

Strategists Already Making Campaign Plans for Reelection of Eisenhower

More Comfortable White House Life Also Considered

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Washington — (U.P.) — Behind the draft-Eisenhower scenes, confident Republican strategists



already are talking 1956 campaign plans and methods of making official life more comfortable for the President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

There is considerable evidence that the Eisenhower womenfolk are not enthusiastic about a second term for the master. President Eisenhower has been coy in public on the subject of a second term. To numerous somewhat doubting White House visitors he has said that he did not want another four years.

Nevertheless, plans to run him again are developing from day to day. And if there is any White House rebuke to Vice-President Richard M. Nixon for this week's statement that the party cannot win without the President in 1956, a great many persons here will be surprised, even shocked.

Recalls FDR Draft
That would be almost too much. Most surely it would recall the incident in the middle of Franklin D. Roosevelt's second term when Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace began the third term draft boom. The ensuing draft-Roosevelt movement was the best organized spontaneous activity heretofore seen in these parts. It flowered, finally, with Wallace in second place on the third-term ticket.

Mr. Roosevelt kept Democrats guessing until the 1940 Democratic National convention actually met. Then he released the delegations instructed for him and promptly was nominated again, there having been no time for the angry anti-Roosevelt minority to build up more than a shadow opposition candidate.

Mr. Eisenhower has promised his opponents a better break by revealing in the early spring of next year whether he will be a candidate for renomination. If he steps down, which is not likely, there would be a Republican free for all. In the judgment of most top Republicans, the Democrats then would elect a president.

More Free Time
That is the argument being used on Mr. Eisenhower today—that only he can win and effect the over-all Republican program which is too big a job to be accomplished in one term. The men around Mr. Eisenhower are confident that argument will persuade the President to run again. But they are taking some additional precautions.

On another front, plans are being made to make official life more pleasant for the Eisenhowers. It is the little things that often count most. Take dinners. There are half a dozen or so big dinners in a Washington season to which the President is expected and usually does go. They come on Saturday nights, always. This year's Women's National Press club dinner was shifted to Thursday by request.

Suggestions are expected soon that the President would prefer that some other big affairs do likewise, or even, that some of them be combined to reduce their number. That would free more presidential weekends for relaxation at the Gettysburg, Pa., farm or a quickie to Georgia for golf. Mrs. Eisenhower would like that, too.

Southern Pacific Reports Income Dip

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The Southern Pacific company reported today its total net income dipped slightly in 1954 to \$48,702,811, equivalent to \$5.38 a share.

The total net income for 1953 was \$62,015,000, equivalent to \$6.85 a share.

SP said its capital expenditures totaled \$63,306,637 last year, the principal expenditures being for 98 diesel locomotive units, 1707 freight cars, 26 streamlined passenger cars, modernization of rail facilities and purchases of trucking equipment.

Company President D. J. Russell said SP's traffic volume followed the trend of business activity in the Far West and Southwest, a moderate decline in the first quarter of 1954, stability during the second and third quarters and a "measurable improvement" in the last quarter.

Since 1945 the bounty paid by the State of California has been \$50 for male mountain lions and \$60 for females.

Charges of Sabotage, Wire Tapping Made in Phone, Rail Strikes

By UNITED PRESS
Charges of sabotage, wire tapping and violence added heat today to widespread telephone and railroad strikes.

Bitter accusations flared up in the South, where about 50,000 telephone workers in nine states entered the third day of their strike for a new contract against the Southern Bell Telephone Company.

The company charged that its

cables had been "sabotaged" 47 times in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. A North Carolina union official countered with a statement that the company was tapping his telephone.

There was another charge of suspected sabotage in the 13-state strike of 10 unions against the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

At Louisville, Ky., the FBI was asked to investigate the plac-

ing of rocks the "size of a hat crown" on L & N tracks at the mouth of a tunnel at Covington, Ky. Meanwhile, an Evansville, Ind., striker and a non-striker were charged with disorderly conduct after a picket line fight.

