

Possibility of Ike's Refusal Disturbing To Many Republicans

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Washington — (U.P.) — The disturbing question which haunts the days and nights of many Republicans is: "What if Ike says no?"



It is astonishing how a single event, such as the President's refusal to run again, could so differently affect other men. For example, consider four Californians. Chief Justice Earl Warren's life suddenly would be complicated by a glamorous pressure that he desert the bench for politics. There is not much question that Mr. Warren would be nominated if Mr. Eisenhower declined, and would be unless he acted promptly and vigorously to prevent it. Mr. Warren would be confronted with a decision which comes to few men because it is also very possible he could be elected President of the United States. The Chief Justice has said he would not leave the bench. He would have to say it again with force. Mr. Warren's age, however, is against him: 64.

Nixon's Predicament

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon would have a different problem. He's the youngest of the lot, 42. He would have to launch a campaign for the presidential nomination rather late in the game. He would do so in expectation of help from Mr. Eisenhower, which he probably would get, one way or another. There is no reason to doubt Nixon's sincerity when he says he wants Mr. Eisenhower to run again. Nixon is fairly sure of being on the ticket again, and he has plenty of time. He can wait until 1960. Until Mr. Eisenhower definitely takes himself out of it, Nixon can make no move in his own behalf.

Sen. William F. Knowland's reaction would be wholly different. He is 47. Knowland says, and there is no proof that he doesn't mean it, that he is for Mr. Eisenhower. He wants the nomination for himself if Mr. Eisenhower steps aside.

Knowland's enthusiasm for Mr. Eisenhower however, is not the hot and jealous emotion of a Latin for her lover. There was a time last year and before

when Knowland seemed to be opposed to the President's re-nomination. At least he was frigid to the widely touted idea that for the Republican party, Mr. Eisenhower would be the 1956 indispensable man.

Baffles GOP Leaders

Knowland has many fellow Republicans baffled. He is Republican Senate leader, yet frequently has lambasted the administration. Some count him definitely anti-Eisenhower. He represents the extreme right of the party. His voting record has been quite good.

The hot Eisenhower partisans don't like him. His unpopularity in the executive departments is tremendous. The fourth Californian is Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, 59, gifted with a tongue that charms and aggressively ambitious. Knight was to be friends with everybody except, possibly, Vice-President Nixon. Of all Republican governors, he is the one of whom it often is heard that he considers himself a natural for the White House if Mr. Eisenhower should step aside. He will lead the big California delegation to the Republican National Convention. Nevertheless, political oddsmakers count him among

Couple Victims Of Brutal Murder Near Bakersfield

Bakersfield, Calif. — (U.P.) — A 22-year-old man was sought today in the double-murder of a man and wife, whose assailant cut their throats, battered their heads and then drove their car over them.

Authorities issued an all-points bulletin for a man identified as Donald Wyciskia, who left the state of Washington Feb. 1, with the victims, James B. Askew, 49, and his wife, Mary, 43, Seattle.

The slain couple had \$1100 on them when they left Seattle, but the cash was gone when investigators reached the murder scene on a lonely country road two miles north of McFarland, a small community 34 miles north of here.

Suitcase Missing
Authorities found no indication as to the whereabouts of Wyciskia. In addition, a black suitcase which he had taken with him on the trip was missing from the victims' car.

The double slaying was discovered yesterday when the murdered couple's faithful dog, standing vigil in the road beside the car, refused to get out of the way of an approaching automobile driven by John Craine, McFarland. The feet of the victims were sticking out from the car.

Besides starting a search for Wyciskia, authorities rounded up all hitchhikers in the area for questioning.

Headed for Hollywood
Seattle police said the slain couple was headed for Hollywood. Wyciskia was reported riding with them to Hollywood, from where he planned to go to Georgia.

Coroner Stanley Newman of Bakersfield said the couple apparently was bludgeoned with a hatchet. The cutting edge of the weapon was used to cut their throats, he said. Investigating highway patrolmen and sheriff's deputies could not find the death weapon.

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Magazine Salesman Confesses Attacks

Dallas, Tex. — (U.P.) — A glib young magazine salesman held for sexually assaulting an 11-year-old girl has told police he raped 14 women and girls during his travels over nine states.

Police identified the 20-year-old salesman as Joseph Deane-gelo, who said he was born in Brooklyn. Deane-gelo told police he posed as a doctor and talked his victims into physical examinations before the attacks.

Police checked over parts of his story to see where else he was wanted. He was arrested in a downtown Dallas hotel less than six hours after the rape of the 11-year-old girl, who picked him out of a police lineup.

Police said the man confessed to rape attacks in Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Missouri, Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, Arizona and California. However, he said he didn't think he was wanted in many of the places because he had "watched the papers" and could find no reports of the attacks.

He generally picked older women, he said, because he had found from experience that they were less likely to report the attacks.

Thornton Says Ike Will Be Reelected

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — Dan Thornton, administrative assistant to President Eisenhower, said today the president will run again and be reelected.

The former governor of Colorado told newsmen at a press conference here that he was confident the Republican party in Oregon would come up with a candidate who would defeat Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), in the November elections.

However, he declined comment on possible GOP candidates for the senatorial race, saying it was up to the people of Oregon to decide.

Thornton will speak tonight at a Republican rally and buffet supper here. He speaks in Medford tomorrow night, in Roseburg Wednesday night and in Eugene and Corvallis Thursday.

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Knifer Has 'Good Idea' Young Boy Killed at Movie

Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.) — Thomas Lynn Johnston, 24-year-old apprentice embalmer with an apparent fetish for knives, slashed a seven-year-old boy to death in the washroom of a downtown theater yesterday.

"I wanted to see his reaction when I cut his throat," Johnston explained to police. "I just thought it was a good idea."

The victim, Ronald Wendorf, attended the movie matinee at the Studio theater with his brothers, Billy, 10, and Bobby, 9. Ronald went to the washroom alone and Johnston admitted watching him leave and followed him, detective Herbert Kunz said.

Johnston told the detective he grabbed the boy and pulled him into a cubicle of the room and stabbed him in the throat. When Ronald cried out, Johnston slashed his throat and cut his face, he said.

Theater manager William R. Sanderson heard the scream and accosted Johnston as he came down the stairway from the washroom. Johnston was carrying a bloody pocketknife in his

hand, but Sanderson held him until police arrived. The detective who booked Johnston on a charge of murder said police were checking sex and erotic interest in knives as possible motives in the slaying as Johnston did not know the boy.

Police said eight knives, besides the knife used to slash the boy, were found in Johnston's room over a mortuary, along with a book entitled "The Knife."

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Shakespeare Festival Technical Head Dies

Frank Sullivan, Shakespeare Festival technical director last summer, died last week from injuries sustained in a fall at the Bonifis Memorial Theater in Denver, it was learned here today.

He was assistant technical director on the staff of the Denver Civic Theater. The exact nature of the accident is not known here.

Last year was Sullivan's first season at the Festival, and he was to return again this summer as technical director. He had been instrumental during the winter months in laying groundwork for the Festival's future development, particularly the rebuilding of the stage and backstage areas. No plans have been made yet for his replacement next summer.

Last summer, Sullivan was responsible for several improvements and innovations at the theater. He started the first organized backstage tours for guests, and acted as guide for them. He also designed and executed a set of curtains for the inner below which tell the story of the Wars of the Roses, to be used during the history plays, and laid plans for other new curtains. He made a complete inventory of festival props and curtains, made plans for their renovation and completion, and started the work which was to be finished this summer.

Sullivan is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, and his 3-year-old son Jimmy.

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