

President Sweeps to a 2 to 1 Victory; Scott Defeats Spong in Senate Race



Rep. William L. Scott Scores Upset
State's First GOP Senator Since 1889

Nixon Racks Up Big Win in State

By JAMES LATIMER
Virginia gave President Richard M. Nixon a thundering vote of confidence yesterday, elected its first Republican senator of the 20th century and added a Republican member in the House of Representatives.

Rep. William L. Scott, 57, a Republican of the most conservative Virginia school, rode the Nixon tides to an upset victory over the moderate Democratic incumbent, Sen. William B. Spong Jr.

Unofficial and incomplete returns indicated President Nixon took about 69 per cent and Scott about 52 per cent of some 1.5 million votes cast in Virginia.

Robert W. Daniel, 37-year-old gentleman farmer, built up a commanding lead over Democrat Robert E. Gibson for the House in the 4th District. His victory will give the Republicans seven of Virginia's 10 seats in the new Congress next January.

Highest Since 1936

President Nixon carried all of the 10 congressional districts in a sweep of proportions not achieved by any candidate since Franklin D. Roosevelt, who reached his peak of 70.2 per cent in 1936

and tapered off to 62.4 per cent in 1944.

Spong conceded defeat at about 11:20 p.m. and congratulated Scott.

When Scott takes his senatorial oath in early January, he will become the first Virginia Republican to serve in the U.S. Senate since March 3, 1889, when Harrison H. Riddleberger of Shenandoah County ended the term he began as a Readjuster in 1883. He became a Republican in 1884.

Both the presidential and senatorial clashes in Virginia proved to be two-man contests. The American party's John Schmitz polled about 1 per cent of the presidential vote, while independent Horace E. Henderson took 2 per cent of the senatorial vote.

How They Voted

With nearly three-fourths of the state's 1,825 precincts tallied, the presidential standings in round numbers were: Nixon 733,000, McGovern 320,400, and Schmitz 17,125.

Similar figures for the Senate showed: Scott 530,500 Spong 470,400, Henderson 29,000.

Yesterday's majority for Nixon in Virginia compares with his relatively modest plurality of 43.4 per cent of the votes cast in 1968, when Democrat Hubert Humphrey took 32.5 per cent and Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama siphoned off 24.1 per cent from what once was Virginia's solid Democratic majority.

Democrat Lyndon B. Johnson polled 53.5 per cent of the 1964 vote in Virginia, a shade better than Nixon's 52.4 per cent of 1960, but not up to the Eisenhower average of about 56 per cent for 1952 and 1956.

President Truman won Virginia with a 47.9 per cent plu-

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Eight Killed as Ship Hits Georgia Bridge

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP) — A loaded freight hit an open drawbridge here Tuesday night, sending an unknown number of automobiles into the water. Authorities said at least eight persons were killed.

Eight other persons were



President, Mrs. Nixon Voted First at Their Precinct
He Dropped Card Table-Sized Ballot in Trying to Fold It

Republicans Gain 7th House Seat

By STEPHEN FLEMING

An urbane farmer from the rural half of the new 4th District yesterday became Virginia's seventh Republican Congressman.

Robert W. Daniel Jr. held 58 per cent of the vote with most of the sprawling district's precincts in. He led in rural Southside and urban Tidewater.

In Northern Virginia a Republican will continue to represent the 8th district. Stanford Parris held a 47 per cent lead. His leading opponent, Robert E. Horan, is commonwealth's attorney in Fairfax.

In the rest of Virginia's congressional districts, there were no surprises. Incumbents had clearly won.

M. Caldwell Butler held the 6th District for the Republi-

cans. He had 55 per cent of the vote and would clearly defeat Democrat Willis M. Anderson. That seat was vacated by new Virginia Supreme Court Justice Richard E. Poff.

In the 4th, Del. Robert E. Gibson of Chesapeake had been considered a slight favorite to replace conservative Rep. Watkins M. Abbott, who retired after his home county was redistricted into the 5th District.

Gibson, a conservative, conceded at 11 p.m. Daniel, also a conservative, will be the first Republican to represent the 4th since the 1880s.

Daniel owns Brandon Plantation in Prince George County. He was an attractive campaigner who came across more like a suburbanite than a farmer.

