

Labels didn't mean much

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HELENA — Democrats and Republicans shucked party labels when they came to the Constitutional Convention, but differences still showed.

While shunning partisanship, the convention did fall into liberal, moderate and conservative vote blocs and often showed that Democrats and Republicans differ in basic philosophies.

Democrats generally tended to vote more for liberal causes and support more reforms while Republicans tended to be happier with the status quo, according to a vote analysis.

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On 15 issues reflecting a sharp reform-status quo split, Democrats supported the reform position 65 per cent of the time compared to 41 per cent for the Republicans. Independents had a 55 per cent reform record.

BY THE SAME TOKEN, delegates from the state's seven most urbanized areas supported reform 67 per cent of the time

compared to 44 per cent for the nonurban delegates.

The vote survey also revealed that women and lawyers supported reform more often than farmers and former legislators.

The differences between the two parties on key votes suggest a fundamental difference between the philosophies of the parties, but it does not mean the convention was marred by party splits.

After the initial maneuvering to elect Democrat Leo Graybill Jr., there was no hint of partisanship.

Convention leadership and committee membership was shared, and neither party accused nor took stands on the issues. With the exception of issues like labor, parties did not have traditional stands on most key convention issues.

But most delegates came with a basic philosophy about government and quickly drifted toward loose blocs of liberals, moderates and conservatives.

THE LIBERAL BLOC of about 35-40 delegates tended to be Democratic and urban. Of the 30 leading reformers in the

State Bureau survey, only two were Republicans and two were Independents.

A slightly smaller conservative core of about 30 delegates tended to be Republican and nonurban. Of the 20 leading conservatives in the survey, 14 were Republicans, five were Democrats and one Independent.

The moderate group, about 30 delegates fairly evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, was the key to the convention. It shifted constantly, and as it shifted, so shifted the outcome.

If the moderates sided with the reformers, the reformers won. If the moderates opted for the status quo, the status quo was preserved. Often the moderates worked out a compromise between the liberal and conservative positions which swayed enough votes to prevail.

The survey showed no straight party votes. While Democrats as a whole tended toward reform, at least 10 of the 58 Democratic votes favored the status quo on each issue, and the average was 20. At least six of 36 Republican votes went for the reform position on every issue, and the aver-

age was 14.

THE 50 DELEGATES from the state's seven most urbanized areas also had a generally liberal record, possibly because many of the liberal Democrats also happened to represent urban areas. On most issues the urban split between reform and status quo was about the same as the Democratic split.

Delegates with 12 or more reform votes in the survey were Democrats Eck, Furlong, Harlow, Reichert, Speer, Roeder, Arbanas, Bugbee, Campbell, Cross, Graybill, Heiker, James, Kelleher, Melvin, Monroe, Rollins, Skari, Warden, Blaylock, Cain, Cate, Champoux, Harbaugh, McDonough and Siderius; Republicans Robinson and Loendorf; and Independents Foster and Harper.

Delegates with 11 or more status quo votes were Republicans John Anderson, Noble, Babcock, Etchart, Johnson, Nutting, Erdmann, Kamhoot, Ask, Gysler, Wilson, Pemberton, Simon and Studer; Democrats Aronow, Belcher, Delaney, Barnard and Wagner; and Independent Bob Hanson.

Vitals and Weather

BIRTHS

Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frank, Joeliet.

Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Besel, Laurel

CITY DEATHS

Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, Laurel.

Richard Ruiter, 77, Roberts.

FIRE CALLS

6:11 p.m. Friday (City)—1631 Alderson Ave., car fire, out on arrival, slight damage.

8:28 p.m. Friday (City)—410 S. 29th St., garbage can fire, no damage.

11:52 a.m. Saturday (City)—Grand Ave., malfunctioning water heater.

3:30 p.m. Saturday (City)—1213 N. 31st St., smoke scare.

6:25 p.m. Saturday (City)—Hauflrau Bar, car fire.

BILLINGS, HARDIN AND BAKER: Variable cloudiness with gusty west winds diminishing Sunday, cloudy with rain or snow showers Sunday night.

High Sunday 55 to 60, low 30 to 35. Chance of precipitation 20 per cent Sunday, 40 per cent Sunday night.

MILES CITY: High Sunday near 60, low 30 to 35, high Monday 40. Chance of precipitation 30 per cent Sunday, 40 per cent Sunday night.

