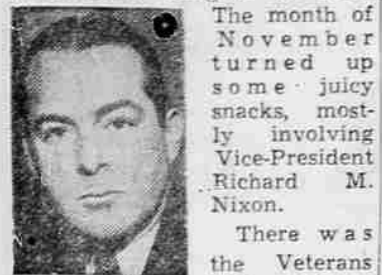


Nixon Provides Ample Fodder for Political Gossip Mongers in Washington

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 Washington (U.P.)—Political gossip is the fodder upon which Washington delights to feed.



The month of November turned up some juicy snacks, mostly involving Vice-President Richard M. Nixon.

There was the Veterans Day whisper which had friends of Nixon a bit worried. It related that President Eisenhower had been persuaded to ease off on his public applause of his young vice-presidential friend.

Some gesture of White House coolness toward Nixon was recommended. And, as the whisper went, it was decided to ask former President Hoover instead of Nixon to represent Mr. Eisenhower on Nov. 11 at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

That whisper made the dinner table circuit, a-building as it went. It was a phony, however. Nixon actually participated in the discussion leading to the eminently proper selection of the only living Republican ex-president to represent the Republican now in the White House.

More highly seasoned was a morsel about a bit of backstabbing by a member of the White House staff. The incident took place when a representative of the Radio Correspondents association sought White House advice on the likelihood of Mr. Eisenhower attending the association's annual dinner next February.

Group Wants Nixon
 Informed that the President probably would not be there, the radio man explained it was customary to give the President a dinner souvenir and, in his absence, the association would ask Nixon to receive for him.

"Are you sure you will want Nixon?" the White House aide inquired. "He'll be a very controversial figure, you know."

When the radio man said he still felt that Nixon should be Mr. Eisenhower's stand-in, the White House spokesman made another pitch.

"It wouldn't have to be Nixon," he argued. "Secretary of State Dulles would be much more appropriate — or George Humphrey (secretary of treasury)."

Nixon has heard this one by now and is convinced it is true, which it seems to be. The vice-president is considerably more than merely annoyed. His political future depends very largely on White House favor. There was no indication that Nixon winced, however, when former President Truman was quoted this week as calling him a He probably wasn't much surprised, either.

Truman Rejects Nixon
 Nixon can recall the truthful if gossipy item of some months ago when Mr. Truman visited Capitol Hill and the Senate chamber. Mr. Truman let it be known through a member of his party that he had no interest in entering the Senate chamber to be welcomed by the vice-president, who normally would be presiding there.

Discreet inquiries informed Mr. Truman that Nixon was not presiding at the moment. He was, in fact, out of the country. The former president happily strode into the chamber for a gay and noisy welcome.

Nixon figures in much of Washington's gossipy chat because he is exactly what the

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Gloria Swanson Would Have Hard Time Saying Where She Was on Particular Day

By GLORIA SWANSON
 Written for the United Press
 Rome—(U.P.)—If I were on a witness stand and asked where I was on the night of the 16th of May, June, July, August, September, I would make a very bad witness for myself. I have

been travelling so fast and furiously the last seven months that I, no doubt, have given the appearance of a flying saucer.

I have only had brief visits in Naples, Florence, Venice, Turin and Milan, making Rome my headquarters. However, I did have a month in London and two in Paris.

Loathing to live in hotels, I had a darling house when in London and two different apartments in Paris. And in a few days I hope to be tucked away in a beautiful apartment overlooking one of the oldest churches in Rome, which is just below the hill on which Rome was first founded by Romulus and Remus in 753 B.C. Although I have never lived in anything but a hotel in Rome, still I have the feeling of going "home" from

the moment I boarded the train in Paris.

The Discussion

A discussion arose at luncheon the second day I was here about what makes one city more desirable than another. An Italian present wanted to know why I preferred Rome to Paris.

I agreed with him that there was nothing to compare with the awesome beauty of the Champs Elysees at night, even in the rain as I had last seen it, but that brick and mortar—no matter how beautiful or historical—was only a background for a people: That a race seemed to have a sort of personality.

In the case of Paris which I had always known as a gay city because its people had a genuine gaiety, it now seemed to have a personality that had taken on a

kind of "morning after" grouch—no longer the look of the gay mistress of the world but a sad look of a Toulouse Lautrec gal. Both Expensive

Of course, I never knew Rome before the war as I did Paris so I don't know what changes have been made here. But today the two places have much in common such as two prices for everything. You can find your money disappearing just as fast here. And that a direct answer to a direct question is not possible. Both "yes" and "no" usually mean "maybe."

The reason for my feeling more at home here is that, like all Americans, I have a crazy sense of humor. If I'm going to be "had," I like it done with a smile.

The people here are still at that gay cocktail party stage. They haven't yet reached the "morning after."

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Yreka — Articles of association for the proposed Mountain Water Resources association were adopted at an organizational meeting held recently in Placerville, according to a letter received by the Siskiyou county board of supervisors.

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The letter stated that the articles were an outgrowth of the metropolitan areas of the state pressing for changes in the so-called "county of origin" water law.

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