

Eisenhower Builds Fire Under Republican House and Senate Candidates

Joe Smith Gets 1,320-0 Beating For Vice Presidential Nomination

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Joe Smith is through.

No aspirant to high office could take the beating Vice President Richard M. Nixon handed him Wednesday night and survive.

If Joe were anything but a figment you'd feel sorry for him. Maybe you will anyway.

Joe almost got one vote for the vice presidential nomination in Wednesday's balloting at the Republican national convention.

Support Withdrawn

But in the end his own creator, Terry (The Terrible) Carpenter of Scottsbluff, Neb., withdrew his support.

Result: Nixon 1,323, Joe 0.

While he lasted Joe gave the delegates a good time. He also gave convention chairman Joseph W. Martin, Jr., a had time for a few minutes. Democrats among the television watchers must have loved him.

Joe's rise to national political eminence was sudden and unexpected. They were calling the roll of states for putting people in nomination for the vice presidency. Alabama yielded to Massachusetts whose Gov. Christian A. Herter later made the nominating speech for Nixon.

Every delegate but on thought Nixon would be unopposed. But when the roll call got to Nebraska, delegation chairman Hazel Abel reported with chagrin that one member "desires to place a name in nomination."

'Maverick' in Nebraska

That member was Carpenter. A word about Carpenter:

He has been a "maverick . . . lone wolf . . . irregular . . . in Nebraska politics for more than 30 years. He is 56. He is a rich real estate operator. He developed and owns most of "Terrytown," a Scottsbluff suburb.

In 1932 he was elected to the House of Representatives by a 46-point margin as a Democrat. He tried to get the Senate seat of the late George Norris and lost. Then he tried to beat the late Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry and lost.

In 1954 he turned Republican and ran for the GOP senatorial nomination. Again he lost, running fourth against the incumbent Senator Carl T. Curtis.

Change of Heart

He continued to call himself a Republican, however, but he didn't enter himself to the regulars. After President Eisenhower's ill-fated operation he said if the Republicans renominated him they should be "indicted for murder."

He said he wouldn't vote for Mr. Eisenhower at the 1956 convention. But he did.

He also said he would put Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton, a Nebraskan, in nomination to replace Nixon. But he didn't — Seaton wouldn't let him.

But Carpenter wasn't through. As he told newsmen later, "basically this convention is a very, very dull affair." So when the putting-in-nomination roll call got to Nebraska, Mrs. Abel told

Martin she had a delegate who had a nominee other than Nixon.

Hairy Brows Bristle

Who? asked Martin. She didn't know, said Mrs. Abel. Find out, Martin ordered. Mrs. Abel whispered a moment with Carpenter.

"He's going to nominate Joe Smith," she reported.

"Joe who?" barked the incredulous Martin, bristling his hairy brows.

"Joe Smith."

The convention delegates laughed and laughed and Martin said "Nebraska reserves the right to nominate Joe Smith — whoever he is." The delegates laughed again.

Reporters swarmed toward Carpenter in the Nebraska delegation. Martin didn't know Joe Smith from Adam Smith, but he knew a disturbing influence when it reared its ugly head. He told the sergeant-at-arms to break up the traffic jam.

"Get Joe Smith out of here, we've got to get on with this convention," he said.

Reporters did get to Carpenter, however. He told them a number of things:

'Very Prominent' Citizen

Joe Smith was a "very prominent" citizen of Terrytown. He was "a Republican in good standing." He was "retired because he is tired." Carpenter even gave the guy's telephone number.

"This," said Carpenter, "is going to come as a real surprise to Joe."

But in the actual balloting Carpenter deserted his creation. He didn't vote against him — he just passed. When the roll call was over, however, he had his vote recorded for Nixon, making it unanimous for the vice president.

None of all this amused Martin — who had refused to let Joe's name go before the convention — or Mrs. Abel. She said she "expected something like this" from Carpenter because "he's unpre-

dictable."

Carpenter went on reporting why he had wanted to nominate Joe Smith. He said "The least we can do is to create in the minds of the people that this is a free and open convention."

