

Nixon Ignores Foes, Works to Nail Second Place

Selection by Open Convention Urged

By MORRIS LANDSBERG
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Vice President Nixon calmly ignored what party boosters he still has Monday and kept right on working to nail down his place on the 1956 Republican ticket.

Just about everybody except Harold Stassen predicted he would be renominated by the GOP national convention.

Stassen Says 'Dump Drive' Still Possible

By JOHN CHADWICK
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Harold Stassen insisted Monday he still seeks a 50-50 chance for the success of his dump-Nixon campaign. He said delegates to the Republican National Convention are beginning to hear from the home folks and that many delegates are holding off from giving Vice President Nixon their endorsement for a second term.

Stassen, on leave as President Eisenhower's disarmament adviser, has been plugging to replace Nixon on the GOP ticket with Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts. He contends Nixon would cost the Republicans millions of votes.

Nixon's Lightning Rise in Republican Ranks Startling

By ARTHUR EDSON
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Drop off at the 11th floor of the Mark Hopkins Hotel, and you'll see why politics are so eternally fascinating.

For room 1118 is Richard M. Nixon's headquarters, and the steady stream of distinguished visitors to his door points up one fact clearly:

At 43, babyhood by normal political standards, Nixon is the Mr. Big of the Republican National Convention which opened Monday.

And Mr. Big he is likely to remain until President Eisenhower arrives Tuesday.

Senators come by, hat in hand, who only four years ago were accenting the adjective when they referred to the "junior senator from California."

Rep. Joseph Martin of Massachusetts comes by, and though he's too good a politician ever to say so, his thoughts must occasionally go back to the astounding things that have happened in less than 10 years.

Unknown Rookie
Man and boy, Martin had been a well established representative for 22 years when Nixon, an unknown rookie from Whittier, Calif., reported for the GOP Congressional team on Jan. 1947.

Assorted politicians come by. And then comes someone extra special. He is Willard W. Keith of Los Angeles. A delegate to the 1948 and 1952 GOP conventions, his 11th year he's an alternate, Nixon's alternate. As such, he will cast the Vice President's vote on the floor.

Keith, a big husky man, was asked what he did for a living. "Several things," he said with a smile. He's an odd jobs man with interests in insurance companies, hotel chains, air transportation.

Short Delay
The sort of man, in short, no politician engaged in an expensive campaign can afford to keep waiting. But word came out there would be short delay.

run with him again. He urged delegates to go into the convention with an open mind and pick a candidate "who can campaign, who can help the President most." As for himself, he said he is standing on his record.

Strong Backing
More and more delegations showed pro-Nixon sentiment that was generally strong.

Support began showing among Rocky Mountain delegates. North Dakota endorsed him, South Dakota leaned his way. A majority of Missouri delegates came out for Eisenhower - Nixon. Wisconsin, Minnesota and Massachusetts applauded his visits warmly.

Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington, the convention keynoter, reasserted his support for Nixon and commented there was little question of his renomination Wednesday.

No Chances
Even so, Nixon apparently wasn't taking any chances. Maybe it was only coincidence, but the only time he ventured from his 11th floor hotel suite this morning was to pay calls on the Minnesota and Massachusetts delegations.

He got a standing ovation from Minnesota, Stassen's home state. And Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts, Stassen's choice to replace Nixon, told his state's group he is not seeking the Vice Presidency.

Herter said a lot of delegates have been asking him to add "a little excitement" to the convention, and that his answer was "definitely no."

Nixon told the Minnesota breakfast he has been asked whether he intended to campaign openly for renomination. He said he has done all his campaigning in the past 3 1/2 years, and he invited the delegates to examine his record in office.

Best Ticket
The important thing, he said, is to put up the "best possible ticket" in order to assure the continued leadership of President Eisenhower.

"It would be a great tragedy," he said, "if that leadership was denied to America and the world in the next four years."

