's the trend that matters most, and that should not be forgotten.

Checking Runners At B.A.A. Stations

	BRAINTREE	NATICK	WOODLAND PK.	LAKE STREET	COOLIDGE CORNER	FINISH
Cote	1	1	1	1	1	1
Vogel	2	2	2	2	2	2
Kelley	3	3	3	3	3	3
Manninen	4	4	4	4	4	4
Evans	5	5	5	5	5	5
Fedorick	6	6	6	6	6	6
Velasquez	7	7	7	7	7	7
Maxson	8	8	8	8	8	8
Dupree	9	9	9	9	9	9
	10	10	10	10	10	10
	11	11	11	11	11	11
	12	12	12	12	12	12
	13	13	13	13	13	13
	14	14	14	14	14	14
	15	15	15	15	15	15

Fowle Twins First and Third In Norfolk Run

It was almost a one-two victory for the 16-year-old Fowle twins of Woburn, high school cross-country co-captains, in the Norfolk three-mile run for novices yesterday morning. Fifty-four future marathoners competed in the 23d annual Patriots' Day marathon run in Roxbury.

While Robert "Taw" Fowle, older of the twins by four minutes, took the lead at the halfway post and held it all the way to win easily in 16:41, brother Richard "Dee," who usually finishes hand-in-hand with Bob, was involved in a starting spill and could make up only enough lost ground to take third.

Jon Grieco, Arlington High junior who was in the accidental tumble with Dick Fowle, showed his stuff by winning second honors. Fourth went to Rene Dolron, cross-country captain at Cardinal Spellman High. Charley McKenna of West Newton, a Boston College junior, was the first collegian over the line in fifth place.

Winner Bob Fowle, distinguishable from his twin by his crew haircut, carved out his margin on the long Columbus avenue upgrade, then held off Grieco on the Walnut and Dudley street hills, and finished with a burst of speed to win by 42 yards.

Other prize winners were Al McGee of Malden Catholic, in sixth, and Art McCann, Quincy High cross-country captain, seventh. Arlington High was awarded the team trophy.

Order of finish—Won by Robert Fowle, Woburn High; 2d, Jon Grieco, Arlington High; Richard Fowle, Woburn; Dolron, Cardinal Spellman; Charles McKenna, Boston College; Al McGee, Malden Catholic; Arthur Art McCann, Quincy; A. Calcagni, Arlington High; Richard Goldfarb, Waterville; Daniel Mc-Fadden, Boston College; Robert Lindfors, Arlington High; Joseph Kennedy, Malden Catholic; Robert Ash, Arlington High; Joseph Cronin, Boston College; Joseph Mahoney, Boston College; Al Ott, Mt. Blue; Emerson Wood, Arlington High; Robert Cronin, Arlington High; Robert Bradwell, Boston College; Robert Bradwell, Boston College; Dave Gardner, Arlington High; Robert Gilbert, Arlington High; Ed Cropley, Arlington High; Bob Jones, Boston College; Wendell Sanborn, Mt. Blue; Ed Smith, Arlington High; Robert L. Lindfors, Arlington High. Time—16:41 minutes.

Carmichael Wins Paul Revere Race

Dick Carmichael, running under the colors of Dartmouth A.A., won the Scotia Lions' Club, won the annual Paul Revere five and a half mile road race in the record-breaking time of 30 minutes and three-tenths of a second, as the feature of the Patriots' Day celebration sponsored by Lexington Lions' Club.

Carmichael, who finished second a year ago, won by 10 yards in bettering the mark made by Frank Darrah a year ago by three and three-tenths seconds.

