

Eggers Under Full Head of Steam

At a time of the summer when most politicians are relying on the comfort of their "the Labor Day campaign kickoff will come soon enough" remarks, Republican gubernatorial nominee Paul Eggers is plowing ahead with a full head of steam.

Eggers told San Antonians this past week, "I cannot afford the luxury of waiting until fall to start my campaign."

Since May, Eggers has been pushing a "hit 'em fast, hit 'em hard" campaign strategy. The only letup he plans before the Nov. 3 general election, when he will face Democrat Preston Smith for the second time, is an early September quail hunt.

Eggers is trying to build up a tidy nest egg for the campaign by getting supporters committed early to his candidacy. "If we should lose the election only because we were short a few dollars, it would be tragic," he said.

With a much more serious attitude than that of 1968, when he was new to the political scene, Eggers is confident he will be Texas' first Republican governor since Reconstruction. His latest poll shows him with 40 per cent of the vote, compared to 45 for Smith. The comparable poll for the comparable time in 1968 showed 20 and 65 per cent.

And, another Eggers poll shows he would be "a more ideal governor" than Smith.

Eggers lies...

London paper recently predicted Eggers would be elected).

"The climate is right" said Eggers. "If we miss this opportunity in the Republican party, we will never forgive ourselves."

Otherwise, what is different in campaigning for the governorship in 1970 than in 1968?

"More organizations," retorted Eggers without a blink.

"Everyplace we go, we find that there is an organization for everything—in many places, they are over-organized."

This especially is true with Mexican-American groups. Although Eggers several months ago announced he wanted to bring the Mexican-American groups into his main organization, Eggers apparently has not been successful fully with this effort.

In Bexar County, for instance, there are competing GOP organizations of Mexican-Americans. Eggers has been able to work with each group effectively, he said, but he does wish they were together. This makes it easier in the realm of philosophy, as well as making personal appearances.

Charles Orsinger, local auto dealer who is Eggers' Bexar manager... that so many...

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...can win. Milton Shapp (D) ... labor trouble); Lt. Gov. Ray Broderick ... Gov. Raymond Shafer plus inheriting a tremendous ... coincident with his own position against a state income tax. ... private GOP polls show Broderick trailing Shapp, but don't bet on this one.

4) Ohio: By far the best Democratic chance to pick up a big one. Everyone believes that John Gilligan (D) is way ahead of State Auditor Roger Cloud, thanks to the GOP scandal and internal dissension. Things are so bad that the GOP has postponed taking a poll.

5) Texas: Hold your ten-gallon hats but there could be the first GOP Governor since Reconstruction. Pros think that right now Paul Eggers (R) is ahead of Gov. Preston Smith in a rematch of their 1968 contest.

Candidate for governor

Paul Eggers cites need to cut spending rate

By JOY ANGEL
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Republican gubernatorial candidate Paul Eggers of Wichita Falls said today he would like to see the creation of both an economy commission and an environmental control board.

"Upon becoming governor, I will appoint an economy commission, and during the first year it would go through the entire range of state agencies, hospitals and colleges to determine how we can cut down on the expense of government," he said.

Eggers arrived in San Angelo this morning, and will leave Thursday to attend the State Bar Convention in San Antonio. His itinerary here includes a speaking engagement at the South Side Lions Club tonight.

A political newcomer in 1968, Eggers received more than 1,250,000 votes for governor — the greatest number in Texas history for any Republican candidate.

In his hard hitting at government reforms, Eggers relied on his experience in Washington as general counsel to the Treasury Department, which includes the Internal Revenue Service and the Narcotics Bureau among other treasury divisions.

He also draws on his expertise as the head of a nine-member law firm in Wichita Falls that specialized in corporate tax law in such areas as the oil and gas and banking industries.

"I have found in my campaign travels that people are just fed up with taxes — work-



PAUL EGGERS
... Visiting Angelo

ing people, housewives, businessmen everywhere," Eggers said.

"I think the tendency in government is to talk in terms of taxes — how much additional tax money is going to be required," he said. "My policy is to talk in terms of how can we still give the services without adding additional taxes."

Eggers said that President Nixon cut the budget by \$9½ billion in 1969. "We in treasury cut back our budget too, but at the end of the year, we still rendered the same amount of services."

Eggers recommended the creation of a state environmental control board "because the problems (of air, water and land pollution) are all intertwined."

"We need to look at our state laws and see if they are satisfactory to take care of pollution. We have a lot of exceptions in our pollution laws, and you can't have exceptions

without having pollution," he said. "An individual community should have the right to set more stringent standards than are set out in the state law. This would give each community the opportunity to face the peculiar problems that exist in that area. Houston's problems are just different than San Angelo's."

Eggers harked back to his experience on the President's Task Force on Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

"We recommended that something be done in the area of marijuana. There was simply no scientific information in this area at all. The President went to Congress and there was a special bill passed. Now there is money for research in this area," he explained.

"As soon as this information is available, it should be disseminated to the public in the same manner that information on the dangers of cigarette smoking is disseminated," Eggers said.

Eggers also spoke in favor of "improving our vocational and technical training schools."

He also said he favored "revenue sharing where money comes back to the state and San Angelo with no strings attached (from the federal government)."

"Our method of compiling our state budget also needs to be reformed," he added, "particularly the elimination of the joint conference committee method where new items are included in the budget at the conference level without ever having been discussed by the House and Senate."

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Eggers: Guard Should Carry Live Ammunition on Campuses

EXPRESS-NEWS AUSTIN BUREAU

AUSTIN — Texas National Guardsmen if called to maintain order on college campuses should carry live ammunition on their belts and have well-trained sharpshooters to deal with snipers, GOP gubernatorial candidate Paul Eggers said Friday.

Eggers said he would tolerate closing of any Texas college or university by force and "would protect at all costs the great educational institutions which we have all worked so hard to build."

While he expressed hope campus demonstrations in Texas can continue to be dealt with by

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the Department of Public Safety and local officers, Eggers said he would not hesitate to call out the Guard to help state and local law enforcement agencies maintain order and prevent loss of life and property.

"If the guard is called out, it must be able to defend itself, particularly against sniper fire," Eggers told a Houston area group of supporters at a

reception honoring him Friday night. "While all Guardsmen need not have a shell in the chamber of their rifle at all times, they should carry live ammunition on their belts. Moreover, the Guard should have well-trained sharpshooters to deal swiftly and effectively with snipers."

In addition, the Republican candidate said, all state military forces should be well trained in riot control, and units near campuses should have special training in the field.