Three Independents

There were three independents in the race in the 4th, but they had little effect on the outcome. It was unclear immediately what affect the sizeable black vote of the district had on the race. Gibson received the endorsement of some black organizations, but there was no strong feeling for him among black people in the area.

In the 8th, a liberal independent, William R. Dur-

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Gas Blast Kills 6 Belgian Miners

CHARLEROI, Belgium (AP) — Six coal miners were killed Tuesday in a gas explosion 2,700 feet underground, mine officials said. Three others were injured, and a tenth miner escaped unhurt.

The accident occurred at the Pechon pit of the Monceau Fontaine mine in a suburb of Charleroi. The mine is not far from the Amercoeur pit where 262 miners were killed in an underground fire in 1956.

Mine officials explained there was no actual explosion. A pocket of damp gas burst, causing a rock fall and spreading deadly fumes. There was no fire. About 100 other miners also at work were uninjured.

McGovern Wins In One State

By The Associated Press

President Nixon swept to re-election Tuesday night, burying Democratic challenger George McGovern beneath one of history's greatest landslides.

But it was the day of the split ticket, and the voters who gave Nixon his "four more years" also guaranteed he would face at least two more years of Democratic control in Congress.

Democrats maintained control of the Senate, and Republican inroads in the House were not approaching the turnover they needed to take charge there.

In his hour of victory, Nixon told the nation:

"We are on the eve of what could be the greatest generation of peace-true peace-making has ever known."

"The Great Tasks"

And now, he said, with the election over, "it is time to get on with the great tasks which lie before us"

"The greatest landslide in history means nothing unless it is a victory for all Americans," the President said in a nationally broadcast and televised victory statement from the White House.

In defeat, McGovern urged his followers to "play the role of the loyal opposition," and said there was no question that his campaign had pushed the nation toward peace.

"I hope that in the next four years, you will lead us to a time of peace abroad and justice at home," the Democratic challenger wired the President. "You have by full support in such efforts."

McGovern later told followers at a rally in Sioux Falls, S.D., that he would continue to oppose the Vietnam war and domestic policies against which he campaigned.

With 53 per cent of the nation's precincts counted, the popular vote read this way:

Nixon, 26,163,301 votes, or 62 per cent.

McGovern, 15,431,234, or 37 per cent.

That translated to 44 states with 438 electoral votes for the President, and left McGovern with 17 electoral votes, in Massachusetts and the District of Columbia.

With returns inconclusive in six states, the Democrats had won 15 contests. Together with their 41 holdover seats, that assured them of control. The figures for the House were far less complete, but the Republicans were not making the gains they needed.

Example in Iowa

Perhaps the most dramatic example of the cross tide at work on Tuesday came in Iowa, a traditionally Republican state that gave Nixon a traditionally heavy majority this year. But in the Senate race, Jack Miller, a relatively colorless Republican moderate who had served two terms, was beaten by Dick Clark, a 43-year-old former aide to Rep. John Culver.

Ironically, Clark, who had been given no chance, ran only because Culver decided at the last minute that Miller could not be beaten.

South Dakota

South Dakota also switched into the Democratic column.

In other upsets, Joseph R. Biden Jr., a 29-year-old county coumilmn, defeated two-term Republican Sen. J. Caleb Boggs, and Republican

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Nixon led in three other states.

In the battle for the Senate, the Republicans had gained one seat, in New Mexico, and the Democrats had gained one, in Kentucky. Republicans had recaptured six Senate seats, Democrats four.

Elsewhere, the pattern was one of close Senate contests, and both parties had seats in jeopardy.

The GOP needed a net gain of five to wrest Senate control from the Democrats, who have held it for 18 years.

In the House, where even Republicans did not believe they could gain the 39 seats they needed for a majority, partial returns gave them a net gain of only two.

But it was Nixon's day, if not his party's.

Nixon trounced McGovern in some of the states where the Democratic nominee had concentrated his campaign. The President carried for example, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, all in the

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McGovern Conceding
'My Full Support'

Democrats Retain Hold on Congress

From Wire Dispatches

The Democratic party retained control of the Senate and House of Representatives Tuesday in the face of President Nixon's smashing victory as voters in all parts of the nation split their tickets in unprecedented numbers.

The Democrats took at least two previously Republican Senate seats, scoring a mild upset in Kentucky and a big one in Iowa, and ended the 32-year career of Maine's Margaret Chase Smith. That offset Republican pickups in two Southwestern states, Oklahoma and New Mexico, and Virginia.



