

Writer Selects Mark Hatfield Vice President

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Washington - A poll of editors and Washington correspondents taken last week to determine which candidates they think would make the strongest presidential tickets for either party has resulted in two interesting combinations.

For the Republican publicans, the results tabulated by Congressional Quarterly show Vice President Nixon for president and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York for vice president. For the Democrats, Adlai Stevenson for president and Sen. Jack Kennedy for vice president.

This correspondent voted for the Stevenson-Kennedy combination for the Democrats, but for the Republicans picked another combination: Rockefeller for president and Gov. Mark Hatfield for vice president.

But having selected these combinations as the "strongest" either party could select for having vote appeal, it must be added that the likelihood of either combination being what the party conventions will select next year appears to me to be remote.

Composed of Workers
National party conventions, after all, are composed of workers in the party vineyards of all the states. Many want first and foremost to nominate a winner, but their ideas of who will win often differ - frequently because ideologically they side with one particular man, as did the fervent supporters of Bob Taft. This attachment often is highly emotional and rejects all objective analysis of the talents and appeal of other candidates. So the outcome is a nomination for the man who has sold himself to enough delegates to get it.

Nixon, it seems to me now, will probably be the GOP presidential candidate. Like Taft, he has inspired many of his admirers to support him zealously. But unlike Taft, Nixon has a broad base of support within the Republican party, from both conservative and liberal elements. Because he is a master politician, Nixon will probably strengthen this hold during the year ahead. His greatest threat may lie in what the public opinion polls may say a year from now - but even there as vice president he runs little risk of alienating any segment of the public in ways that would undermine the strong lead polls now give him over any other Republicans, including Rockefeller.

Rockefeller, Man of Action
Nevertheless, it seems to me Rockefeller would be much harder for the Democrats to defeat. He is a man of action, a thinker, a progressive who is unhampered by rigid ideological postures. He has courage, as his tax program in New York showed. He appears more concerned about solving the problems of his state than playing everything safe politically. There are few strikes against him.

As a running mate for the eastern Rockefeller, Hatfield would give the ticket a youthful quality that is the spirit of the west. But very likely the GOP convention would insist on putting up a conservative for this spot if the presidential nominee is a liberal like Rockefeller.

For the Democrats, surely Kennedy is the ablest and most attractive of the many Democratic senators who are in the running for the nomination. He may snag the nomination on an early ballot, but I doubt it. The Democrats have to pick their candidate

first in Los Angeles, and the politicians may be unwilling to gamble with a Catholic (silly as this attitude is) in the top spot. They would more likely give Kennedy the vice presidential spot.

Stevenson Durable
Stevenson's remarkable stature in the country is attested by the fact that after losing twice he is durable enough to be regarded even now by many as the ablest Democrat of them all. But in a convention, two strikes against a man are usually fatal, politically speaking.

Stevenson and his supporters have the small comfort, however, that Tom Dewey had after losing to President Roosevelt twice - he ran against a popular figure who would have trounced anyone who opposed him.

Nixon, Rockefeller, Kennedy and Stevenson are all capable political leaders, any one of whom could probably do a creditable job as president. But there seems to me to be a difference between these rivals that is quite aside from political allegiance. It is that Nixon and Kennedy both are men who covet the nation's highest office, whereas Rockefeller and Stevenson do not.

Old Expression
To rejugate an old expression, I suspect Nixon and Kennedy would rather be president than right, and that Stevenson and Rockefeller would rather be right than president, to the degree than any mortal can be so noble.

In these critical times, better that the nation choose the right man - and a Stevenson-Rockefeller race would give voters two first class men - than to have the highest office go to either of two very capable but very eager beavers.

Three Men Hurt As 'Cap' Explodes
Three workers on the Kenwood-Grandview sewer project were injured by an exploding blasting cap in a trench at the northwest corner of Grand ave. and Crater Lake ave. shortly before 1 p.m. today.

Blaine Biles, Medford; M. Waters, Roseburg; and Melvin Sheftad, The Dalles, were taken by Medford Ambulance Service and city patrol car to Sacred Heart hospital for injuries suffered in the explosion.