John E. "Jackie" Murray, Jr., of Lexington, who finished sixth, under the colors of the Red Diamond Club, captured the special trophy awarded to the first Lexington man to finish. The summary:

1—Dick Richard D. Carmichael, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, time, 30 minutes, 0.3 seconds; 2—Frank Darrah, Boston A.A. (Watertown), time, 30:10; 3—Jack Kelley, Boston A.A. (Watertown), time, 30:10; fourth, Bill Kelley, Boston A.A. (Watertown), time, 30:10; fifth, John E. Murray, Jr., Red Diamond Club (Lexington); seventh, George Wade, B.A.A. (Boston); eighth, Paul Sanborn, B.A.A. (Boston); ninth, Ed Connell, Boston A.A. (Watertown); tenth, Karl Tidgren, Boston A.A. (Watertown); 11th, Daniel McBride, B.A.A. (Boston); 12th, Ed Kenney, B.A.A. (Boston); 13th, Bruce Sawtell, Essex County Cruisers (Boston); 14th, Bob Sanborn, Boston A.A. (Watertown); 15th, Robert Smith, Dartmouth; 16th, Robert V. Lindfors, Arlington.

COTE IN FOURTH MARATHON TRIUMPH

BEST FEET FORWARD AFTER MARATHON—The first five finishers in yesterday's B. A. A. classic line up for podiatric inspection. Left to right—Jesse Van Zant (third); Ollie Manninen (fifth); Gerry Cote, the winner; Johnny Kelley (fourth), and Ted Vogel (second). Behind them are trainer Johnny Semple, left, and Dr. Joseph Lelyveld, chief foot-man.

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far; Bill Steiner went out too fast and finished a disappointing 16th.

Wang Chen Ling, the Chinese champion, was a disgusted 36th after running in the top five for the first 10 miles. Stretched out on a cot in the clubhouse, he didn't say anything. His barking dogs spoke for him.

The race was terrific right from the noon start in Hopkinton, where George Brown fired the field of 145 off the line. Discounting the sprinters who ran their way into the pictures over the first half-mile, the race had only three leaders.

VOGEL, COTE TAKE COMPLETE COMMAND

Through the first 10 miles the hot pace came off the flying feet of Dan Van Dorpe, the New Jersey youngster who was tabbed as one of the dark horses. Another "sleeper," Paul Collins of the Millrose A. A., Wang, and Steiner kept closest to him, but Vogel and Cote were running judiciously not too far to the rear.

Passing Wellesley College, Vogel and Cote put on their biggest grins for the girls and raced up into second place. They caught Van Dorpe about 300 yards short of the third checking station at Wellesley Square and took complete command of the race thereafter.

Although they had the whole road on which to work, they ran so close to each other that they frequently bumped. When one donned himself with water, the other caught some of the spray. It looked like a war of nerves, with Cote the aggressor.

They ran together through the Newtons, past Woodland Park, and up the first two hills on Commonwealth avenue. On the last climb, however, Cote made his first major independent move, opening almost 75 yards at one stage. Ted looked done, but he wasn't.

Gradually he pulled Cote back as they raced past Lake street and through toe human walls on Chestnut Hill avenue. They caught Cleary at Cleveland circle and even had a lead of a few strides, but that was the end.

VOGEL OUT OF IT AT COOLIDGE CORNER

"I figured maybe he was bluffing, so I took a gamble on calling him," explained Ted later. "Second is a good position, but there's glory in it. I caught him all right, but the next time he went out, I couldn't sprint after him. I didn't think he was completely away, however, until we hit Coolidge corner."

At that juncture Cote was running smoothly, about 80 yards in front, and he stretched it to perhaps 250 yards from there to the finish as one of the largest late-stretch crowds in history cheered him on. Coming up Exeter street he waved like a politician gathering votes.

Opposite the Hotel Lenox he spotted his friend, Charlie Gentle, and gestured his orders for a bottle of Wakefield Legion over the bar. He etched an imaginary bottle in the air, then went through successive year yesterday morning. His time was 16 minutes, 57.4 seconds. John Cullen and Bob Dooling, also Wakefield boys, were second and third respectively.

BAA Pair, Kelley in Olympics

Saddest man at yesterday's marathon was Joe Smith, the Medford milkman who reluctantly withdrew at the last minute when his injured ankle ballooned. Johnny Kelley and the other top Americans commiserated with him, for he had an outside chance of making the Olympic team.

Smith's eyes filled up as the runners came up to shake hands with him. He followed the race in the officials' bus and was at the finish line behind Kelley. Joe was a bad second there, however, because Johnny's father was waiting with arms outstretched.

