

# Eisenhower Feels Informed Republicans Should Back Nixon Against Democratic Charges of Smear Tactics in Campaign

Washington — (U.P.)—President Eisenhower today strongly defended Vice-President Richard M. Nixon against Democratic charges that Nixon used smear tactics in the 1954 congressional campaign.

Mr. Eisenhower said Nixon is loyal and patriotic and that he admires him. The President also told his news conference he is sure that Nixon never had challenged the loyalty of the entire Democratic party.

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Washington — (U.P.)—President Eisenhower is firmly recorded as endorsing Vice-President Richard M. Nixon's 1954 campaign tactics and feels now that informed Republicans should defend them against Democratic charges of a smear.

Mr. Eisenhower's endorsement was in a campaign wind-up letter to the vice-president expressing admiration "for the tremendous job you have done since the opening of the present campaign."

The President's feeling that other Republicans familiar with Nixon's campaign tactics should rise in their defense has been expressed privately since Speaker Sam Rayburn and numerous other Democrats started a hot fire as the 84th Congress convened.

It is understood that Nixon intends to leave his defense to others unless their efforts prove inadequate. In that event, Nixon probably would utilize his high station in government to seize the attention to that which dramatically interrupted his campaign for election back in 1952.

Refers To 'Dog' Speech  
That was the occasion when the Republican vice-presidential nominee, supported by Mrs. Nixon and the Nixon's dog, Checkers, made a TV reply to inquiries about the source and use of his funds. Meantime, the defense of Nixon has begun with a Senate speech by Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) and a sharp statement by Republican National Committee Chairman Leonard W. Hall.

To some of Nixon's associates the present Democratic attack looks like a double barreled program:

1. To discredit one of the two men who sought to make the most effective campaign use of the charge that Democrats in office had been soft on Communism.

2. To damage Mr. Eisenhower's political prestige by discrediting a close associate who has the President's publicly avowed confidence.

Another McCarthy Case  
Some observers suggest that the campaign against Nixon is a natural supplement to the successful strategy which laid low

Wisconsin's Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy. The methods of McCarthy and of Nixon were decidedly different and the senator zoomed in and out of areas never approached by the vice-president.

But they were the pair who had been counted on by a substantial element of the Republican high command to raise most effectively during the 1954 campaign the soft - on - Communism charge

which so enraged and in some areas so hurt the Democrats. It is one down and one to go, as of now, McCarthy having been so overwhelmed by a combined Republican-Democratic attack as

to be benched during the 1954 campaign. But the Democrats had notable support in the maneuvers which brought McCarthy down. The Republican party was badly split

on that, Nixon may not be beloved by all Senate Republicans, but it is not remotely likely that any of them openly would join the Democrats in any campaign to knock him out.

## Brown Fails in Suicide Attempt

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — David Brown, 49, former Civil Rights Congress official who faked his own kidnaping, attempted suicide last night by slashing himself 16 times with a razor, police reported.

Police said Brown, found in a downtown hotel room, was taken to Georgia Street Receiving hospital and released after being treated for cuts on his temple, arms and right wrist.

"When I get my nerve, I'll try to do it again," officers quoted him. "I'm a rat and a spy and I want to die!"

Brown, former executive secretary of the Los Angeles chapter of the left wing Civil Rights Congress, was reported missing Jan. 3 by his wife, Sylvia, but turned up unharmed Jan. 6. At first he said he had been kidnaped, but then admitted his story was a hoax.

He also alleged he was an undercover agent for the FBI and he blamed shame over being "a stool pigeon" for causing him to disappear and invent the kidnap hoax.

## Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY  
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Hollywood — (U.P.) — Hollywood's newest "Cinderella" is a local theater play written by a Texas drama coach that is headed for a first-class Broadway opening.

For 15 years, Baruch Lumet toyed with dramatizing incidents of Jewish folklore of his native Poland.

Finally he fashioned them into a play, "Once Upon a Taylor," that has been running in the tiny Circle Theater here for 6 weeks.

Hollywood traditionally does not shine as a theater town. But the play was such a success it will be produced on Broadway in eight weeks by Circle Theater manager George Boroff and tycoon Roger Stevens, who has presented such hits as "Ondine" and "Tea and Sympathy" in New York.

No Compliments  
"When the play opened at the Circle nobody complimented me on it—they were too busy wanting to invest money in it," Boroff said.

"Mr. Stevens, however, wanted to arrange the financial backing himself. My Hollywood friends were upset because I couldn't take their money. It's an odd thing to say, but money to produce this play never has been a problem."

Author Lumet is a quiet, bespectacled fellow who operates a drama institute in Dallas. During his many years as an actor, he created a character called "Frenzel" for one-man shows, and his new play is built around that character.