The cap had been reportedly set for excavation work two days ago but did not detonate during prior blasting, according to Ole L. Orsen, foreman for Frank Kanehl, sub-contractors on the project.

The cap was apparently set off when struck by a diesel back-hoe, which was being operated at the site.

The three workers, two setting timbers and the third checking grade, were in the 18-foot deep trench approximately 20 feet from where the cap exploded.

The men were believed to be suffering from cuts, bruises and burns.

Diamond Lake Road To Reopen Today
Highway 230, the Diamond lake highway, was scheduled to open about 3 p.m. today, according to state police.

Officers said they had been notified by the state highway department that the highway would be opened today, and that load limits have been set for trucks because of the soft condition of the highway surface. Single axle trucks have a limit of 11,000 pounds and tandems a limit of 20,000 pounds.

1,000 Folders Inviting People to County Sent to Covered Wagon Train

About 1,000 colorful folders inviting people to visit Jackson county were sent to the Medford Trail Riders' wagon in the "On to Oregon Cavalcade" today, Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, announced.

The folders, which have been reprinted and revised, were received from the printers this morning, McNeil said.

Additional folders will be forwarded to the covered wagon train as needed, he said.

As the wagons entered Kansas' capital city last night, the streets were lined with thousands of cheering spectators, according to United Press International.

Wagonmaster Gordon (Tex) Serpa, Ashland, led the prairie schooners to the fairgrounds where they were met by Kansas' Gov. George Docking, Morris Fager, chairman of the Kansas Centennial committee, and John Landreth, president of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce.

The wagon train is expected to arrive in Independence, Ore., about mid-August. It left Independence, Mo., last Sunday morning.

Presented Powder Horn
Governor Docking shook

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Big Four Ends Work on Strategy For Conference

Arms Inspection System Included

London—UPI—Experts of the western Big Four nations finished work today on joint strategy for dealing with Russia in the foreign ministers conference next month. It was understood to include a phased arms control and inspection system for Central Europe.

Sent for Study
The policy package was sent off immediately for study by the British, French, United States and West German governments.

The experts had been mapping the strategy since April 13. The British Foreign Office announced today the group had "finished its work."

It was understood there still were some differences on the strategy which will have to be worked out by the western foreign ministers in their pre-Geneva meeting in Paris next Wednesday.

Some Policy Changes
There was complete official silence on the package but it was understood to include a firm western stand on Berlin and a proposal for a two-phased arms control and inspection for Central Europe.

This last would be linked to progress on unification of East and West Germany.

The policy package also will be sent to the 15-nation permanent NATO Council in Paris for study.

Scheme Whittled Down
Informed sources said Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's original proposal for an arms limitation scheme on both sides of the Iron Curtain had been whittled down considerably.

But they said also that a U.S. plan which would link a German peace treaty with the step by step unification of Germany was cold-shouldered by the other three for different reasons.

Chessman Quits Highway Post
Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield today received the resignation of Robert B. Chessman, publisher of the Astorian Evening Budget, from the State Highway Commission.

Chessman, an appointee of ex-Gov. Robert D. Holmes, said "business conditions and economic conditions in Clatsop county demand my attention completely."

He said the resignation should be accepted at the governor's convenience. He has served for 25 months.

Revised Tax Plan Before House



STOCKADE BUILDERS—Officers of the 417th Engineer Brigade, southern Oregon Army Reserve unit, were presented Oregon Pioneer awards at the board meeting of the Jackson County Centennial association at the Jackson hotel this morning. Officers and men of the unit, working in spare time, constructed the stockade at Siskiyou summit which will serve as a tourist welcome booth during Oregon's Centennial year. Jack Creager, left above, president of the Centennial association, who made the presentations, looks over one of the plaques with Brig. Gen. William Prentice, commanding officer of the reserve unit. Looking on are Maj. Harold Sexton and Capt. Thomas L. Teutsch. Also receiving awards were Maj. Harold Cooley, Glendale, and Maj. John Rush. Materials for the construction of the stockade were donated by valley firms.

Service Officers Hear Discussions On Vets' Benefits

Oregon's county veterans' service officers wound up their 23rd semi-annual conference in the Medford hotel today, following a morning session devoted to discussions on state of Oregon veterans' benefits.