HELENA: Increasing cloudiness Sunday with chance of snow showers late Sunday afternoon through Monday. Cooling trend. High Sunday 30s, low Sunday night 26, high Monday 46. Chance of showers 30 per cent Sunday and 50 per cent Sunday night.

BUTTE: Increasing cloudiness Sunday with chance of snow showers late Sunday afternoon through Monday. Cooling trend. High Sunday 44, low Sunday night 24, high Monday mid 30s. Chance of showers 30 per cent Sunday and 50 per cent Sunday night.

BOZEMAN: Increasing cloudiness Sunday with chance of snow showers late Sunday afternoon through Monday. Cooling trend. High Sunday 48, low Sunday night 26, high Monday upper 30s. Chance of showers 30 per cent Sunday and 50 per cent Sunday night.

WEST YELLOWSTONE: Increasing cloudiness Sunday with chance of snow showers Sunday afternoon through Monday. Cooling trend. High Sunday 40s, low Sunday night 22, high Monday lower 30s. Chance of snow 30 per cent Sunday and 60 per cent Sunday night.

CENTRAL MONTANA: Occasional snow showers with northwesterly winds Sunday and Monday. Cooler. Highs Sunday 40 to 50. Lows Sunday night in the 20s. Highs Monday 35 to 45. Chance of precipitation 50 per cent Sunday and 60 per cent Sunday night.

NORTHEAST MONTANA: Partly cloudy Sunday with showers in the area. Occasional snow showers Monday. Cooler. Highs Sunday 45 to 55. Lows Sunday night in the 20s. Highs Monday in the 40s. Chance of precipitation 30 per cent Sunday and 40 per cent Sunday night.

EAST OF THE DIVIDE: Cloudy through Sunday with gusty southwesterly winds. Scattered rain or snow showers and cooler Sunday. Highs Sunday 40s northwest, 50s southeast.

WEST OF THE DIVIDE: Scattered showers and cooler Sunday. Highs Sunday 40s.

AIRPORT WEATHER DATA
From United States Weather Bureau for 24 hours ending at 5:30 p.m. Sat., April 15, 1972.
Maximum 61 Minimum 39
Precipitation 0.30 for this month, 0.03 total for

same period of April 1-15 a year ago. 04; total since Jan. 1, 4.02; total for same period a year ago, 2.91; normal for April 1-15, .60; normal for Jan. 1 to April 15, 2.79.
Hourly temp. 6 p.m. Fri.-8 a.m. Sat.:
4 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5
51 49 45 44 44 43 44 43 43 43 42
Hourly temp. 6 a.m. Sat.-8 p.m. Sat.:
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5
44 42 41 34 37 37 40 40 41 42 42 42
Sunrise 5:27 a.m. Sunset 7:02 p.m.

MONTANA AND OUT-OF-STATE DATA	
	Max. Min.
Billings	63 39
Bellevue	60 34
Bozeman	65 30
Butte	52 36
Cat Bank	50 38
Dillon	58 34
Drummond	54 37
Glasgow	65 42
Great Falls	58 41
Harve	61 42
Helena	53 40
Kalispell	53 40
Leavittown	57 35
Livingston	59 38
Miles City	67 39
Missoula	55 39
Thompson Falls	54 37
West Yellowstone	45 23
Whitehall	59 38
World	65 30
Workal	65 39
Baker	65 31
Hardin	65 33
Cooke City	45 28
Roundup	64 36
Big Timber	61 40

Precipitation: Buffalo 17, Chicago 22, Columbia 4, Detroit 77, Indianapolis 31, Kansas City 14, New York 07, Pittsburgh 40, Portland, Me. 15, Portland, Ore. 03, Richmond 05, St. Louis 37, Seattle 05, Wichita 17.

Poll backs constitution

Results of a mock constitutional election sponsored by the Eastern Montana College Veterans Club showed 507 students favoring the new constitution, 117 against its adoption, and 42 undecided.

Balloting results also showed 368 students favoring the bicameral legislature, with 287 for a unicameral system. Seventy per cent of the 666 students voting favored legalized gambling for the state — the vote was 466 for, 200 against. Over 50 per cent of the students indicated a dislike for the death penalty; 401 voted for abolition of the death penalty, while 262 voted in favor of keeping it in force.