"If this is an open convention," he said, "I'll have an opportunity to nominate Joe Smith."

Enterprising reporters who called the number given by Carpenter got Carpenter's wife in Scottsbluff. She said she was proud of her husband — "of everything he does."

Enterprising reporters who scoured Terrytown for Joe Smith couldn't find him.

But Joe Smith supporters were rallying. As he sat there in the midst of his unsmiling colleagues of the Nebraska delegation, Carpenter got a flock of telegrams from TV viewers and listeners.

One from Bluehill, Me., said "We are for Joe Smith . . . nomination finest thing you ever did."

Lawyer Accepts

An Albuquerque, N. M., lawyer named Joe Smith accepted the nomination with thanks. A New Yorker wired that Carpenter should have nominated himself — not for vice president but for President.

After Martin had canvassed Republican party bigwigs sitting backstage to find out if there was such a person — at least a nominatable person — as Joe Smith, Carpenter got around to admitting:

"There is no Joe Smith. Joe Smith is a symbol. I was out to prove whether this was an open or closed convention."

After Joe's 1,323-to-0 defeat, a reporter asked Carpenter what he would do next.

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President Plans Mid-September Drive on Demos

San Francisco — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower put a blowtorch behind Republican candidates for the House and Senate today, urging them to campaign vigorously to regain GOP control of Congress.

The President himself was ready to undertake a slugging campaign against the Democrats, opening up about mid-September.

Mr. Eisenhower's decision to begin moving against the Democrats in the middle of next month did not represent any material change in his plan to confine his campaign to five or six basic television appearances.

According to close political associates, the Chief Executive was paving the ground. He wanted at the first opportunity to take a roundhouse swing at his opponent, Adlai E. Stevenson.

Mr. Eisenhower previously was expected to take it easy politically until early October. But he changed the signals today.

In his first act as the 1956 Republican presidential candidate, Mr. Eisenhower invited 40 congressional office-seekers to his St. Francis Hotel suite to shake hands, chat, and have their pictures taken with him.

Several GOP governors and gubernatorial candidates also joined the parade into Mr. Eisenhower's suite.

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Stassen Seeks To Repair Damaged Career

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Harold E. Stassen today tried to repair the extensive damage his political career suffered in the wreckage of the "dump Nixon" drive at the Republican National Convention.

Stassen appeared confident he could put himself back in the good graces of the party even though his fight against the renomination of Vice President Richard M. Nixon was a total failure and drew criticism and even ridicule from GOP leaders.

He said he would be back in Washington on Monday to resume his White House post as Mr. Eisenhower's disarmament adviser. He took a 30-day leave of absence from the job before the GOP convention began to have a free hand in pushing his "stop Nixon" move.

There had been speculation that Stassen would voluntarily resign or would be requested to do so if he failed to prevent Nixon's renomination. But he told reporters Wednesday, "I have never divorced myself from the job."

Mr. Eisenhower backed him up on this point.

"He has never left it, except to take leave," Mr. Eisenhower told a press conference when asked if Stassen would be allowed to resume his White House position.

Nevertheless, the question remained: Would Stassen be allowed to remain high and secure in the President's official family after bucking Nixon?

From the very start of his drive against Nixon, there were reports from administration sources that even if Stassen did remain in his cabinet-level job, he would be consigned to political isolation by "having his authority reduced and being given less and less to do."

Formally Abandons Fight

Stassen started his efforts to get back in line with the party by formally abandoning his fight against Nixon and then going before the convention Wednesday to second Nixon's nomination "with humility and forthrightness."

He first told Mr. Eisenhower of his about-face and Mr. Eisen-

hower announced it at a news conference so that the convention itself would know what Stassen planned to do and grant him the right to speak. As a non-delegate, Stassen could not address the convention without its unanimous consent.

The delegates were in a forgive-and-forget mood and stood cheering when Chairman Joseph W. Martin Jr., introduced Stassen as a "long-time valuable worker for the Republican Party."

