

Nixon Controversial Figure With Many Politicians

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Washington — None can say precisely when the name Richard M. Nixon became fighting words.

Smile, stranger, when you call me that. But fighting words they did become among Democrats generally and especially among the left wing of American politics.

This mild-mannered young Quaker with a quick smile which sometimes is shy became in the span of a few years the most controversial figure in American politics. It will be 12 years next November since Nixon first was elected to the House of Representatives, eight years in November since he was elected to the Senate.

Two years ago, come November, Nixon was reelected vice president and two years from next November, who knows, he may be elected President?

Nixon has been called a young man in a hurry and less flattering things, too. You might say Nixon put to severe test the statement of an earlier vice president, That was Indiana's Tom Marshall, 1912-21.

"No one," said Marshall, "ever would take the trouble to shoot a vice president."

Gets Red-Faced

The enemies Nixon makes

don't shoot people, however strong the urge. Speaker Sam Rayburn gets red-faced at the mention of Nixon's name and sometimes is unable to find handy words adequate for his feelings. Former President Harry S. Truman will not knowingly enter a room in which Nixon is present. Mr. T. doesn't want to co-star anywhere with President Eisenhower, either.

It is for Nixon, however, that the political opposition and notably the left wing all the way to and including the Communists reserve their best anger. There's some anti-Nixon sentiment in the Republican party, too, but not much. Not one vote was cast in the 1956 Republican National Convention against Nixon's renomination.

Nixon stands to make his enemies like him less this year than last. What burns them is his campaign speeches and, of course, their inability, so far, to lick him. In that first campaign for the House—1946—Nixon made a solid bid for the left wing blacklist. He beat Jerry Voorhis, an able veteran who also was a notable New Dealer.

Four years later—1950—Nixon compounded the offense by defeating another sweetheart of the well-to-do-center element. She was

Helen Gahagan Douglas, the prettiest member of Congress ever who was serving in the House with Nixon when both decided to run for the Senate.

It was in August, 1948, that Nixon got his pick into a gold mine. The occasion was the appearance of Alger Hiss before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Nixon was among the few in that big room who believed Hiss was lying. That belief made Nixon a national figure.

To say that to doubt Hiss was unpopular puts it too mildly. Doubting Hiss just then offended good manners, like dirty finger nails. The nation's eggheads and others leaped as though bee-stung to Hiss's defense.

So Nixon went into the 1952 national campaign with a background which included the political demise of Voorhis and Mrs. Douglas, the jailing of Hiss, service on the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He chose the soft-on-Communism issue as a major 1952 campaign theme.

Opposition—Hate—has eased a bit and there is even talk of a new Nixon, however that may be, the young man in a hurry still moves fast, secure in the affection of many persons for some of the enemies he has made at home and abroad.

Morse Fed Up On Canadians Hitting Wheat Program

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Washington — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) and a good many of his colleagues on the foreign relations committee are more than slightly fed up with Canadian criticism of U.S. policy regarding wheat marketing abroad.

To stiffen the back of the American ambassador, Livingston T. Merchant, who must represent the American point of view in Ottawa, the committee called him to Washington last Friday for a lengthy go-round on some points of irritation. While the points ranged from the price of butter in Canada, what was plainly of utmost concern was wheat.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) opened the issue by saying he was tired of carping from the Canadians over America's policy of selling wheat to many foreign countries under Public Law 480. American wheat sales have climbed under this program because the purchase can be made in foreign currency, rather than dollars, with the government giving the wheat seller dollars for the foreign currency.

"Canada has a political problem with wheat," observed Humphrey, "and there is no neater way of handling it than to blame the United States. We do the same thing, blaming Japan or some other country when we run into trouble."

Humphrey and Sen. Burke Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) pointed out to the ambassador that American farmers are restricted in the acres of wheat they can grow to be sold under government price supports, whereas Canada imposes no acreage control on its farmers and yet blames its wheat surpluses on American "dumping" of wheat on the world market.

Merchant said he had pointed out to Canadians how we had cut production, and that this was not as much an irritant as before.

"This propaganda about wheat dumping," said Sen. Morse, "is against the long time self-interest of the Canadians, for shipment after shipment of America wheat has gone to countries that Canada never sold to before."