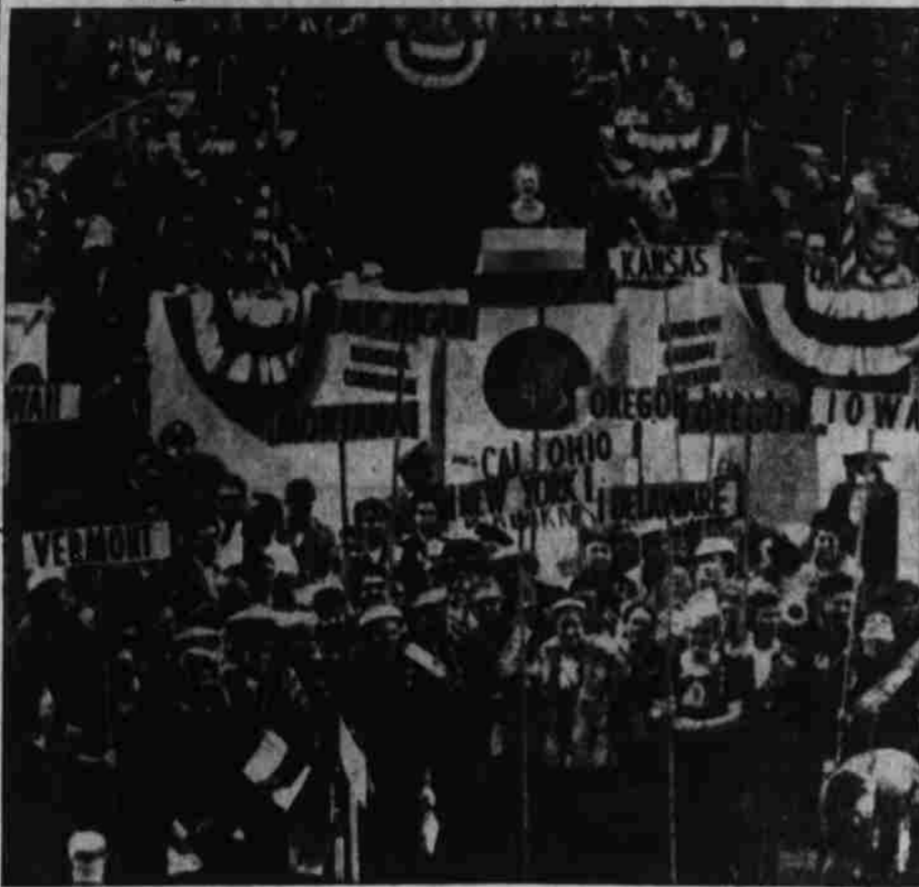
The Vice President's staff later added Virginia to the group of visiting delegations.

Nixon was in his hotel suite when the GOP convention opened. His first appearance at the Cow Palace probably won't come until after his renomination — if that's the order of 662 or more of the 1,333 delegates.



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Republican Women Hoist Banners



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Criticism of Nixon Fails to Worry Wife

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Pat Nixon gave this philosophy for life Monday: "If you're just really working hard and doing the best you can, then you have no regrets."

She had almost the same words when a reporter asked how she felt about criticism of her husband, Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

"I know in our own hearts we're doing the best we can, and I just don't worry."

Mrs. Nixon, 43, a strawberry blonde with brown eyes, met a score of women reporters for coffee and rolls Monday in the hotel suite where the Nixons are staying during the Republican National Convention.

"Of course I don't discuss politics; I leave that to my husband," she started off. "There were requests for interviews and I thought you just might like to know

Woman Bemoans Oil, Rather Than Water, on Land

GEORGETOWN, Tex. (AP)—"It's just revolting," said Mrs. W. H. Percy when drillers struck oil instead of water, on her property near here.

"My grass, shrubs and trees are dying in the drought and still I have no water," she said yesterday. "I can't even run my air-conditioner on oil."

Mrs. Percy began drilling for water when the well went dry this summer.

"But what if it's a paying well?" she was asked.

"That's different, then I can afford to drill another water well," she said.

Average life insurance per American family at mid-year is estimated at \$7,200, up \$300 from January 1.

about the family and life in general."

How was life in general? "Hectic."

GOP Platform Backs Flexible Farm Props

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Republican platform builders gave a vote of confidence Monday to the Eisenhower farm programs featuring flexible price supports and a soil bank program paying farmers to reduce production.

In a farm plank to be submitted to the party convention Tuesday, the 105-member platform committee declared that farmers, too, have confidence in the President and his agricultural policies.

Endorsement of the flexible supports was made in the face of the fact that a number of Republican congressmen from politically important farm states opposed and voted against them.

The GOP plank made no direct reference to a Democrat pledge—made at that party's convention at Chicago last week—to repeal flexible supports and restore high, rigid levels in effect under the Truman Administration. The Democrats charged that the Republicans had refused to support recent legislation "to reverse the alarming fall of farm prices."

The GOP plank countered with the statement that farm prices are improving and farm income is climbing.

"Our farm and ranch people are confident of the future, despite efforts to frighten them into accepting economic nostrums and political panaceas," it said. "Our ob-

jective is a prosperous, expanding and free agriculture."

The Republican farm program, it added, "does not envision making farmers dependent upon direct governmental payments for their incomes." The Democrats proposed broad use of such payments to help boost farm income.

Annual College Forum Underway in Austria
INNSBRUCK (AP)—Austria's annual college forum, designated as

Elephant-Shaped Purse Carried by GOP Delegate

COW PALACE, SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Mrs. Gladys E. Knowles, secretary of the Republican National Committee, went all out for her party Monday.

With her on the platform when she read the "Call for Convention" was her handbag, a huge white wicker affair—in the shape of an elephant.

international study weeks, is under way. More than 1,000 students and their professors from 20 European and overseas countries are registered this year, ranging from India to the United States.



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