

Nixon Visualized as Chief GOP Barnstorming Campaigner in Fall

Washington — (U.P.)—Republicans today visualized Vice-President Richard M. Nixon as their chief barnstorming campaigner this fall.

They assigned Nixon that role as soon as he announced Thursday that he again wanted the number two spot on the Republican ticket.

Democrats saw Nixon in the same role. They immediately began flailing him for campaign tactics which they felt were unfair in the past and would be in the future.

Republicans said Nixon was a "natural" for the strenuous, barnstorming type of campaigning which President Eisenhower has said he would not engage in this fall.

There was no doubt that the GOP National Convention would again accept Nixon as Mr. Eisenhower's running mate when it meets in San Francisco Aug. 20.

Confers With President

Before announcing his candidacy Thursday, Nixon conferred at length with the President at the White House. Afterwards, Mr. Eisenhower, who had told Nixon earlier to "chart his own course," let it be known that he was "delighted" with Nixon's decision. The President's endorsement virtually assured Nixon the nomination.

Other political news:

Adlai Stevenson, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, said he was "not surprised" by Nixon's announcement. He said Mr. Eisenhower's approval of Nixon was "just one more point where he and I disagree." Stevenson campaigned in Miami, Fla., Thursday night as part of his drive to win Florida's May 29 primary.

Stevenson's rival for the nomination, Sen. Estes Kefauver, flew to Spokane, Wash., today for a series of speeches. Kefauver said in Pittsburgh Thursday that he is "very much more ahead" in his campaign for the Democratic nomination than he was at this time four years ago.

Another candidate for the Democratic nomination, New York Gov. Averell Harriman, would not comment on Nixon's candidacy other than to ask whether Nixon is "getting a new campaign manager." He apparently referred to Murray Chotiner of Los Angeles, Nixon's 1952 campaign manager. Chotiner has been subpoenaed before

a Senate subcommittee to testify about a \$5,000 legal fee he received from a military uniform maker being investigated by the government.

In Los Angeles, Chotiner said he "really couldn't say" whether he would again handle Nixon's campaign. "We've never discussed the matter," he said.

Nixon's political future had been a subject of speculation because some Republicans believed he had offended independent voters and would weaken the ticket this year. But he has been popular generally with the party professionals, who regard him as a vigorous campaigner of proven skill.

At the same time, Nixon has been unpopular with some veteran Democrats, who believed that, at least by implication, he put a treason label on their entire party during previous campaigns.

In any event, Nixon is now set to be the No. 1 GOP traveller this fall as the Republicans try to hang on to the White House and regain control of Congress. Mr. Eisenhower has said he thinks it improper for a president to carry on a barnstorming campaign. The GOP organization now sees Mr. Eisenhower as making half a dozen television speeches from various cities, to which he will travel by plane.

Support of Library Bill Urged by Local Officials

Miss Helen Webster, Medford public librarian, today urged support of federal legislation to help the states bring library services to 27 million Americans in rural areas currently without such services.

"The free public library symbolizes educational opportunity in America. Its books, magazines and newspapers keep Americans informed so that they may vote intelligently. It helps children in their school work, young people needing vocational information, businessmen requiring facts and know-how, and adults seeking continued education, recreation, and inspiration," she said.

"Citizens who recognize that we all gain when our neighbors have a better understanding of the problems on which they vote, when rural residents have the same access to library services as urban dwellers, should write now to their Congressmen and ask a favorable vote on the Library Services Bill," she added. The bill, introduced by Mrs. Edith Green of Oregon, is being sponsored by members of both parties.

The bill would grant \$7,500,000 a year for five years to states

matching the grants to make available books and other library services to rural families. Grants would be used to improve library services for an additional 53,000,000 Americans in areas where libraries are inadequate.

Miss Webster said Medford will gain a great deal through the law. "We may be enabled to share our resources more fully with the surrounding rural areas through a bookmobile service. Rural residents of Jackson county will benefit directly," she said.

Additional information on the Library Services Bill is available in the reference department of the Medford Public Library, she said.

Medford Trucker Named in Suit

Portland — (U.P.) — The government yesterday filed information in Federal Court against three trucking companies accused of violating the interstate commerce act.

Deputy U.S. Attorney Robert R. Carney charged Nick DeWitt, Medford, with engaging in the business of a contract carrier by motor truck without a permit from the ICC. Maximum fine on each of 10 counts could be \$100.

