

### Nixon Praises Series of Reports By GOP Advisers

Washington—(UPI)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon said today Republicans oppose programs which place "too much emphasis on federal government action—not because they promise too much but because they would produce too little."

Nixon made the statement in praising a series of reports prepared by a panel of Republican policy advisers.

**Rights Emphasized**  
The reports emphasized the importance of individual rights as against "the heedless growth of the central government in Washington" and attempted to define Republican party aims.

Nixon called the reports "one of the most useful and constructive statements of goals and principles ever issued by a political party in the United States."

"Too often in the past the actions of Republican Administrations have been dynamic but our words have been static," he said.

**Believe in Future**  
The vice president said the reports "bring home the fact that we are conservative because we want progress."

"As a party," he said, "we have faith in America and a belief in its future—a future in which people rather than government will play an ever-increasing and dynamic role."

A science panel of the GOP policy group recommended Sunday that the United States stimulate an "age of intellect" by tripling spending on research in the next 17 years.

**To Show Control**  
The Republican advisers urged that the government promote and support the scientific effort but not try to control it.

The report rejected specifically the idea of creating a cabinet post of Secretary of Science, warning that "the great danger to scientific creativity is over-organization and the centralization of administrative power."

### Publishers Call Castro Dictator

San Francisco—(UPI)—Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro was called "a dictator" by some Latin American publishers Saturday, who charged him with intimidating the Cuban press.

The attacks were made in a meeting of the Free Press committee of the Inter American Press association after Cubans had stated that they now enjoy free expression, but admitted that they were nervous about the future.

The committee eventually will draft a report on the situation, but in spite of the charges made here, it appeared that the report would be restrained and diplomatic.

Charles E. Scripps, chairman of the board of Scripps-Howard Newspapers, suggested that the committee communicate with Castro to urge him to continue present freedoms and to expand them.

Julio de Mesquita Filho, publisher of Brazil's O Estado, said the committee should "open a credit account for Castro." He said the Cuban leader should be given time to quiet his country.

"I ask that the committee take the attitude of a psychiatrist," he said. "The people of Cuba are living in a revolution and there is a collective neurosis."

**ISRAELI JEW DEFECTS**  
Gaza—(UPI)—An Israeli Jew defected to the United Arab Republic Saturday because of "ill treatment and bad living conditions" in Israel, UAR sources reported today.

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## Laborites Creeping Up in British Polls; Conservative Victory Seen

London—(UPI)—If Prime Minister Harold Macmillan leads his Conservatives to victory in the Oct. 8 general elections, it will mark the first time any party has won three in a row since World War I.

Many observers believe the Macmillan bid will be a successful one. But the Laborites have been creeping up in the opinion polls and some pollsters even hint that a Labor victory is possible. However,

the Conservatives point out they have a number of assets in their favor.

**Times Are Good**  
Employment is high and times are good. The British man-in-the-street is earning more money than ever before and he is thanking Macmillan for it.

In addition, a clever Conservative Party publicity campaign has built up Macmillan to the point where he is con-

sidered virtually a public hero.

On the other hand, the Laborites are somewhat divided over basic questions of policy, such as the issues of nationalization and nuclear weapons.

The election announcement in September came at a time when the two top Labor leaders, Hugh Gaitskell and Aneurin Bevan, were in Moscow. It was an ill-timed trip. They

had hoped to catch hometown headlines, but news about them was blotted out by President Eisenhower's visit to Britain.

Both, however, are optimistic about Labor's chances on Oct. 8.

In general, Gaitskell and Bevan, if elected, would follow the same pro-Western line as the Conservatives. They would, however, be more liberal on colonial affairs and undoubtedly would fight to get Communist China admitted to the United Nations.

This will be the fifth parliamentary election in Britain since the end of World War II. Labor came to power in 1945 in an upset victory over Winston Churchill and held on with a tiny majority in the 1950 elections. The Conservatives returned to power in 1951, also with a small majority, and stayed in office in the 1955 elections.

Since the last election in 1955, Conservative fortunes have gone up and down. They reached their lowest point in early 1957, after the disastrous Anglo-French invasion of the Suez Canal Zone and the resignation of a tired and ailing Sir Anthony Eden.

Macmillan was named by Queen Elizabeth to replace Eden as premier and since that time he has fought to regain British prestige in the world and Conservative Party prestige at home.

**Lead in Polls**  
Recently-published public opinion polls claim the Conservatives have a 5 per cent lead over the Laborites, enough to give them a majority of 65 seats in the 630-member House of Commons. This compares with the majority of 58 they held in the recently dissolved Parliament and the majority of only 17 they had for three years before the 1955 election.

Elections in Britain, unlike the United States, are strictly controlled. The actual election campaign can last only three weeks and candidates' expenses are kept to a rigid minimum.

