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Evans may discard team effort idea and decide to run alone

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While Gov. Dan Evans has envisioned a "team-effort" in this campaign, he may change his mind and campaign on his own—as he did four years ago—after he analyzes the primary election returns.

Evans, polling but 42.6 per cent of the total vote cast for governor, has his own work cut out for him. Meanwhile, Art Fletcher, the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, polled but 28 per cent of the vote cast for that office, and Slade Gorton, another Republican nominee, polled only 22.4 per cent of the vote cast for attorney general.

Only member of the Statewide "Team effort" who did well in the primaries

was Secy. of State Lud Kramer, who received 62.2 per cent of the total vote cast for his office.

Not only did Kramer lead the ticket, but he polled more votes than any candidate on the ballot in either political party, even outpolling U.S. Sen. Warren G. Magnuson.

Edwin J. Alexander, Republican nominee for treasurer, got 32% of the votes cast for that office, and Gerald (Jerry) Sullivan, the Republican nominee, received 30.6 per cent of the votes cast for insurance commissioner.

LEGISLATORS DO WELL

In virtually all districts which the Re-

publicans are expected to win, Republican legislative nominees ran ahead of Evans.

This is expected to result in most of these campaigning on their own, and it could spell trouble for Evans from within his own party in the next Legislature, if he is re-elected.

WHERE'S THE TAX ISSUE?

The tax issue could be pretty well buried in the gubernatorial campaign, with Atty. Gen. John J. O'Connell as the Democratic standard bearer.

O'Connell favors a graduated net income tax. Evans' tax package calls for a 3 per cent single rate income tax.

This doesn't leave those who oppose

any form of income tax much of any place to go, but of the two they'd probably prefer the Evans plan. The real supporters of a state income tax will go with O'Connell.

Inasmuch as it is unlikely that either plan can get the two-thirds majority needed in each house to put in on the ballot, the tax issue is as good as dead.

SURPLUS SHRINKING

Another question which was prominent a year ago but which has died on the vine is whether the sales tax increase demanded by Evans of the last Legislature was necessary.

One reason that talk has subsided is that the general fund surplus could look pretty small by the time the biennium ends next June 30.

For one thing, almost as soon as the 1969 Legislature convenes here next January, it will face the choice of either making a \$4.7 million deficiency appropriation to the department of public assistance or forcing ratable reductions in welfare grants.

When added to the \$8.1 million to the department

