



Having Chat

Former Presidents Herbert Hoover and Harry S. Truman present this study during informal chat in New York Tuesday. They were attending New York City reception for astronaut Scott Carpenter.

AMA Not on Trial, Larson Tells JFK

CHICAGO (AP)—The American Medical Assn., answering President Kennedy's challenge to "set the record straight," says the King-Anderson medical care bill—not the AMA—is on trial.

The exchange was the latest development in the administration-AMA dispute over a plan for medical care for the aged. President Kennedy, in a letter to Dr. Leonard W. Larson, AMA president, cited past actions Kennedy said indicate the AMA's opposition to the Social Security system.

Statement in Letter

The President's letter Tuesday was in reply to a message Larson sent Kennedy last month charging the President had created the impression the AMA had called Social Security a "cruel hoax" and was among opponents of its enactment in the 1930s.

Larson's letter Tuesday said, in part, "President Kennedy made the statement in his May 23 news conference that 'the AMA was one of the chief opponents of the Social Security system in the '30s'."

"The American Medical Assn. did not oppose enactment of the Social Security system, but what may have been said at some later time is extraneous to the accusation the President made on 23."

"Furthermore, I want to emphasize that past history of the AMA has nothing to do with the merits of the King-Anderson bill."

"The King-Anderson bill is on trial, not the AMA."

Some Questions

Kennedy in his letter said if the AMA did not oppose Social

Security before its enactment—only afterward—he would point out "this unique distinction at my next press conference."

"On the other hand," Kennedy wrote, "if the AMA has never opposed Social Security, some questions may be asked in order to set the record straight."

Among Kennedy's questions were, "why the AMA in 1949 sent to all members of Congress a resolution approved by its House of Delegates calling Social Security a 'compulsory socialistic tax' and 'why the AMA House of Delegates declared in 1953 it had previously registered disapproval of the principle involved in Social Security'."



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Nixon, Kuchel Win

Voters Pick Candidates in Five States

From AP, UPI Reports

Richard M. Nixon crashed back onto the national political stage with a California triumph while voters in four other states and convention delegates in another named their candidates for November elections.

The former vice president won the Republican gubernatorial nomination in Tuesday's California primary election, overcoming the stubborn challenge of conservative Joseph C. Snell by a two to one margin.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown coasted to victory over three virtually unknown opponents in the Democratic primary. Brown seeks a second term.

In other races around the nation:

GOP Nominees

Sen. Thomas Kuchel of California, Sen. Francis Case of South Dakota and Gov. Robert E. Smylie of Idaho won Republican nominations for new terms.

The Connecticut Republican convention took eight ballots to nominate insurance executive John Alsop for governor.

Rep. Jamie Whitten ousted Rep. Frank Smith from Congress in a battle of Mississippi Democrats seeking the same House seat.

The hottest scrap of the day came at Hartford, Conn., where Republican delegates to the state convention grappled for ten hours before choosing Alsop as their gubernatorial candidate. The brother of writers Stewart and Joseph Alsop finally beat former congressman and state GOP chairman Edwin H. May Jr., 337-314 on the eighth ballot in the early morning hours.

But May, 38-year-old former congressman, left the threat of a primary battle hanging over the party. Under the state's primary law, he can take a convention decision to the voters. He said he wanted to get some rest before announcing his decision.

Delegates Weary

The weary delegates put off until Wednesday the job of choosing a nominee for the U. S. Senate and congressman at large. Former Gov. John C. Lodge appeared to be the favorite among the three candidates for the Senate seat being vacated by the retirement of Republican Sen. Prescott Bush. Connecticut Democrats meet in

July to nominate their candidates.

The winner's Democratic opponent is expected to be either Welfare Secretary Abraham Ribicoff or Rep. Frank Kowalski Jr.

Senator Case easily won re-nomination in the South Dakota primary. His Democratic opponent will be George McGovern, until recently the head of the U. S. Food for Peace program. McGovern was unopposed, as were the two candidates for governor who will stage a rematch of their close 1960 race—Republican Gov. Archie Gubbrud and Democratic former Gov. Ralph Herseth.

Representative Whitten piled up a better than two to one lead over Representative Smith in the Mississippi battle of House colleagues.

Same District

The two had been forced into the same district when Mississippi's House delegation was cut from six to five after the 1960 census. Whitten bolted the party's national slate in 1960.

Final Exams Investigated

NEW YORK (AP)—The provost of Long Island University says an investigation into rumored cheating on final exams in under way and the school will hold up diplomas until the matter has been settled.

The university holds its commencement Thursday. Diplomas normally are not distributed until six or eight weeks later.

The provost, John C. Baiardi, said the investigation began last Thursday after several students reported that final examinations had been stolen and circulated before the tests were given.

Baiardi has been interviewing students whose high test results do not jibe with their earlier classwork. He said none had admitted any advance knowledge of the tests.

backing unpledged electors. Smith had remained loyal to the party nominee, Kennedy.

In Idaho, gambling proponent Vernon K. Smith won his first major bet in his campaign to become governor when he overcame party odds to win the Democratic nomination.

Smith not only cornered the necessary 40 per cent plurality in the six-man race for the nod but had votes to spare. Charles Herndon of Salmon ran a poor second and John G. Walters of Boise was third.

Republicans overwhelmingly nominated Smylie for an unprecedented third, four-year term and picked Boise Atty. John T. Hawley to run for the U. S. Senate against incumbent Democrat Frank Church.

Still Undecided

Still to be decided is the GOP choice for second district congress. State Rep. Orval Hansen of Idaho Falls led a five-man race but failed by slightly more than one per cent to garner the necessary 40 per cent plurality. He and former Congressman John Sanborn of Hagerman must meet in a runoff election June 26 to decide the race.

Incumbent Democrat Ralph Harding of Blackfoot had little trouble beating Asael Lyman of Sugar City for the party nod to a second term in Congress.

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