Competitors Receive Souvenirs

Ed Parsons of the Olympic marathon selection committee had figured several alternative plans in case of complications, but no hitches developed. Ted Vogel was the top American to finish in all three qualifying races—the last two B.A.A. events and the national championship at Yonkers. Kelley was third American in last year's B.A.A., sixth at Yonkers, and third American yesterday. Ollie Manninen was fourth, eighth, and fourth, respectively.

Olympic alternates will be Dave Mazzeo, Bill Steiner, and Charlie Robbins, but they don't expect to get a boat ride because the top three are all set for the trip. As a matter of fact, Kelley's concern at the moment is whether or not he will get the honor of carrying the flag at the head of the American contingent.

If Smith was the saddest man, Walter Brown probably was the happiest man, because B.A.A. runners placed second, third, and fifth, for the best team showing in the history of the event. Team-captain Jock Semple accepted the prize and promptly pointed out, "We have two men on the Olympic marathon team and we'll try to get Van Zant on the squad in the 10,000 meters."

Competitors were surprised to receive souvenirs of the event—gold lapel buttons with the familiar Unicorn and the inscription "B.A.A. Marathon-1948."

Youngsters Get into Act

American Legionnaires at Natick and Wellesley did a great job with refreshment stands for the runners. Even the laggards received plenty of attention this year because the B.A.A. had water stations every two-and-a-half miles from Framingham to the finish.

Two unlisted runners got into the act. One ran with the leaders for the first five miles; the second galloped in from Coolidge Corner. The latter was a 12-year-older named Jerry Dundendale, who didn't have enough change to get home. "Why don't you run back? That's the way you got here," advised an official.

WILL CLONEY.

Tech Skippers Win College Dinghy Race

M.I.T.'s skippers, scoring 102 points, were victorious in the first race of the semi-annual running of the Greater Boston Intercollegiate Dinghy championships for the Oberg Trophy on the Charles River Basin yesterday. It was the Engineers eighth straight victory.

Harvard trailed Tech with 86 points, Boston College was second with 77, Boston University's 72 markers were good for third, while Northeastern and Tufts tied for fourth with 68.

Bill Masters of B.U. tallied 30 points to gain A division scoring honors. Charles McElroy of Harvard, Dick Worell of MIT and Bob Egan of Boston College each scored 28 points to be A for first place in B, while John Marvin of MIT was the C leader with a 42 point accumulation.

The individual scores:

Division A—Bill Masters (BU), 30; Gus Tsamoutalis (MIT), 27; Phil Richers (MIT), 27; James Wall and Jack Curtis (MIT), 27; Bill Summering (TT), 20; Fred Quinn (BC), 18.

Division B—Charles McElroy (H), Fred Worell (MIT), 28; Bob Egan (BC), 28; Bill Jones, Jack Sullivan, Bob Shaw, Chuck Hall (BU), 26; Bill Bowers (MIT), 24; Pete Shiels (Harvard Military), (M), 22; Pete Shiels (Harvard Military), (M), 22; Ray Chase (BC), 20; Bill Hurr (BU), 20.

CHRISTOPHER WINS AGAIN

Earl Christopher won the annual three-mile road race conducted by Wakefield Legion over the streets of Wakefield for the second successive year yesterday morning. His time was 16 minutes, 57.4 seconds. John Cullen and Bob Dooling, also Wakefield boys, were second and third respectively.

Weber Wins Split Decision Over Freeman in Arena Bout

By W. A. HAMILTON

Jackie Weber of Pawtucket, New England lightweight champion, won a split 10-round decision over Hermie Freeman, Maine lightweight and welterweight champion, in a Callahan A. C. feature at the Boston Arena last night.

FIGHT COMMENCED WITH ACTION

The fight was crammed with action. Although Weber won by the skin of his teeth, a draw verdict would have satisfied most of the 3160 fans, many coming down from Maine. The net gate was $6045.

Referee Tommy Hawson and Judge George Healy voted for Weber and Judge Jim Carrig voted for a draw.

