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THE WEATHER—Periods of rain today with partial clearing tonight and tomorrow. High, near 62; low, near 50. Chance of rain: 50 per cent. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER: High, 63; low, 58. Record high, 79, Sept. 17, 1967. Weather table on Page 26.

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GOV. DAN EVANS

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## Governor Race

# Evans, O'Connell Face Off Nov. 5



JOHN J. O'CONNELL

Wins Demo nomination

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### King Co. Vote

Unofficial primary election returns

#### Governor

1,660 of 2,447 Precincts

O'Connell, D	37,498
Cherberg, D	34,787
Tanner, R	5,836
Evans, R	74,461
Fletcher, R	1,128
Wurtler, R	1,810
Hodtler, R	2,823
Canwell, R	3,158

#### Lt. Governor

1,660 of 2,447 Precincts

Cherberg, D	38,453
McKenno, D	5,859
Andberg, D	9,515
Fletcher, R	34,133
Muncey, R	22,187
Loach, R	5,411

#### Attorney General

1,660 of 2,447 Precincts

Avonni, D	18,649
Dore, D	27,866
McCutcheon, D	18,3
Abel, D	18,399
Durnlog, D	12,790
Gorton, R	17,881
Kerr, R	39,678

#### U.S. Senator

1,660 of 2,447 Precincts

Magnuson, D	83,297
DeWitt, D	6,325
Metcalfe, R	47,166
Westlake, R	6,696
Cole, R	8,454
Falt, R	2,262

John O'Connell, the three-term attorney general, swept the Democratic nomination for governor yesterday in Washington's lackluster primary election. Gov. Dan Evans walked away with the GOP nomination.

A three-way race, it followed the form expected with O'Connell taking an early lead and pulling away from State Sen. Martin Durkan, Senate Ways and Means Committee chairman, and Tacoma attorney Jack Tanner.

Evans, like many other major candidates, faced only token opposition, including a name once familiar, former State Sen. Al Canwell, Spokane.

#### FLETCHER

The only big surprise came from Art Fletcher's easy win over speedboat driver Bill Muncey for the GOP nomination for lieutenant governor.

It had been figured close with Fletcher, a Pasco city councilman, having to overcome Muncey's edge in name familiarity, and the fact that he is a Negro in a state

where that race comprises only 2 per cent of the population.

Lt. Gov. John Cherberg easily won the Democratic nomination. Sen. Warren Magnuson swept the Democratic nomination for re-election, while State Sen. Jack Metcalfe rode a well-financed campaign to snap the GOP senatorial nomination.

#### CLOSE

The five-way fight for the Democratic nomination for attorney general, a campaign dominated by talk of "law and order," was close as expected.

The lead see-sawed back and forth last night between state Sen. Fred Dore and former Pierce County Prosecutor John McCutcheon. McCutcheon had the lead early today.

The frontrunners had the advantage in name familiarity and the fact that the other three contenders appeared to be dividing the about-Democratic vote.

#### THIRD

Marvin Durning, a Rhodes scholar, was a strong third in the race with Seattle attorney Don Abel and assistant AG Don Navoni trailing.

House Majority Leader Slade Gorton

won the GOP nomination, although there was a surprisingly strong vote for Robert Kerr, who said he had withdrawn from the race, but whose name remained on the ballot.

#### CAMPAIGN

O'Connell seemed to kick off his campaign against Evans only a few hours after the sparsely attended polls closed last night.

"We're overjoyed," he said. "It took us two years to get this far and now we have just six weeks for the real battle."

"I will be a responsible governor and a responsive governor, which the state desperately needs and I will not be afraid to make the decisions necessary to guide the state for the benefit of all."

O'Connell kept his campaign guns on Evans during the primary rather than against Durkan. But there seemed to be little substantive difference between the two until O'Connell launched an investigation into King County Prosecutor Charles O. Carroll, a Republican, while Evans backed.

"I can't tell you how nice this moment is," Evans told a campaign crowd last

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MAGNUSON