Last night the veterans' counselors, representing 29 Oregon counties, heard J. Marvin Russell, manager of the California department of veterans affairs farm and home loan program, speak on the importance of the aid given by local service officers in helping war veterans obtain the benefits granted them by the nation.

Russell said a home and farm loan program, whether offered by the federal government or by the states, is the best program of benefits to veterans, because a loan program pays its own way "without requiring one cent of tax support."

Oregon and California are two of the few states in the nation offering such programs, Russell pointed out.

Outstanding Programs
Speaking of the importance of the county service officer, Russel said:

"One of the outstanding programs in some 38 of the 49 states is the veterans' service officer system, whereby communities of any size have their own locally-appointed people to guide and advise the community's own veterans in their dealings with both state and federal governments. These are the experts."

Among other things, Russel said, the county service officer helps the veteran present his claim before the federal Veterans Administration for disability, hospital and death benefits.

Phoenix School Patrons to Vote On Budget May 18

Phoenix - Schol district 4, Phoenix, patrons will vote on a proposed budget for the new fiscal year between 2 and 8 p.m. May 18 in Phoenix grade school gymnasium, district officials have announced.

Millage for the new year has not yet been determined, depending on the outcome of the Talent-Phoenix school district consolidation election May 20, Supt. Ernest James said.

School patrons will vote on increasing the tax levy beyond the 6 per cent limitation by \$217,577.53, he explained.

The proposed budget for the new year is \$390,950, or \$22,708 more than the 1958-59 budget.

Largest Increase
Largest increase is for four more teachers, two in the primary grades, one each in the eighth grade and high school. The seventh grade now has 76 youngsters and three teachers. When the pupils become eight graders next year, two teachers in that grade will not be able to handle the pupil increase, James said. The eighth grade now has 55 pupils.

Two more rooms will be needed, James said. However, school officials have yet to determine where the rooms will be added. Consolidation could change the picture, he added.

Teacher salary increment and other increases for school personnel are included in the budget. Additional funds have been budgeted for road improvements at the high school and for shop and vocational agriculture equipment. Slight increases are due for textbooks and school supplies.

Package Would Raise Additional Annual Revenue

Committee Alters Rate Structure

Salem - UPI - The Oregon House had before it today a revised tax plan submitted by its Tax Committee which would raise another \$5.4 million a year.

The tax package was returned to committee earlier because it did not raise enough money. The committee Thursday afternoon changed the rates structure of the bill to raise the required amount and recommended it out "do-pass" by a 7-2 vote.

Fate Problematical
Its fate in the Senate is still problematical.

The new schedule runs from 2 to 7 per cent on personal income taxes whereas the present schedule runs from 3 to 9.5 per cent.

The major bill of the package (HB 550) calls for these rates:

On income to \$1,000, 2 per cent; \$1,000 to \$2,000, 3 per cent; \$2,000 to \$3,500, 4 per cent; \$3,500 to \$5,500, 5 per cent; \$5,500 to \$10,000, 6 per cent; and \$10,000 or over, 7 per cent.

No Gross Tax Provision
There is no provision in the bill for a gross income tax of one per cent which was suggested by Gov. Mark Hatfield in House Bill 55 as originally drafted.

Two other bills concluded the tax package. The first would put a 3 per cent tax on cigarettes and a 15 per cent tax on other tobacco products. There was only one negative vote cast by Rep. Vernon Cook (D-Troutdale) on this measure.

The second bill provides for a 1 1/2 per cent tax on business profits with the tax to be effective this year.

Repeals Inventory Tax
The bill also repeals the personal property tax on inventories.

Under the revised income tax bill, there would be deductions allowed for medical expenses above 5 per cent of income and for contributions to educational, charitable and religious organizations above 3 per cent, but other special deductions would not be allowed.

Personal exemptions of \$600 would be unchanged. The committee experimented with other tax rates, but decided they would not raise the money needed for the next biennium.

In general, the proposed rates would raise more money from persons in the \$10,000-a-year bracket and over.