The Nickle Plate Trucking Company, which runs between Portland and Seattle, was charged on 13 counts with granting concessions to certain shippers and on two counts with extending credit to shippers beyond the lawful period. Portland-Seattle Auto Freight, Inc., was charged with granting concessions to shippers on 15 counts, with granting rebates on five counts and with extending credit beyond the lawful period on one count.

City directories list a Nick R. DeWitt as residing at 320 North Keene Way dr.

Charles Sprague Receives Edith Knight Hill Award

Portland — (U.P.)—The Edith Knight Hill Memorial award last night went to former Oregon Governor Charles Sprague, editor and publisher of the Salem Statesman.

The award was a surprise feature of the annual Matrix Table dinner of Portland chapter of Theta Sigma Phi, honor society for women in journalism. It is made annually for "outstanding service to Oregon."

Nixon Planning H-Bomb Test Trip

Washington — (U.P.) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon said today he is trying to "fit into my schedule" a trip to the Pacific to observe the forthcoming H-bomb tests.

Nixon told reporters he is exploring the possibility of going sometime after June 15. The first shot is scheduled for May 8.

The vice president said chances are now "remote" on his going on from the testing grounds for a "good will" tour of Asian and Mid-East countries.

Nixon said such a goodwill tour would be a five or six week affair. Since there likely will not be much time between adjournment of Congress and the Republican convention, it would be difficult for him to find the time for such a trip.

Nixon said that Atomic Energy Commission officials have advised that a trip to the bomb testing areas would take about 12 days, out and back. He said he is trying to pare that down.

Nixon made it clear that his trip to the testing ground has President Eisenhower's approval. He wouldn't "even explore" the trip without Mr. Eisenhower's okay, he said.

Festival Was Most Successful Held, Gene Ferrel Says

Gene Ferrel, president of the Pear Blossom Festival association, said the 1956 event was the most successful in the three years of the Festival in Rogue valley.

The association held its final report meeting to evaluate results of this year's event Wednesday.

Ferrel said "the response of the communities, the merchants and the pear industry was the best ever experienced and the support given by the public was most gratifying."

The non-profit group, which plans the Festival each year, noted that the Festival was self supporting from a financial standpoint. Members of the association noted that with increased participation next year, more events could be planned to improve the Festival.

A new feature of the event this year was the inauguration of a Pear Blossom route around the valley. The route was worked out by Cliff Cordy, county horticultural agent, and Russ Jamison, public relations representative of the Rogue River Valley Traffic association. The feature will be expanded and included as a regular part of the Festival.

Ferrel said the association is interested in hearing from residents who have suggestions for improving the Festival. Correspondence may be addressed to the Pear Blossom Festival, in care of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, he said.

NIXON SUPPORT VOTED

Portland — (U.P.)—Multnomah county Young Republicans last night unanimously voted support of Vice-President Richard Nixon for reelection.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

Wallowa Structure Study Scheduled

Corvallis — (U.P.)—William H. Taubenbeck, instructor of geology at Oregon State college, announced today that he will use a \$17,600 grant from the National Science foundation to finance a four-year study of earth structures and origin of rock formations in the Wallowa mountains.

Taubenbeck said his studies would be centered in the Eagle Gap wilderness area and would include collection of data on the evolution of the Wallowas, the structural control processes and localization of ore deposits.

The geologist expects to complete this spring a similar study in the Elkhorn mountains conducted on grants from the Geological Society of American and Columbia university.

Landmark Being Torn Down Here

Another Medford landmark is in the process of being torn down. Work is under way in dismantling Bergman's Shop, a machine and repair shop at 118 South Bartlett st.

The business was started by Walt Bergman in 1930 in an old livery stable at its present location. In 1950 Bergman died and his son, Delbert, has carried on the business. In 1934 the late Walt Bergman purchased a piece of property, located next to his original location, from Mrs. Aletha Vawter and expanded the business.

Bergman is moving his business to a new prefabricated steel building at 3012 Crater Lake ave., where he will do all types of machine repairs and will have portable welding equipment for "out of shop" work.

The Bartlett st. property has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Culbertson Jr. Culbertson said this morning that he plans to erect a business building on the site. The new building, if plans materialize, will be about 150 by 100 feet, Culbertson said.

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