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The attack occurred at about 7 p.m. in the North American Indian room right off the recreation hall, the warden said. No weapon has been recovered but one inmate has been isolated as a suspect, Crist added.

Powell County Sheriff Dave Colling has been called to the scene to handle the investigation, the warden said. Falcon entered the prison on Oct. 21, 1971 to serve a five year sentence for second-degree assault. He had only been at the medium security installation for two days when the incident occurred, Crist said. No motive was offered for the stabbing.

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Animals available

The Billings Animal Shelter, 302 Edwards St., has the following dogs available:
Males: 1-year-old black Shepherd mix; 2-year-old brown boxer mix; 1-year-old brown Pekingese-Terrier mix; 9-month-old black and white Poodle mix; 8-month-old brown Pomeranian; 7-month-old brown and white Shepherd mix; 4-year-old brown and white mix.

Females: 3-month-old tan Shepherd mix; four 6-week-old black and white Labrador mixes; 9-month-old tricolor Pomeranian mix; 9-month-old black and white Shepherd mix; 8-week-old black Cocker mix; 6-month-old black Poodle mix.

A large assortment of cats and kittens is also available. Billings veterinarians will give a free checkup to any animal taken from the shelter within 48 hours of its adoption.

The Billings Humane Society, an independent, non-profit organization, has many small kittens and cats available. The numbers are 252-7615 or 245-3550.

HELENA (AP) — The Montana Department of Highways has placed load and speed limits on one section of highway and has removed limits previously set on two others.

A load limit of 400 pounds per inch width of tire and a speed limit of 45 miles per hour has been placed on U.S. Highway 2 from East Glacier to Browning. Limits have been lifted from U.S. Highway 2 one mile east of Culbertson to the North Dakota border and on U.S. Highway 10 from Springdale to Reed Point.

The order is effective Tuesday.

Richard Ruiter

ROBERTS — Richard Ruiter, 77, Roberts, died Friday at a Billings nursing home.

He was born Jan. 14, 1895, at Chicago, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ruiter. He had farmed with a brother and sister in the Roberts area since 1933.

He was a veteran of World War I.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Olcott Funeral Home, Red Lodge, the Rev. J. L. Galour officiating. Burial will be in Red Lodge Cemetery.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Risdall, Bridger, and Grace Ruiter, Roberts; and two brothers, John, Roberts, and Quentin, Hyattville, Md.

Phase 2 profits cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Price Commission has ordered companies that have increased their profit margins during Phase 2 as a result of government restrictions on salaries and wages to cut prices by May 8 to reflect savings in labor costs.

The commission said Saturday that the order applies to firms that increased prices before the beginning of Phase 2 in anticipation of scheduled wage increases that were reduced or rescinded because of Phase 2.

The commission said, however, that other cost increases could be taken into account in calculating the reduced prices.

The commission also ordered contractors to cut the price of construction projects to reflect any savings in labor costs resulting from Phase 2 controls. A Price Commission spokesman said it is not known how many firms will be affected.

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—Photo by Dennis Calkin

These are 'dientes'

Charlotte Knaub, Yellowstone County public health nurse, gives the Spanish name for

'teeth' during a planning workshop for teaching migrant children in Montana this summer.

Schools planned for migrants

More than 1,000 migrant children will be attending schools in Montana this summer.

Federal funds will provide the children with classroom teaching and meals at breakfast and lunch.

A State Planning Meet to coordinate the program this summer was held Saturday at Miles City Community College.

NINE CITIES will be involved in the project: Billings, Fairview, Sidney, Glendive, Terry, Kinsey, Hysham, Worden and Fromberg.

Classes will begin May 29 and run 40 days. Children will attend from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. six days a week.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the schools. Certified teachers, teachers aides and a Spanish teacher will conduct the classes.

THERE WILL ALSO be a nurse at each school and a mobile van will provide dental care regularly at the nine sites.

The project is funded under Title I of the Elementary Education Act and is under state supervision by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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He's legless, but standing tall

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Albert Francis, a man without legs, stands on his own two feet.

Francis, a Polish-Scotch-Irish-Jew who claims royal descent, peddles pencils on the streets of Montana cities.

"It's about the loneliest and most despicable way a man could make a living," he says.

But even men without legs need room and board, so Francis sells his wares where the pedestrian traffic is thickest.