Freeman got away to a fast start. In the first two rounds smothering the New England champion with a sharp two-fisted attack.

Both retired with injured left eyes in the second round but Weber had the worse for wear going to his corner.

Weber scored the only knockdown, dropping Freeman down with a right to the jaw in the sixth round that sent him down in a sitting position where he took the count of nine.

Apparently little the worse for his trip to the mat Freeman came back to stage a rally that swung him into a slight lead in the seventh.

It was a nip and tuck battle in the closing three rounds with Freeman setting the pace in the final round and earning a lead that looked good to give him an even split in the decision.

ZULLO KNOCKS OUT SUTTON IN THIRD

Jerry Zullo, 134½, Chelsea, had to chase Billy Sutton, 139½, Pawtucket, R. I., for the better part of three rounds before he caught up with him to win by a knockout in 1:30 of that round, in a scheduled 10-round number.

Paul Ronohe, 125, Boston, won a split four-round decision over Johnny O'Keefe, 124, Lowell, in a none too interesting bout.

Bob Quinn, Dorchester heavyweight, knocked out Ray Ladd of Westbrook, Me., in 2:26 of the second round in a scheduled four.

Jackie Wilson, up and coming Quincy welterweight who hits with the power of a heavyweight, stopped Al Maynard of Portland, in one minute and 18 seconds of the second round in a scheduled six.

Edgar Gallant of Gardner sustained a severe cut on his lower lip late in the fifth round in his scheduled eight-round semi-final with Andy Bishop and was unable to continue. Bishop was awarded a knockout victory.

Pete Mead, Grand Rapids, Mich., middleweight, and Art Tatta of Providence, R. I., arrive here today for their scheduled 10-round clambake at C. C. Akimian's at the Don-ton Arena Friday night.

Both have engaged training quarters for the remainder of the week.

Cloney and Foye Picked Cote to Win

Will Cloney of The Herald and Fred Foye of The Traveler were the only members of the 18-man press contingent covering the marathon yesterday to pick Gerry Cote. Cloney picked him in 2:28, Foye in 2:30. His actual time was 2:31:02.

Ted Vogel received five votes, Tom Crane four, Johnny Kelley three, Wang Chen Ling two, and Paul Collins and Jesse Van Zant one each.

Watertown Wins Meet at Concord

Watertown High won the 40th Patriots' Day invitation track meet conducted by Concord High at Emerson playground in Concord yesterday by scoring 25 points. Belmont High was second with 21, Fitchburg High third with 17 and Arlington High fourth with 12.

Dick MacDougal of Arlington won the Thomas J. Hanley Memorial half mile in new record time of 2 minutes 2.8 seconds. Norman Colgan of Fitchburg was awarded the Williams S. Gray Memorial trophy as the outstanding performer of the meet.

Score: Totals—First, Watertown, 25 points; second, Belmont, 21; Fitchburg, 17; Arlington, 12; Lexington, 8; Wellesley, 7; Concord, 6; Needham, 3; Woburn, 2; Medford, 1.

220-yard dash—Won by Boyle, Belmont; second, Bullard, Natick; third, Cassetta, Watertown; fourth, Lenden, Wat. Distance 220 yds. Time 0:24.9.

Running broad jump—Won by Mary, Watertown; second, Cassetta, Watertown; third, Barrett, Wat.; fourth, Bullard, Natick. Distance 19 ft. 9 in.

Running high jump—Won by Curtis, Watertown; second, Cain, Belmont; third, Sweeney, Wat.; fourth, Hagen, Wat. Height 5 ft. 6 in.

880-yard relay race—Won by Watertown (Curtis, Cain, Lenden, Boyle); second, Belmont; third, Concord; fourth, Arlington. Time—1 m. 37 5/10 s.

Shepard Winner Of Portland Run

PORTLAND, Me., April 19 (AP)—Ed Shepard, West Gorham road-ster wearing the colors of the North Medford, Mass., Club, won the Portland Boys' Club five-mile road race today, setting up a new record.