"Once Upon a Taylor" also stems from a radio show he once did in Brooklyn, and from his Yiddish play, "The Jester," that ran off Broadway many years ago.

"There is no reason why this play can't be done in a class way," the writer explained. "It is not like 'The Goldbergs' or those other conical cliches."

"It is representative folklore, the type I have performed and lectured about at universities. It has universal appeal. We hope Thelma Ritter will do the play."

Lumet's other claim to fame is that he is the father-in-law of shapely film beauty, Rita Gam. His son, Sidney Lumet, is a top New York television director.

"Yes, I am pleased about having a play on Broadway for the first time," the elder Lumet said cautiously. "But I won't believe it until I see it."

BEER WASTED  
Lynn, Mass.—(U.P.)—Thomas F. Donnelly, 46, began serving a two-month jail sentence today for pouring a quart of beer over his wife while she slept.

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## New Albany-Eugene Highway Discussed

Portland — (U.P.) — A project for a new highway from Albany to Eugene to the east of the present Highway 99 is in the talking stage, it was reported here today.

Discussion of the project is going on between the State Highway Commission and the Bureau of Public Roads, according to The Oregonian. Under the plans, federal funds would be provided in a ratio of 69.58 per cent leaving the rest for the state to pay. Federal participation would be only advisory, however.

Construction is being discussed for a new road from Salem to Eugene, the newspaper said, but much of the existing road from Salem to Albany would be utilized so that it would involve mainly a new route to the east of the present 99B from Albany to Eugene.

## Solon Seeks Cause Of Market Spiral

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Wright Patman (D-Tex.) wants to investigate whether the Federal Reserve Board allowed the stock market boom to run unchecked last fall in an effort to help Republicans in the congressional elections.

The Texas Democrat said the boom has not exposed the economy to "a new element of instability" and "the Federal Reserve and the Treasury are to blame."

Patman is a member of the Joint Congressional Economic Committee which is considering an inquiry into the stock market.

Noting that the Federal Reserve last week tightened up on credit terms for buying stock, Patman said he wanted to know why the board failed to act last October when "stock prices began to accelerate."

"I shall find out," he said, "whether the fact that the elections were held in the midst of the spiral was responsible for the failure to take early preventive action."

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## AEC Chairman Tells New Law of Nature

Washington — (U.P.) — Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission has discovered a new law of nature.

"I hope," he told the National Press Club Tuesday, "it will be known as Strauss' Law. It goes to the effect that 'if anything bad can happen, it probably will.'"

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## Philadelphians Cheer Marian Anderson

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — The deafening cheers of a sold out house temporarily interrupted the Philadelphia debut of Marian Anderson as she sang with the Metropolitan opera last night only a few blocks from Union Baptist church where she performed her first solo at the age of eight for 50 cents.

The Academy of Music rarely has heard such an ovation that the appearance of the famed Philadelphia contralto brought forth from an audience which included her mother and two sisters.

Following the performance of Verdi's "Masked Ball," in which Miss Anderson first sang last Friday in New York, a special party was held in her honor by the city.

Less than one-fifth the U. S. population lives on farms.

## Drive-In Movie Censorship Asked

Chicago — (U.P.) — The Cook County Board will ask the Legislature for powers to censor movies at drive-in theaters at this session of the Legislature.

William N. Erickson, chairman of the board's Legislative committee, said censorship is needed at drive-in theaters in unincorporated areas of the county because of the number of teenagers attending such movies.

He pointed out that "The French Line," a movie banned in Chicago last year, could be shown in drive-in theaters because the Cook County sheriff's office was without authority to ban it.

EXECUTIVE DIES  
San Francisco — (U.P.) — William Thomas Sexton, chairman of the Board of the Coastwise Steamship line, died at his home yesterday. He was 64.

## James Stewart, Wife Heading for Orient

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Actor James Stewart and his wife, Gloria, boarded the President Cleveland today for a cruise of the Orient, including Honolulu, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan.

Stewart and his wife were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Johnson of Fort Worth, Tex. Johnson is chairman of the Board of Central Airlines.

In 1953, 770 pedestrians were killed and 27,750 injured in the United States while attempting to cross intersections against the light, the Automobile Club of New York reports.

## Phone Installers Settle Dispute

Seattle — (U.P.) — A work dispute between Communications Workers of America CIO and the Western Electric Co., was settled yesterday, ending a brief walk-out by 350 employees.

Central office telephone equipment installers in Washington, Oregon and northern Idaho walked out Monday in protest over double-shifting of a Western Electric job at Moses Lake.

The union contended work normally done by daytime crews should not be done by a night shift. The company claimed the double-shifting was necessary to complete the work on time.

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