NOW 60, he was once a raw-boned youth who worked on ranches.

He was once an evangelist who moved the masses five and six nights a week.

But then doors began to close on him. And now he goes about on three wheels, sitting up nights in cold cities where hotel keepers refuse to rent him a room, accused by storekeepers of theft, plagued with a rash of cancers, and given the "run around" by local welfare officials.

Born in Montana, Francis was 27 years and picking onions in the deep south during the depression when he lost his legs. A great-great-grandfather had been a Polish lord. His folks were Montana farmers.

Moving with the aimless hardtime armies of the '30s, he was mounting a train in Mississippi when his feet slipped and he fell beneath the wheels.

"IT WAS ONLY a few years before the discovery of antibiotics," he recalls. "I contracted gaseous gangrene and they cut off both limbs."

Lying in a Missouri state hospital, he was appalled by the stench of visitors dropping in. Later he learned the odor came from his own rotting flesh.

When the cutting was done, he was left with only stumps—short ones.

Living with a relative a short time later, he penned a letter to the President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

A few weeks passed and an FBI man appeared at door asking for Albert Francis. The agent said he was on a special mission — to deliver a message from his president.

Francis was to have the best artificial limbs money could buy, courtesy of FDR.

IT WAS NOT LONG before Francis had legs under him again.

"I could walk with a single cane," he says.

"I could walk as good as any legless man in the country."

On artificial limbs, Francis worked as an evangelist, preaching the gospel in churches and tents across the country.

"I am gifted with an uncanny memory," he smiles. "I could quote blocks of scripture, preaching an hour every night and never giving the same sermon twice."

It was an exciting life until his second set of legs began to give out and ministers who had welcomed his rousing revivalism began to turn their backs.

"I had had the legs repaired a number of times," Francis says. "The government covered the costs at first — then I got nothing."

The last rebuilding of his wood-and-steel limbs caused his stumps to swell and he was once again legless.

"AFTER THAT, the ministers would let

me sit on the back pew, but wanted no more to do with me."

He worked a while with Goodwill Industries but that employment dried up as the charity organization began filling jobs with married women, he says.

"There are a thousand and one jobs I can do, but no one will hire me."

He sold pencils on the streets of Montana cities, resigned to rejection until tumors growing in his legless body forced him to seek medical help.

"All I've got is what I make here on the street," he explains. "I had to find a free clinic."

Francis sold pencils, working his way across country to Kansas City, Mo. After an operation he worked his way back.

STILL WEAK, he applied for welfare in Billings.

"I was told I was ineligible — I had been out of the state and not a Montana resident for all of the past year," he says.

"They can have their money. They can use it for toilet paper."

Francis (who lives in a Billings hotel, is an eager reader and an engaging conversationalist, but he may be judged an angry man.

But he is not bitter.

"Suffering is supposed to make us better, not bitter," he philosophizes.

Looking away he says, "I've known people with real crosses to bear, people who showed real courage."

"My life has never required any courage. It didn't take any courage at all for me to lose my legs."

"It just happened. The decision was made for me."

100 Announcements Card of Thanks

YOGA — Combat fatigue, tension & stress. Beginner classes starting April 18. For further information 252-0845.

Canyon Creek PTA Pancake Supper. Door prizes, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Friday, April 14—Ad.

Auction for "Save The Chamber" April 19, 7:30 P.M., at the Elks Club. Articles needed desperately. Call 656-5960 or 252-0525.—Ad.

Attention Senior Citizens! You and your friends are cordially invited to attend the Formal Opening of the LEWISTOWN EAGLES MANOR, Saturday and Sunday, April 22nd & 23rd, 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. Refreshments.—Ad.

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ANDERSON — Funeral services for Chalmers L. Anderson, 82, of 324 S. 34th St., will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Dahl-Brown Funeral Chapel. Services will also be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Sims Lutheran Church, Sims, North Dakota. Interment will be in the Sims Cemetery.

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GREEN — Funeral services for Darrell Leroy Green will be held at Smith's Chapel Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Mountview Cemetery.

ROGERS — Graveside committal services for Mrs. Myrtle Rogers will be held at Mountview Cemetery Monday morning at 10:00. Visitations may be made at Smith's Chapel until 9:00 Monday.

WALLIN — Funeral services for Carl (