**Personal Expenses**  
The most a candidate can spend is 450 pounds (\$1,260). He also is entitled to 100 pounds (\$280) of personal expenses, including travel and hotels. He can send every elector one letter free of charge.

If he wins, his salary in Commons is 1,750 pounds (\$4,900) a year.

There are more than 1,500 candidates for the 630 seats at stake in the Oct. 8 election. Anyone over the voting age of 21 can be a candidate, except clergy of the Church of England, the Church of Scotland, the Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic Church, and those holding offices of profit under the crown.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Probers in Laos Decline Comment**

Vientiane, Laos—(UPI)—Two United Nations fact finders flew back Saturday from a visit to northern Laos battle areas but declined to say whether they found evidence of aggression by Communist North Viet Nam.

Simultaneously, the pro-Communist rebels of northern Laos warned they could not guarantee the safety of U. N. investigators who ventured into their area.

The two U. N. fact finders, Brig. Gen. Heriberto Ahrens of Argentina and Ludovico Barattiera of San Pietro of Italy, arrived here from Samneua aboard a military C-47 transport.

They strode past newsmen waiting to ask them questions. They had flown to the province of Samneua, one of the centers of activity by the Pathet Lao rebels, Thursday. They took a side trip to Samteu, southwest of Samneua.

Samteu has figured in the fighting but the government troops appear to be back in firm control there.

## Britons Find It Increasingly Difficult To Be in Public Office

London—(UPI)—You can't make money in British politics, so there must be some other good reason why more than 1,500 candidates are battling for 630 seats in the House of Commons.

Some, like Sir Winston Churchill, who will again sweep to victory at Woodford, Essex, in the Oct. 8 voting, have been in Parliament so long they wouldn't know what to do with themselves back in the role of private citizens.

Some are out for power, to wage the class war or to wind up a successful business career on a back bench.

**Traditions Continued**  
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Today the graft is negligible and there is no selling of seats, apart from the internal party deals whereby supporters are awarded candidacies for services rendered.

Members of Commons today are paid 1,750 pounds (\$4,900) a year—1,000 pounds taxable salary and 750 pounds tax-free expenses. By British standards, this is a comfortable income, but for the member most of it is swallowed up in expenses and secretarial salaries.

**'Sense of Compromise'**  
The hard-working British "sense of compromise" shows well in this business of a member's pay. It is considered enough to compensate MP's without private means for their loss of earnings elsewhere, but not enough to attract "spivs" and easy-money boys.

Even so, entering the House of Commons is a financial strain for many, especially labor union candidates, and there is a growing feeling that either the basic salary or the expenses should be increased.

Former Prime Minister Earl Attlee once said, "Our MP's are grossly overworked and underpaid." Parliament, he said, is the world's "most exclusive and expensive club."

Consequently, year after year many MP's find it impossible to stand the pace financially. They either decline to contest the next election or, if the problem is acute, they can resign by applying for stewardship of the "Chiltern Hundreds." This is an imaginary, and only nominally paid, official post whose possessor must resign his seat in Commons. It is, in fact, the only way a member can resign.

This year, with the cost of living and expenses higher, than ever, and no raise in pay, more than 100 MP's have announced their decision not to stand for reelection. Many of these are quitting for other

than financial reasons, but money is believed the main cause for the record number of those "retiring from public life."

**Bring Own Sandwiches**  
Others, more determined, cut costs by bringing their own sandwiches rather than paying for lunch in the House cafeteria; riding bicycles or walking instead of driving; or starting new careers in television which enable them to work while Parliament is sitting.

A group of Laborites have opened a Soho coffee bar to supplement their earnings.

Work in the House, too, even for the lowliest backbencher, is no bed of roses.

The late Lord Hudson, wartime agriculture minister, was guilty of only slight exaggeration when he said:

"No one has any conception of heaven until he has been a member of the House of Commons and then left it. Those who have never been in always think that they have missed something, and those that are in know that they are in hell. The only way is to have been in and then to have come out."

Las Vegas, Nev.—Actress Eva Gabor after marrying New York millionaire Richard Brown, her fourth matrimonial venture:

"This time is for real."

## Soviet Executive Fares Better Than Ordinary Citizen

Washington—(UPI)—Now the Russians have a "Man in the Grey Flannel Suit"—ulcers and all.

A description of the modern-day Communist "organization man" was contained in a report issued by the joint Congressional Economic Committee.

It said the Red executive has "come far" since the days of the revolution.

"He bears little resemblance to the flamboyant party director of the early days whose credentials were years in czarist prisons, escapes from exile and oratory exercised in stirring the masses," the report said.

