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**SEATTLE (AP)**—Nearly 90 candidates for state and congressional offices went before Washington voters in Tuesday's primary election amid widespread reports of voter apathy.

A turnout of around 51 per cent of the state's 1.5 million registered voters was expected in the 5,943 precincts between 7 a.m., when the polls opened, and 8 p.m., when they were to close.

Showery weather was predicted.

## WIN EXPECTED

Republican Gov. Dan Evans, seeking a second four-year term, had four opponents, but was expected to win renomination easily. The only question was how his vote would stack up with that of his prospective Democratic challengers.

Evans planned to cast his ballot between 10:30 and 11 a.m. in the precinct in the Laurel-

hurst District of Seattle where he voted when he served in the legislature.

A poll taken by University of Washington political science students purported to show Atty. Gen. John J. O'Connell with a lengthening lead for the Democratic nomination. His opponents were State Sen. Martin Durkan and Jack Tanner, Tacoma lawyer.

Tanner is one of two Negroes seeking statewide office. Indications were he would run third.

## CLOSE BATTLE

The other black candidate, Pasco City Councilman Art Fletcher, appeared to be in a close battle for the GOP nomination for lieutenant governor. The poll showed him with a narrow edge over speedboat driver Bill Muncey. The winner is expected to face incumbent John W. Cherberg, who held a strong

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led over two primary opponents.

U. S. Sen. Warren G. Magnuson was considered a shoo-in for the Democratic nomination against his book-seller challenger, Arthur DeWitt, Seattle. State Sen. Jack Metcalf is expected to win the Republican nomination.

Although a number of those had opposition, the incumbent congressmen in all seven districts appeared able to survive the primary with ease. There were lively contests for opposition nominations in some districts.

All 99 state House seats and 25 of 49 Senate seats also were on the ballot.

One of the most spirited contests of the primary involved the Democratic race for the attorney general post being vacated by O'Connell. Five men were in the running.

Seattle attorney Marvin Durand had the backing of the Liberal Washington Democratic Council, but State Sen. Fred H. Dore and Don Abel Jr. had well known names in Washington politics. All three are from Seattle. The other candidates are John G. McCutcheon of Tacoma and Donald L. Nevoni of Seattle. Rep. State Gorton of Seattle is unopposed on the GOP side.

In a few races, legislative incumbents were having to scramble for renomination. Two of the closest were for the Democratic Senate nominations in the 27th District, where veteran Sen. George W. Kupka faced fellow Tacoman Joe Stortini, and the 23rd District, where Gordon L. Walgren has waged a determined battle to unseat Sen. Frances Haddon Morgan. Both are from Bremerton.