Stassen conceded in his speech that Nixon was "the overwhelming and considered choice" of the delegates.

Warmer Weather Back Over Much of Nation

By UNITED PRESS

Warmer weather returned today to much of the nation which has been cooled by Canadian air.

Weatherman said widespread warming was occurring from Texas northward through South Dakota and northeastward through the Middle Mississippi Valley, the southern Great Lake states and into the North Atlantic coastal states.

Only a comparatively small area of general cooling remained.

Citizens for Eisenhower Make Change in Name

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The National Citizens for Eisenhower organization has changed its name to National Citizens for Eisenhower-Nixon.

The group took the action on Wednesday after the Republican National Convention renominated Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

The committee took the same step in 1952 after Nixon's nomination.

Ohio Passes Nomination First Time in 20 Years

Convention Hall, San Francisco — (U.P.) — For the first time in 20 years, the Ohio delegation to the Republican National convention Wednesday passed up an opportunity to nominate a candidate for president.

In 1936, the late Sen. Robert A. Taft was Ohio's favorite son for the nomination. He was a serious contender in 1940, 1948 and 1952. In 1944, Sen. John W. Bricker, then governor, was an active contender.

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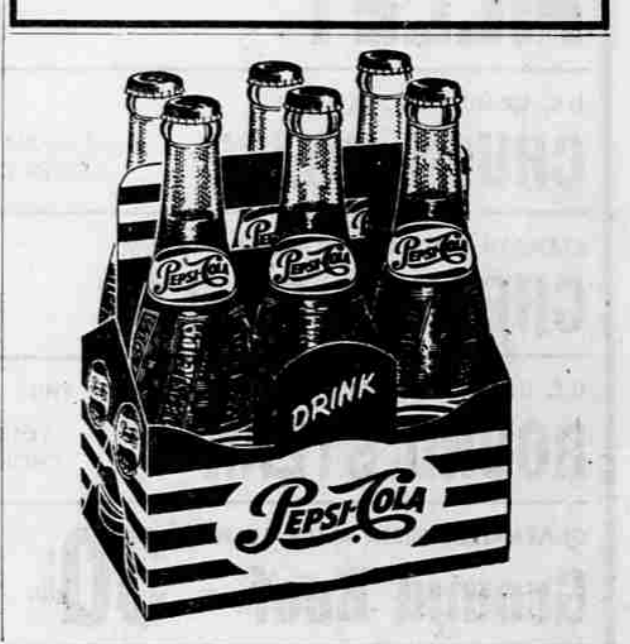
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Nixon's Meeting With Oregon Delegation Marked by Harmony

By BOB DICKEY
Alternate Delegate

San Francisco — Vice President Nixon's meeting with the Oregon delegation Tuesday morning was characterized by harmony.

The meeting lasted for approximately 15 minutes, with Nixon commenting on the 1952 vote for Eisenhower in Oregon and the continuing Oregon support of the President.

His own cause was mentioned only by indirection. His comment concerned the write-in vote he received in the Oregon primary even though he did not file a declaration of candidacy.

Endorsement for McKay

He dismissed the group with

a strong endorsement of Republican senatorial candidate Douglas McKay, and stressed the importance of giving Eisenhower a team upon which he can rely in Congress.

Nixon showed a keen awareness of the Oregon political picture. He declared that the primary battle between Phil Hitchcock and Douglas McKay for the Republican senatorial nomination actually strengthened the party.

Superficially, the Oregon group's position towards Nixon is one of support. There are, however, rumblings by a number of the delegates that they believe that he, as the vice presidential candidate, will weaken the ticket.

They have raised a legal question as to whether they are actually bound to Nixon because of the write-in vote he received in the primary. It is their position that because Nixon did not file a declaration of candidacy the write-in vote he received does not bind the Oregon group.

The Nixon opposition in the delegation is in the minority but is substantial. One prominent member of the group planned to get word to President Eisenhower of the belief that Nixon will weaken the ticket and hurt the Eisenhower cause.

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