**'Lives Well Enough'**  
The committee said its study showed "The Soviet manager may not live well when judged by the standards of his American counterpart, but he does quite satisfactorily compare to the ordinary Soviet citizen."

"He is given powerful monetary incentives to turn in a first-rate job. Yet never in his life will he have any certainty of tenure in his post..."

The report said "The executive ulcer rate is high" and added that he is "a man with power but he is no independent decision maker."

"He is an organization man, filling a slot in an industrial bureaucracy which has lines reaching to the very heights of Soviet power."

**Soviet Economy Gains**  
The committee's report conceded that the Soviet economy is developing in some cases faster than that of the United States. But the gains are not as great as Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev claims, it said.

A number of professors, economists and other experts pointed out in the report that comparisons are difficult to draw because of basic differences in the economic systems of the two countries.

They generally agreed that the Soviets are making big strides in industrial production.

John P. Hardt of the Corporation for Economic and Industrial Research said, however, there was a question as to "How long the Soviet citizen can be kept without autos and in cramped housing space with few of the conveniences common to western homes."

**Roseburg Has Long Way To Go For Showplace**  
Roseburg—(UPI)—Many local problems remain to be worked out before the devastated area of downtown Roseburg can be rebuilt into a lumber industry showplace.

Lumbermen and city and civic leaders met here the other night to start plans on a program for redevelopment of the area wrecked Aug. 7 by an explosion and fire which claimed 13 lives.

**Idea Presented**  
The idea of rebuilding the area into a showplace for the lumber industry was brought up by Francis Brown, editor of Western Builder, a trade magazine. He suggested that architect Richard Neutra of California be hired and lumber associations tentatively agreed to do so. A committee of local lumbermen plans to meet with him Oct. 10.

**No Assurance**  
State Rep. Al Flegel said, however, there apparently was no assurance that all property owners in the area would agree to the idea.

Another hurdle is a plan of the State Highway Department to rebuild the 10th ave. bridge over the South Umpqua river. This would put the bridge approaches in the heart of the area where the city wants the new development.

First railroad in Illinois was constructed in 1850.

### Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins



#### Folklore of Coachwhip Snake Served Purpose

The coachwhip snake probably received its name because of its extremely slender body that reminded someone of a whip. Folklore and the implied belief the reptile could whip a man to death, served a definite purpose back in the days when things were not very well understood.

Old time slaves were told that the snake would lash a person to death who was caught out after dark, which perhaps served to frighten folks to stay indoors.

Of all the rather large family of "racers," to which this snake is allied, the coachwhip is the most active, as well as the fastest. These two characteristics alone would give some reason to the superstition that this snake would chase a man and regardless of how fast he went, the reptile would be a step and a wiggle behind. The whipping idea was added to impart the necessary deterrent to a superstitious people, who lived in mortal terror of anything they did not understand.

**Resemble Whip**  
Even a casual glance at this slender snake does suggest a whip as the tail ends in a sharp point, not unlike the "cracker" at the end of a lash. The markings of the tail also resemble the braided strands of the old-fashioned buggy whip.

The coachwhip is distributed throughout the southeastern part of the U.S. In the southwest the whipsnake is a somewhat shorter species of this reptile. Some live in the desert where they feed on other snakes, lizards and mice. All the snakes in this

group are harmless. They are, however, all equipped with very sharp feeding teeth which can inflict a superficial wound, but they have no fangs or venom.

All the family of "racers" are alert, active and rather rapid travelers. They receive the name "racers" from the habit of chasing their prey; being able to outrun most of the animals they prey upon. Old Myth

The old myth of the so-called "blue racers" is part of the folklore of America. Many old legends are handed down regarding the mad race between men and snake and these snakes.

Some claimed the race lasted for miles or until the exhausted victim escaped indoors or up a tree. No scientific records ever disclosed any actual race being run between man and snake for any distance.

Of all the racers the southern coachwhip would come the closest to equaling this feat, for it is about the most active of all the snakes of America. Like most of the harmless snakes, this one pays its way in the number of mice and other rodents it kills.

Its numbers have been severely reduced in most sections of its range. Aside from man, its most dangerous enemy is the King snake, which searches out and kills every coachwhip snake it can find.

If the coachwhip snake could only live up to its name and its reputation, it surely would lash its snake-enemies to death.

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About 27,000 die in U. S. home fatalities each year.

**SEGNI FLIES HOME**  
New York—(UPI)—Italian Premier Antonio Segni flew back to Rome today after expressing the conviction that his five-day U.S. visit has brought "even closer economic and political relations" between Italy and the United States.

Vatican City—(UPI)—Pope John XXIII Sunday told a group of American science students currently visiting Italy that he hoped future space exploration "shall create new elements for true human progress and for advancing towards the light of faith."

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