

Nixon, Controversial Figure, Trained as Assistant President

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of four articles dealing with candidates for president and vice president in the Nov. 6 general election.

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Richard M. Nixon rocketed in 10 short years from obscurity as a small town lawyer to political power as vice president. In the course of this meteoric rise, he became a somewhat controversial figure.

Democrats react angrily to mention of his name. To Republicans, he is the energetic, vote-getting workhorse of the party. To President Eisenhower, he is "my boy."

As a young man in a hurry, the mild-mannered Quaker seems to thrive on the controversy swirling around him. With a sure-footed political instinct, he shows an uncanny ability to turn the attacks on him to his own political advantage.

At the age of 43 he stands only one rung away from the top of the political ladder. For the future he is a power to be reckoned with in the fight for the Republican presidential nomination in 1960.

Mr. Eisenhower broke with the "Throthead" tradition that a vice president does nothing but preside over the Senate. He trained Nixon as an assistant president.

Busy Campaigner
The President gave Nixon job after job that normally only the President would handle. Nixon presided over meetings of the National Security Council. He sat in on vital White House conferences. He conducted cabinet meetings. He was Mr. Eisenhower's liaison officer in Congress and his good-will ambassador throughout the world.

In the 1956 campaign Nixon plunged in as the principal Republican orator, criss-crossing the nation to get out the Republican vote.

He also became the principal villain of the Democrats. Democratic presidential candidate Adlai E. Stevenson branded him as "a man of many masks" whose "trademark" was "slander."

Nixon placed his campaign emphasis on Mr. Eisenhower and the "peace and prosperity" theme of the Republicans.

Much of the Democratic resentment of Nixon went back to the 1952 and 1954 campaigns when Nixon hammered the charge that Democratic administrations had been soft on Communism.

Some of the Democratic misgivings over Nixon spilled over into the Republican party in 1956 when an abortive drive was made by Harold E. Stassen to "dump Nixon" as Mr. Eisenhower's running mate. Mr. Eisenhower scuttled the drive by bestowing praises on "his boy" and endorsing him for another term.

Hiss Case Role
It was the second time Mr. Eisenhower had saved his youthful colleague from possible political oblivion. In 1952, when a storm blew up over a privately subscribed \$18,000 expense fund for Nixon, Mr. Eisenhower was satisfied by Nixon's dramatic explanation in a nationwide



RICHARD M. NIXON
Controversial Figure

television broadcast and proclaimed, "You're my boy."

The Communist issue put Nixon on the road to political fame. While still a comparative newcomer in the House of Representatives, Nixon was credited with a major part in exposing Alger Hiss, the State Department official accused of turning government secrets over to the Communists. Hiss was convicted in federal court of perjury—that is, of lying in denying he had thus betrayed government secrets.

Nixon got into politics almost by accident. In 1946, when he had just been mustered out of the Navy as a lieutenant commander and was pondering his next move, he was persuaded by friends to run against veteran Democrat Jerry Voorhis for Congress in the 12th congressional district of California. He beat Voorhis decisively. In 1950 he went on to beat glamorous Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas (D-Calif.) in a race for the Senate.

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Ann Sheridan Faces Charge of Adultery

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Mrs. Jeanine Cohen Acosta, 39, filed the formal adultery charges in the district attorney's office Wednesday and asked that Miss Sheridan and Acosta be brought before the attorney to answer the charges.

Mrs. Acosta charged that her husband, a 47-year-old Navy veteran from El Paso, Tex., deserted her and then lived "openly as man and wife" with Miss Sheridan in the actress' Mexico City apartment.

Boston—U.P.—Though the atomic era is in its infancy, there already are 194 firms in New England making 434 different products for use in atomic development.

Hollywood—U.P.—Diana Dors denies gossip column rumors that her Hollywood stay will end in divorce. But in movietown how do reporters divide truth from fiction?



Aline Mosby

Through the years many a movie star has firmly and indignantly denied reports of friction in the household. Some stars refute the items by staying together. Others leave the columnists furiously eating their words by taking their case to a divorce court.

For weeks Hollywood columns have predicted the busy blonde from England and her wealthy husband, Dennis Hamilton, would end their eight-year marriage. But Diana insists the local scribes are having day dreams overtime.

No Truth to Stories

"There's not a word of truth to these stories and I spend all my day denying them," Diana said patiently in her RKO dressing room where she was getting ready to pose for cheesecake photos.

"I don't know how these stories get around. My husband

left for England two weeks ago to take care of some business I'm leaving here in two weeks to join him."

The rumors grew recently when Diana revealed they were selling a house they recently bought. But even her attorney says no separation is in the works.

Often stars mean denials. Glenn Ford has been laughing at divorce rumors for years; he and Eleanor Powell still are married. Joan Crawford was reported to be divorcing Al Steele before the ink was dry on her marriage license. But so far she's proved the denials correct.

One Can't Tell

Other times one never can tell from press statements what a luminary is up to. Joanne Dru denied marriage troubles, but shortly thereafter was in the hospital with a black eye and plans

for a separation.

Elizabeth Taylor and Michael Wilding repeatedly claimed their love nest was serene when the columnists printed otherwise. One friend says they held up their divorce announcement so as not to embarrass a magazine printing a series on how Eliza-

beth was "at last a woman," a happy wife and mother.

Even Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis denied their "divorce" at first. So did the Jack Webb and Jeanne Crain and Paul Brinkman. One reads the rumors and takes one's choice.

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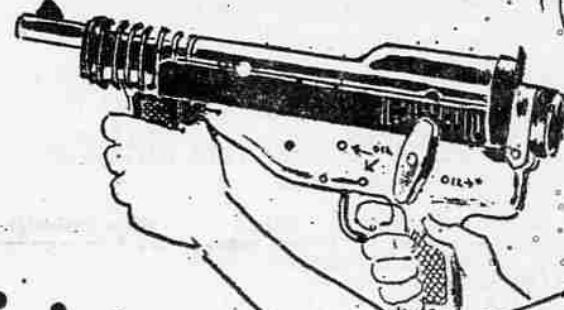
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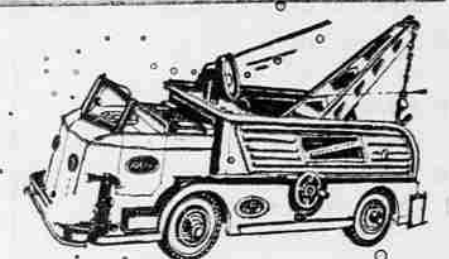
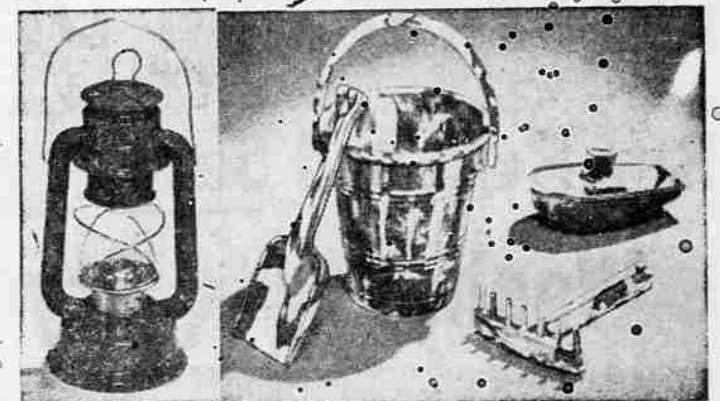
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