Shepard did the distance in 25 minutes, 48 and four-tenths seconds. The old mark of 26.00 was set in 1943 by Dana Robinson.

Bruno B. Mazzeo, of Rockland, whose brother, Dave, was running in the Boston marathon, finished second, George Shepard third.

Norman W. Crisp, Jr., of Dartmouth College, was third.

Ed O'Connell Wins Canton Road Race

Ed O'Connell, representing the B. A. A., had things all his own way in winning the annual Canton four-mile road race yesterday morning. His time was 21 minutes 25 seconds. The team prize went to the B. A. A.

Ed O'Connell, B. A. A., first; Ernie Parker, B. A. A., second; James O'Rourke, Milton A. C., third; Bob Hall, B. A. A., attached, fourth; Alfred Lucas, B. A. A., fifth; Ed Connell, Boston A. A., sixth; Joe Concannon, Canton A. C., seventh; Lawrence Hochman, Boston A. C., eighth; Raymond Sheehan, Boston A. C., ninth; Carl Sarafian, Thayer Academy, 10th.

GALLAGHER IN FRONT

Willie Gallagher of St. John's Catholic Club of Winthrop won the annual two-and-a-quarter mile run sponsored by the Community Boys Club of Winthrop yesterday morning. Gallagher negotiated the distance in 13 minutes, 23 seconds. Whitthrop A. Z. A. won the team prize, with St. John's Catholic Club right behind.

Other finishers were John Grennon of Winthrop A. C., third; Buster Gillis, Norfolk A. C., fourth; Henry Greene, Beacon Hill A. C., fifth; Joe Cassidy, Winthrop A. C., sixth; Peter Hardiman, Angelo Bianchi, Walter Wells, Tom Reardon, and Dennis Gannon, St. John's Catholic Club, tenth.

Shepard Wins 2d O'Connell Race

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B.A.A. MARATHON FINISH

1—GERARD COTE, ST. HYACINTHE, QUE	2:31:02
2—TED VOGEL, BOSTON A.A.	2:31:46
3—JESSE VAN ZANDT, BOSTON A.A.	2:36:53
4—JOHN A. KELLEY, BOSTON	2:37:52
5—OLLIE MANNINEN, BOSTON A.A.	2:39:50
6—LLOYD EVANS, MONTREAL	2:41:06
7—WALTER FEDORICK, HAMILTON, ONT.	2:41:23
8—LUIS VELASQUEZ, GUATEMALA	2:41:27
9—DAVID MAZZEO, ROCKLAND, ME.	2:43:15
10—WARREN DUPREE, BOSTON	2:43:42
11—ENRIQUE CASTILLO, GUATEMALA	2:44:38
12—ANTHONY MEDEIROS, MEDFORD	2:45:33
13—PAUL COLLINS, NEW YORK	2:47:00
14—CHARLES ROBBINS, MANCHESTER, CT.	2:48:44
15—LOUIS WHITE, NEW YORK	2:49:07
16—WILLIAM STEINER, NEW YORK	2:50:52
17—LOUS BOLG, NEW YORK	2:53:25
18—EUGENIO BORRE, BOSTON	2:54:30
19—LOUIS YOUNG, MEDFORD	2:55:46
20—DAVID O'HARA, OZONE PARK, N. Y.	2:56:01
21—WILLIAM GRUBE, OHIO WESLEYAN	2:56:07
22—ROYCE SAWYER, BOSTON	2:56:18
23—MICHAEL O'HARA, OZONE PARK, N. Y.	2:56:56
24—HARRY MURPHY, NEW YORK	2:57:34
25—WALTER BERGER, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.	2:59:50
26—Fred Ward, Dover, N. J.	2:59:55
27—Claude Gillis, Medford	2:59:56
28—Marco Yoc, Guatemala	3:00:32
29—Daniel Van Dorpe, Union	3:03:37
30—Paul Donato, Lynn	3:01:01
31—Arnold Holgan, Syracuse, N. Y.	3:06:45
32—John Kerrasson, N. Y.	3:07:57
33—Paul Gosselin, Lyon, Que.	3:09:23
34—Lucien Jolin, Montreal	3:14:40
35—Kenneth O'Connell, Western Reserve Univ.	3:15:42
36—Wang Chen Ling, Shanghai, China	3:15:45
37—John Lisah, Medford	3:19:26
38—Ted Woods, Boston A.A.	3:20:36
39—John Dick, Nask'th, Wis.	3:21:12
40—Edward Romagn'li, N. Y.	3:22:17
41—Thomas Crane, Spring'd,	3:23:30
42—Frederick Brown, Med'd,	3:23:45
43—Young Wahoo Fraser, Buffalo	3:23:57
44—Edwin V.B. Pilgrim, Lonsville, Que.	3:33:37
45—John A. Dunn, University of Massachusetts	3:25:18
46—Victor Groenquist, Medford	3:26:22
47—P. H. Gough, Toronto,	3:29:07
48—Andrew Maccono, Walnut Creek, Calif.	3:32:23
49—Aldo Scandura, N. Y.	3:33:20
50—Clarence H. Demar, Reading	3:37:25
51—Rene Monipetit, St. Henri, Que.	Time not taken
52—King Yen Quon, Lakeland, Tex.	Time not taken
53—Fred Libby, Framingham	Time not taken

