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WAR CRITIC AIDED IN PENNSYLVANIA

5,000 Collegian Working
for Primary Vote Today

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PHILADELPHIA, May 18—Some 5,000 college students campaigned across Pennsylvania today for Norval D. Reece, independent peace candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Senate in tomorrow's primary election.

Mr. Reece, Pennsylvania campaign manager for Senator Eugene J. McCarthy in 1968, is opposed by State Senator William G. Sesler, who is favored because he has the party endorsement. The winner will face Hugh D. Scott, Senate Republican leader, in November.

Mr. Reece, 36-year-old son of a retired Quaker minister, was given little chance before President Nixon sent American troops into Cambodia and National Guardsmen killed four students during protests at Kent State University.

The Philadelphia liberal, a political and urban affairs consultant, was little known outside the Philadelphia area and has had no money to spend on television advertising.

But Cambodia and Kent State produced a flood of calls from outraged adults and students asking to join in his campaign. Mr. Reece welcomed the help and called for a test of sentiment on the war at the polls.

Out-of-State Collegians

Students from campuses all over the state have been ringing doorbells, telephoning and distributing Reece leaflets for the last two weeks. About 200 are from colleges in other states.

Twenty Harvard Law School students are working in the Pittsburgh office of Mr. Reece. About 100 are here from Yale. Fifty came by bus a few days ago. The Princeton Movement for a New Congress sent 40 to work in their home towns in Pennsylvania.

Several students from Temple University are working full-time in the Reece headquarters here. Out on the street are students from such Main Line suburban colleges as Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Villanova and Swarthmore. A student political action committee at the University of Pennsylvania has enlisted workers at colleges around the state.

Mr. Sesler, 42-year-old Erie lawyer, also opposes the war. But Mr. Reece questions his credibility on the issue. He quotes the State Senator as saying in the campaign as recently as February that "I am supporting President Nixon's policy in Vietnam. The war will not be an issue in the campaign against Mr. Scott."

Mr. Sesler has since demanded withdrawal of all American combat forces from Indochina by August, 1971. Mr. Reece insists on withdrawal of all troops and completion of the withdrawal this year. He advocates a prompt end to the draft.

2d Campaign for Many

Since Mr. Reese announced his candidacy in January, his organization has been composed basically of 1968 McCarthy volunteers.

During the campaign Senator McCarthy has made appearances here and in Pittsburgh to endorse Mr. Reece.

Next to peace, the major issue is the "old politics" versus the new. Mr. Reece calls his opponent "an obedient political drone" who is the candidate of the bosses. He demands reform to open the party structure to all Democrats and independents.

In this, he has the support of Mayor Peter F. Flaherty of Pittsburgh, who upset the Democratic party organization there last year. He also has the tacit support of Milton J. Sharp, independent Democratic candidate for Governor against party-endorsed Robert P. Casey.

Mr. Sesler, defending the practice of endorsements by the established party organization, says such support will be necessary to beat Senator Scott in November.

He has avoided appearing with Mr. Reece and seldom mentions him.