The railroad dispute spilled into the courts at Louisville, where attorneys for railroad brotherhoods appealed a temporary order forbidding operating trainmen to honor the strikers' picket lines.

The strike was called by 10 AFL unions representing 19,000 non-operating employees to back up demands for a health and welfare program. The operating employees—the men who actually run the trains—are not on strike.

In the telephone dispute, officials of both Southern Bell and the CIO Communications Workers Union said they were innocent of the charges against them.

P. R. Latta, CWA local president at Raleigh, N.C., said a telephone at his office and another at union headquarters had been tapped by the company.

"I've been in this too long not to know when someone has cut in on a telephone," he said.

But J. L. Haselden of Southern Bell said "there was nothing" to Latta's charge.

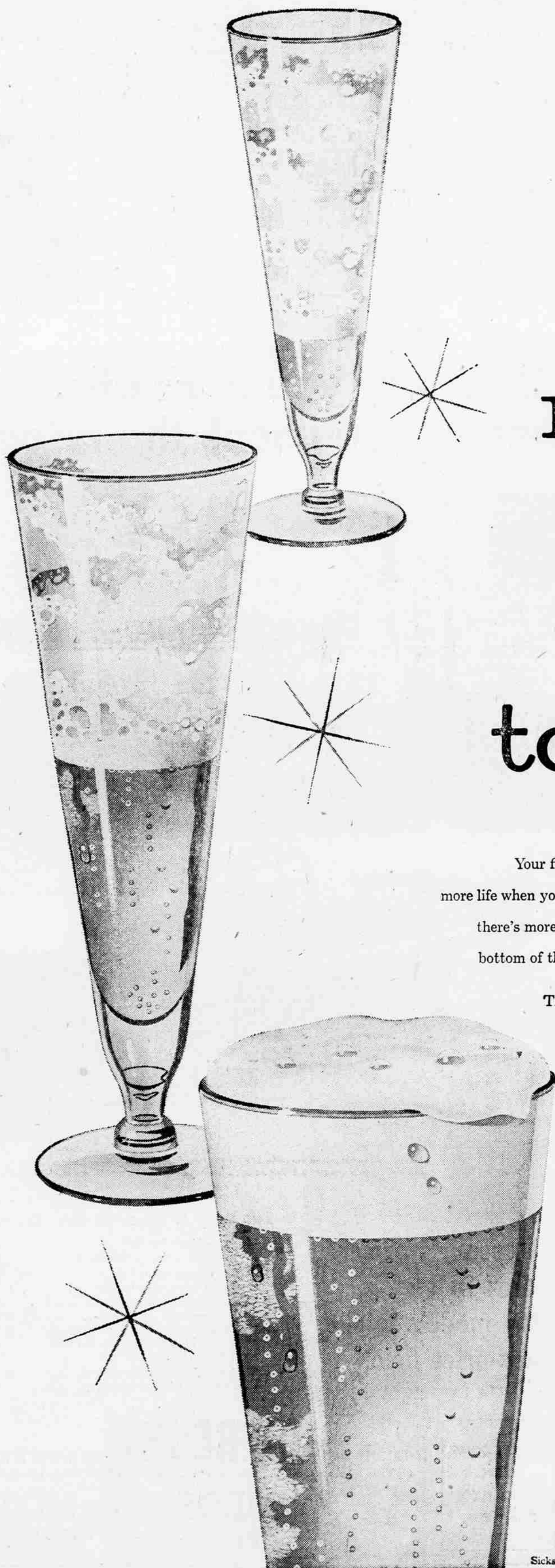
In Atlanta, Ga., the company

said 25 cables were slashed in the Birmingham, Ala., area, 19 in the Atlanta area, and two near Natchez, Miss.

In addition, it said, a cable linking Atlanta and Charlotte, N.C., was damaged by a blow from a "blunt instrument" south of Lawrenceville, Ga.

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