Sen. John Sparkman
Surprisingly Big Win

Scott Firmly Embraced President's Coattails

By SHELLEY ROLFE

Eighth District Rep. William L. Scott, who had built his campaign on his own conservatism and President Nixon's popularity in the state, won election last night as Virginia's first Republican

U.S. senator of this century.

Carried along by the momentum of a tremendous Nixon sweep of the state, Scott moved into an early lead and built steadily on it to unseat Sen. William B. Spong Jr., who, like Scott, had first

won election to Congress in 1966.

With 1,082 of the state's 1,825 precincts reporting, Scott had 410,494 votes; Spong 361,619.

Independent Horace E. Henderson, who never had been a factor in the race, had 23,502 votes.

Spong conceded at 11:20 p.m. With 57 per cent of the vote reported, he said, "It appears that I have not been re-elected. I congratulate Congressman Scott."

Speaking to supporters at his state campaign headquarters in Vienna, Scott said, "I am very grateful for this vote of confidence and I pledge to do my best to represent all the citizens of Virginia for the next years."

Third to Serve

Scott will become the third Republican to serve in the Senate for Virginia. The first two were William Mahone of Petersburg, who served from 1881 to 1887, and Harrison H. Riddleberger of Shenandoah County, who served from 1883 to 1889.

Mahone and Riddleberger were elected as Readjusters. The Readjuster party changed its name to Republican in 1884.

Scott, who never was reluctant about invoking the President's name, was running considerably behind Nixon, whose vote total in the state

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Bumpers, Docking Win Despite Tide

WASHINGTON (AP) — State auditor Christopher S. Bond, a Republican, plucked the Missouri statehouse from Democratic control Tuesday, while Democratic governors withstood President Nixon's vote tide to hold on to Arkansas and Kansas.

Bond defeated Democrat Edward L. Dowd to succeed outgoing Democratic Gov. Warren E. Hearnes.

In another of the 18 governorship races, Indiana House Speaker Otis R. Bowen kept that state in Republican hands by defeating former

Democratic Gov. Matthew E. Welsh to succeed outgoing GOP Gov. Edgar D. Whitcomb.

Iowa's Republican Gov. Robert D. Ray won re-election over Democrat Paul Franzburg.

Gov. Dale Bumpers smashed GOP challenger Len Blaylock in Arkansas and Gov. Robert B. Docking swept to a fourth term over Republican legislator Morris Kay.

In West Virginia, Republican Gov. Arch Moore won

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Election at a Glance

Latest returns compiled by the Associated Press and the Richmond Times-Dispatch in Virginia show these results in the contests for President, Senator and eight House seats:

Presidential Election

53 Per Cent of Precincts Counted

Nixon	McGovern
26,163,301	15,431,234

SENATOR

1,507 of 1825 precincts
Spong (D) 512,261
Scott (R) 589,616
Henderson (I) 31,057

FIRST DISTRICT

125 of 172 precincts

Downing (D) 76,234
Wells (R) 20,930

SEVENTH DISTRICT

191 of 227 precincts

Williams (D) 34,955
Robinson (R) 68,519

SECOND DISTRICT

82 of 83 precincts

Whitehurst (R) 79,674
Burlage (D) 28,891

EIGHTH DISTRICT

116 of 128 precincts

Horan (D) 45,386
Parris (R) 53,735
Durland (I) 16,574
Harris (I) 4,949

FOURTH DISTRICT

143 of 178 precincts

Gibson (D) 40,317
Daniel (R) 51,343
Vonetes (I) 3,296
Hardy (I) 7,340

NINTH DISTRICT

234 of 270 precincts

Wampler (R) 78,872
Christian (D) 29,386

SIXTH DISTRICT

297 of 231 precincts

Butler (R) 69,508
Anderson (D) 48,861
White (I) 9,536

TENTH DISTRICT

87 of 143 precincts

Miller (D) 48,181
Broyhill (R) 61,895

National Races

Senate

Senate	House
Democrats elected 15	Democrats elected 181
Republicans elected 13	Republicans elected 118
In doubt 5	In doubt 136
Democrat holdovers 41	
Republican holdovers 26	

Contests for Governor

Democrats elected 8
Republicans elected 4
In doubt 6