Morse, recalling his visit to India and Asia last December, said he saw "what an imaginative job U.S. attaches are doing in changing the diet from rice to wheat. Once the children out there go on a

wheat diet, you can't get them to go back voluntarily to a rice diet. We are building up a future wheat market for Canada and ourselves."

The most important consideration, went on Morse, is that America and Canada are both in a long-term economic contest with Soviet Russia.

"We are not appreciative of getting kicked in the teeth by our Canadian neighbors," Morse declared. "In sending out our wheat we are really making a strike against the Russians. The Canadians ought to be passing resolutions of commendation."

Morse said the same fundamental applies to the dispute over use of the Columbia river. Russia, he observed, is building gigantic hydroelectric projects which will dwarf our largest dams.

"When Gen. McNamara talks of diversion (of the Columbia) it will weaken both

Canada and the United States on the power front," said Morse.

He said reports of a possible diversion, to the detriment of the Pacific Northwest create the impression on this side of the border that Canada is going "to make us pay through the nose" for any power agreement.

"We have a common problem with Russia," he added, "and when one weakens the other, we are both weakened. Food and power are the two areas in which the economic struggle with Russia will be fought. We and Canada must stick together."

Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) asked about progress on getting agreement to build Libby dam. Merchant said he had delivered a note to the Canadian government three weeks ago asking for negotiations but had not yet received an answer.

Four Reported Dead From State Drownings

By UNITED PRESS

Drownings claimed the lives of four young persons in Oregon during the week end. In addition, at least seven persons drowned in Washington state.

All of the Oregon victims were teen-agers. Dead were three Portland youths, Bob Belsher, Donald Keith Harding and David Reed, and Curtis Lee Wasser, 16, of Goble.

Belsher, a student at Grant high school in Portland, drowned Saturday evening at the indoor pool at Benton-Lane park, about 20 miles south of Corvallis. Belser was one of about 30 week end guests at the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house at the Oregon State college. He apparently struck his head on the side or bottom of the pool while diving.

The Harding boy drowned in the South Umpqua river Saturday at Roseburg while swimming with a cousin and young Reed was lost when rushing waters released from a power dam further up the Clackamas river near Carver swept him away during a fishing trip. The Wasser youth, 16-year-old son of Louis Wasser, of Goble, drowned in the Columbia river while swimming with two companions Saturday.

The Washington state victims included David Hanna, 17, of Longview; Alan E. Tronson, 27, of Bellevue; Robert Crooke, 15, of Lake Stevens; William Wiley, 17, of Benton City; David Michael Brown, 3, Kennewick; Billy Price, 17, of Hoquiam, and Danny Clifford Eaton, 13, of the Walnut Grove area.



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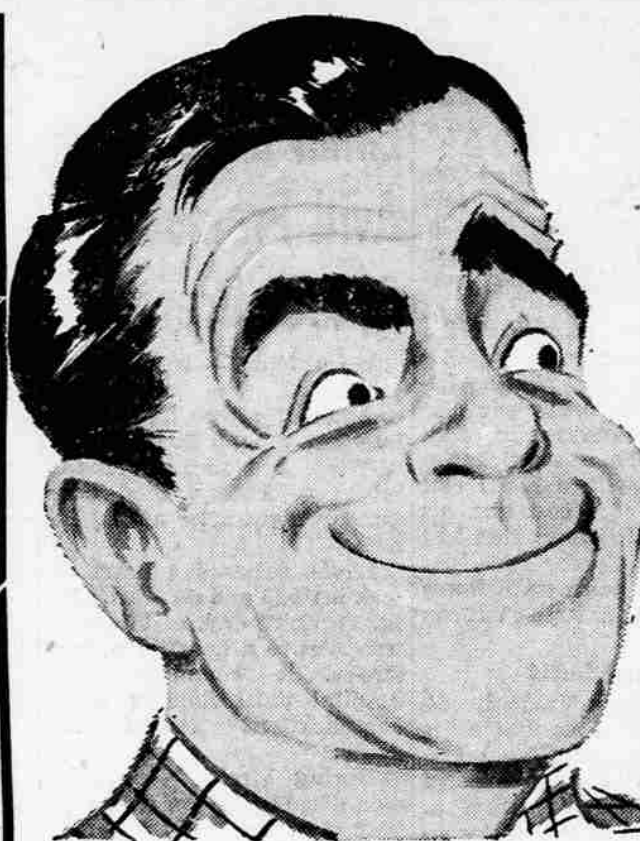
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