Five Men Reported Planning To Murder Fidel Castro Found

New York—UPI—The "American gangsters" reported converging on New York to assassinate Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro for pay were located Thursday night, going peaceably about their business in Philadelphia and Las Vegas.

But police refused today to relax their heavy guard around the people-loving statesman.

Castro himself was unworried, and undeterred from his ebullient round of seeing sights and meeting people.

Heavy Security Guard
New York police already had thrown the heaviest security guard ever around the

visiting Cuban leader. When they received a report Thursday that bands of hired killers were on their way to the city to slay Castro, they had nothing to add but vigilance.

An estimated 30 plainclothes policemen were on guard with uniformed police through the night outside Castro's 17th-floor hotel suite. At least an equal number patrolled the lobby and hotel entrances.

More than 500 police were detailed to a Central Park rally tonight for the biggest security headache - and the last scheduled appearance - of Castro's New York visit.

The report of the assassination attempt reached police, a spokesman said, from a source within Castro's party. The plotters were identified as five brothers named Scoleri from Philadelphia, all said to have criminal records, and a man identified as David Rosen, or Joe Stacher or Doc Harris, said to be an associate of racketeer Meyer Lansky, who has operated as a Cuban gambling impresario.

Found at Work
Philadelphia police reported each of the Scoleris "industriously" at work in either Philadelphia or nearby Camden, N. J.

Rosen-Stacher-Harris was reported by police to have hotel interests in Las Vegas.

Forest Closure Orders Effective
Salem—UPI—Closure of forest operations when humidities reach 30 per cent in the Tillamook burn and the western slope of the Cascades from the Columbia river to the Douglas county line becomes effective at midnight tonight.

State Forester Dwight L. Phipps said that the order applies to all operations within the forested areas where power driven equipment is used.

He's Stepping Into A Tough Spot Here—He Looks Around At The Men On Base, Gets The Sign, And—



BLM Timber Sales Show Rise This Year

Sales of timber from Oregon and California Revested Railroad grant lands are ahead of the record 1956 fiscal year for the first three quarters of fiscal 1959, Virgil T. Heath, Portland, Oregon state supervisor for the bureau of land management, has announced.

He said volume and value of green timber sales during the first three quarters were substantially ahead of the 1956 record year, but that price per thousand was still behind as it has been for the past year and a half.

Sales so far this fiscal year have totaled 472,449,000 board feet valued at \$14,521,997, compared to the first three quarters of fiscal year 1956 of 268,324,000 board feet valued at \$10,329,636.

Salvage timber sales in the current year have totaled 66,041,000 board feet valued at \$1,762,262, compared to 139,644,000 board feet valued at \$5,479,016, in the three quarters of fiscal 1956.

Heath said that in fiscal year 1956, O and C timber averaged \$38.75 per thousand board feet during the first three quarters, and that in 1959 it has averaged \$30.24 per thousand board feet.

Portland—UPI—H. D. (Eddie) Edlund has been named supervisor of employment for the 100-day Oregon Centennial Exposition.

Move To Ban Unions From Picketing For Organizational Purposes Beaten

Washington—UPI—The Senate defeated a move by Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) today to ban unions from picketing intended to organize workers or force employers to bargain with unions.

McClellan tried to attach the provision to the Senate's pending labor reform bill on grounds that picketing for organizational purposes is "one

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of the vilest practices going on in the country today."

He said it violated the rights of workers and threatened to "put little businessmen completely out of business."

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) chief sponsor of the bill, said "There is no amendment better fitted . . . to end the expansion of the labor movement in this country."

"I would be forced to vote against the bill myself and ask that my name be stricken from it if this amendment were accepted," he said.

The Senate rejected an effort by Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D.N.C.) to tone down the amendment by allowing unions to picket in an effort to convince workers to join.

Erwin's modification was defeated 67 to 25.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Fair tonight and Saturday. Low tonight 40. High Saturday 72-75.
Highest Yesterday 80
Lowest this Morning 42
Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 7:03 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:16 a.m.
Moonrise tonight 8:12 p.m.
Last Quarter April 29
The bright star seen near the Moon tonight is a planet, Jupiter. Jupiter is now 415 million miles from the Earth and its light reaches us tonight in about 38 minutes.