ROD AND GUN

By Henry Moore

Reorganization Hits Political Snag, But Not Hard Enough to Sink Boat

The coalition of fishing, hunting, farming, forestry, garden, soil conservation, Audubon Society and allied outdoor interests is going to get a favorable report on just about everything it asked for in its bill to reorganize the Massachusetts department of conservation EXCEPT an overall, five-man, unpaid commission rule, according to the latest grapevine advices from the State House.

SPORTSMEN GET ALL THEY ASKED

The favorable report on the bill which was expected last week from the committee on state administration has been held up by a redrafting of the original measure to eliminate the overall commission and yet still provide a setup which would permit the department to operate on a long-range policy basis comparatively free from political domination.

As we understand it, the redrafted bill gives the sportsmen all they asked for, including a segregated fish and game division under a five-man commission, control of wildlife research and management, retention of the state ornithologist and a separate division of law enforcement. The other present divisions of marine fisheries, forestry and parks and recreation are retained.

But instead of a five-man commission heading the entire department and naming all division heads from qualified examination candidates, the redraft provides that the department's chief supervisor and all division heads except fish and game will be named by the Governor and council, as at present.

However, all terms of office are substantially extended so as to minimize the danger of political packing and give all department chiefs the time and authority needed to institute the long-range planning so badly needed.

PROS AND CONS

Reason given for ditching the overall commission is that the administration committee was warned that unless more centralized control was given the department the whole bill was likely to be fought in the legislature . . . Why the legislature should oppose a measure which all interested factions favored was not explained and such political jockeying is hard to take.

The solid fact remains that half a loaf is better than none . . . The net gains still retained in the redrafted bill appear substantial enough to warrant acceptance by the outdoor coalition rather than risk losing everything in another legislative dogfight such as developed last year when the coalition ranks were split and their whole bill was killed.

Furthermore, even under the redrafted bill, the commission's idea finally becomes a part of the conservation department in at least the fish and game division . . . If it works as well as is anticipated the outdoor coalition can again go before the legislature with the demand it be extended to the whole department . . . And this time make it stick.

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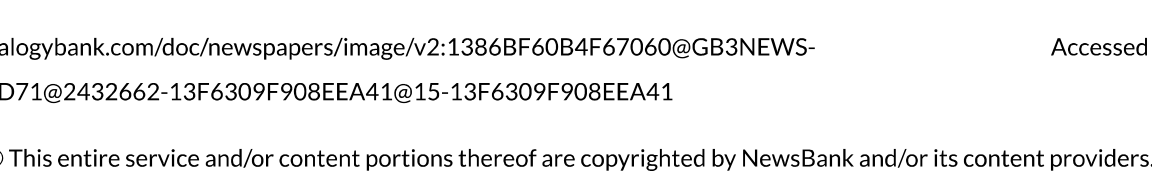

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