Nixon Seen Being Groomed for Continued Service as Nation's Number Two Leader

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Washington — (U.P.) — You can take your pick now whether President Eisenhower is grooming Vice President Richard M. Nixon for continued service or a promotion after 1956.

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The urgent hope and considerable confidence of most top drawer Republican leaders are in agreement that the vice president is being groomed merely for continued service as No. 2 man on a 1956 Eisenhower Nixon ticket.

However that may be, Mr. Eisenhower repeated a tremendous political gesture in Nixon's direction before taking off for Geneva. In a handwritten note he authorized the vice president to summon and preside over a cabinet meeting and to convene a legislative conference if such were needed. Nixon has presided at cabinet meetings before this when the President was absent from Washington, but this is the first with Mr. Eisenhower in foreign lands.

Expresses Satisfaction

This continuing expression of confidence in the young — age 42 — man from California is the latest of many. The President so frequently has expressed satisfaction with Nixon's conduct in office as to convince almost anyone that he'd like him on the ticket again, if there is an Eisenhower ticket.

Nixon's barbed campaign charges last year that the Democrats has been soft on Communism enraged that party's leaders. Mr. Eisenhower moved shortly before the election to give the prestige of his own endorsement to Nixon's political strategy. It was one of those "Dear Dick" letters with a real sock.

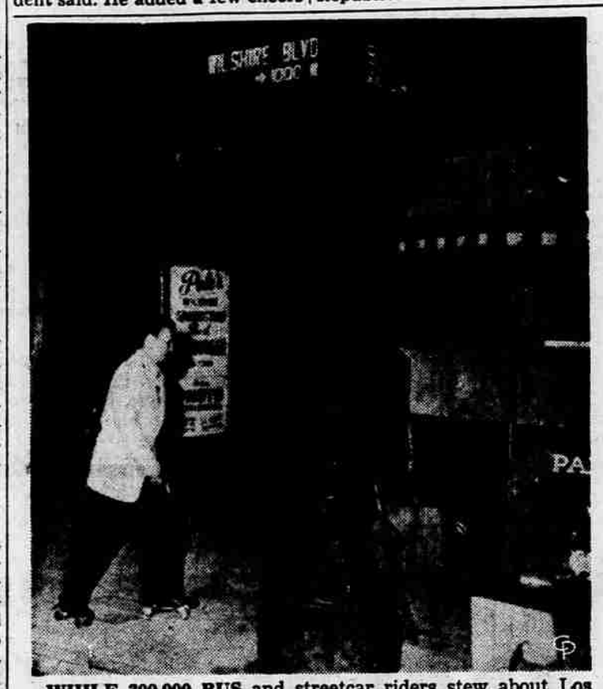
"Whenever my burdens tend to feel unduly heavy," the President began, "I admire all the more the tremendous job you have been doing since the opening of the present campaign."

Salute To Mrs. Nixon

There was more, including a right hand salute to pretty Mrs. Pat Nixon. As recently as last month in San Francisco, Mr. Eisenhower was privately telling California state party leaders how Nixon had matured in office. Somewhat earlier he philosophized for a news conference on the relationship of presidential nominees. A No. 1 nominee who was given an unsatisfactory No. 2 running mate should refuse to run, the President said. He added a few cheers for Nixon and the job he was doing.

This bit of philsophy quickly was interpreted as meaning that Mr. Eisenhower would refuse to drop Nixon for a compromise right-wing Republican vice presidential nominee next year —Sen. William F. Knowland of California, for instance. Knowland is one of the so-called Taft men. He has bucked the administration on foreign policy and on the isue of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

There have been other examples of Mr. Eisenhower's fondness for Nixon, personally and officially. For his part, the vice president is among the most active of the draft-Eisenhower Republicans.



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Case of Tuberculosis Reported to Office

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Two Suspects Held For Abducting Girl

Hobbs, N.M. — (U.P.) — Hobbs police today held two men on suspicion of abducting a 19-year-old girl from her Chicago home.

Police identified the suspects as Raol Martinez Vargas, 23, El Paso, Tex., and Abel Flores Acosta, 21, Chicago.

The girl, Josephine Rodriguez, told police Acosta came to her home and told her he was leaving for California and asked her to go with him. She said she told him "No, you must be crazy."

The young woman said Acosta asked her to walk him to the car and when she did, he picked her up and threw her in.

Hobbs Policeman Monty Phillips arrested the two men after stopping them for speeding. He saw the woman lying on the back seat and she told him the story when he asked for her identification.

Bridges Deportation Hearing To Resume

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The naturalization trial of Harry Bridges resumed today after a three-day recess called to allow the West Coast labor leader to testify before a congressional committee in Washington.

The 54-year-old president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union is being tried before Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman in a government civil suit designed to strip him of the citizenship he acquired here in 1945.

The government charges that Bridges lied when, to qualify for citizenship, he swore he was not and had not been a member of the Communist party. If the charges are proved, Bridges could be deported to his native Australia.

The trial marks the government's fourth attempt to deport the ILWU chief. Testimony in the present trial is expected to wind up late this week.

Russians Pledge To Curb Air Incidents

Washington— (U.P.) — The Russians have followed up their recent offer to pay half the damages in the shooting down of an American plane with a pledge to try to prevent future plane incidents.

Informed sources said the pledge was contained in a note which Russian Charge D'Affairs Sergei R. Striganov delivered yesterday to acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr. It concerned the downing of a U.S. Navy plane by Soviet aircraft over the Bering Sea June 23.

The Russian note also expressed the belief that the United States will take similar preventive steps.

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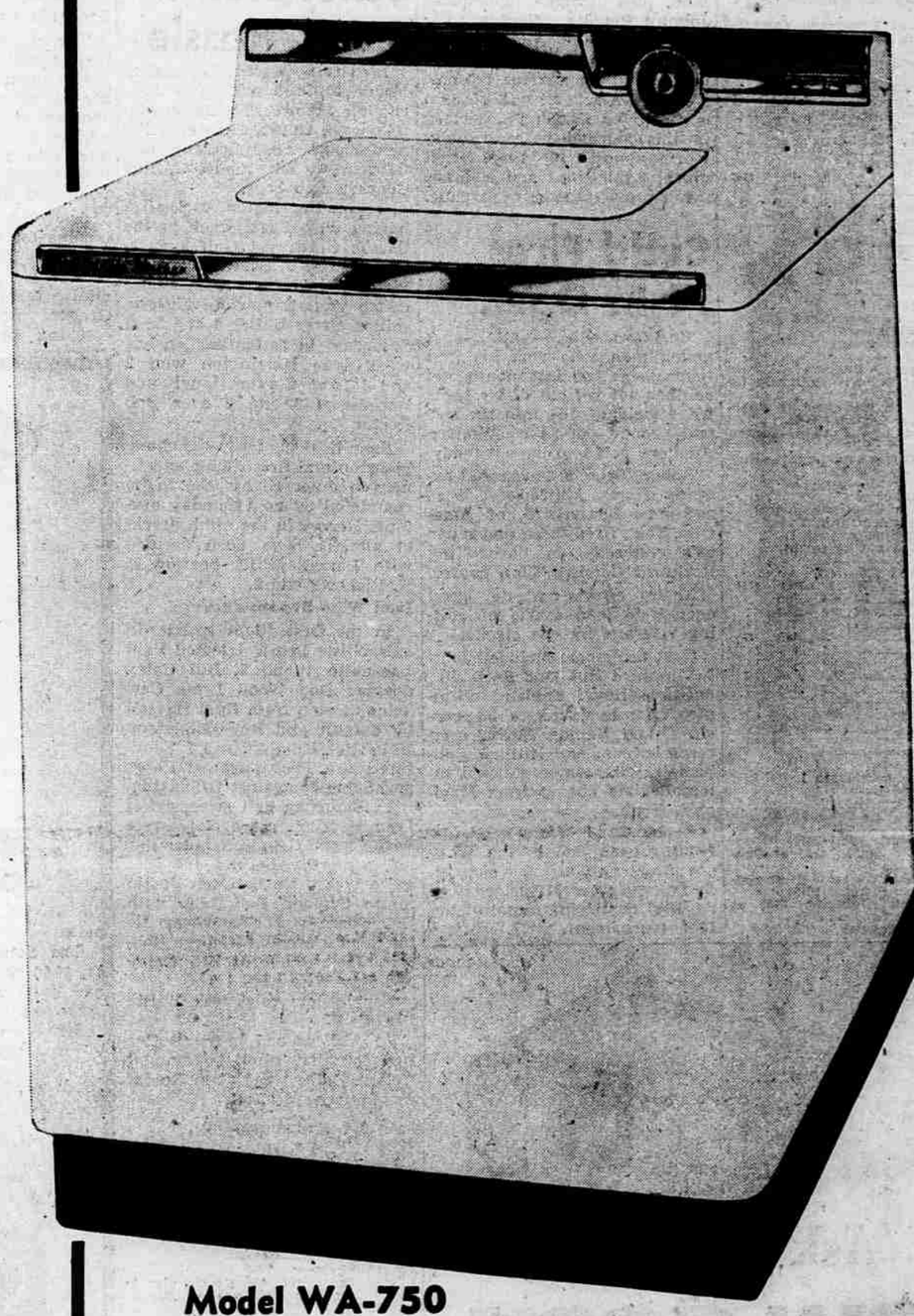

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