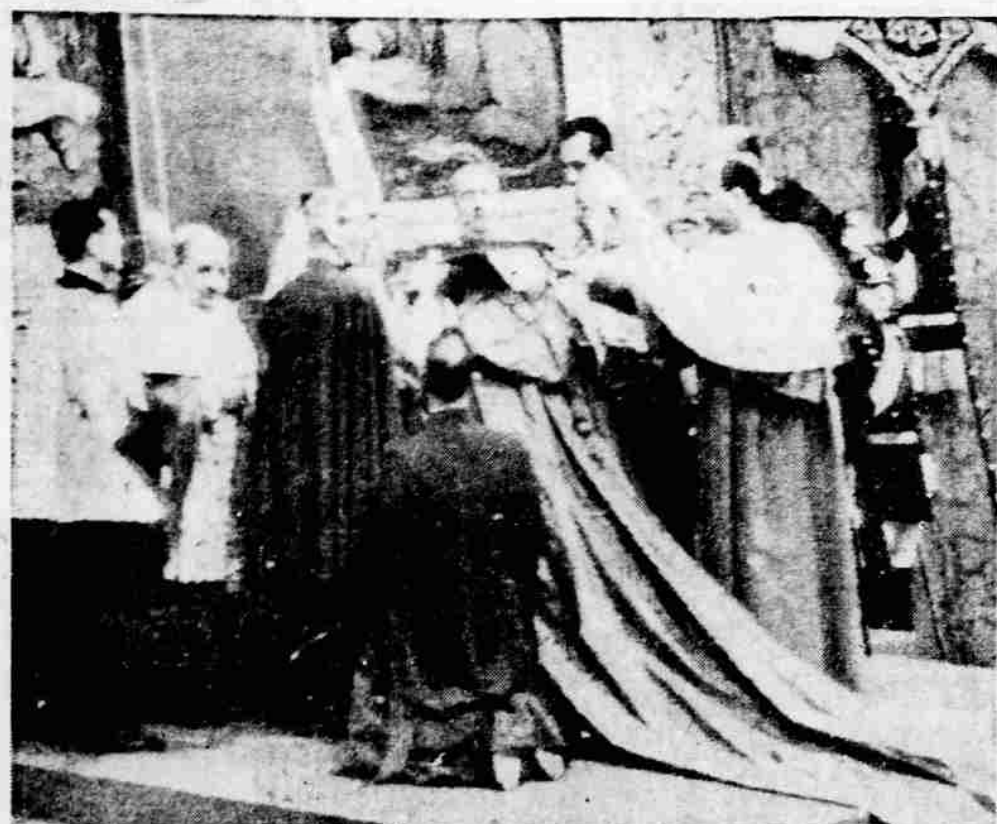




POPE RAISES HAT — Pope John XXIII raises the red-tasseled, broad-brimmed "Galero" hat over the head of Albert Gregory Cardinal Meyer, Archbishop of Chicago, during ceremonies at Vatican City. —(UPI Radiotelephoto)

Washington Report

By WILLIAM S. WHITE

ROCKY'S CHALLENGE

Washington — For the first time, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York is visibly breathing down the neck of Vice-President Richard M. Nixon. It remains doubtful that the New Yorker can come from far behind to offer major challenge to Nixon for the Republican Presidential nomination next year. The Nixon grip over the regular Republican organizations appears generally still solid.

But Rockefeller at least is going to push Nixon from his present relaxed pace. It will not, at any rate, be an unhurried walk into the nomination.

What are the circumstances now raising some possibility of a GOP horse race, after all? They are mixed, but they have one common effect: to put upon Mr. Nixon pressure of a kind he has not heretofore felt.

1. Rockefeller in his swing through the Midwest has boldly dragged forth the one big skeleton in the GOP cupboard, the farm problem. His proposal for a new farm subsidy plan may be wise or unwise, economically. But it is surely wise politically. For it is becoming plain that only at their peril will the Republicans enter the 1960 campaign clinging to the existing program so stolidly defended by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson.

2. Benson may well be absolutely "right," economically, and beyond doubt he has shown great courage and consistency. But Benson is absolutely "wrong," politically. Farm income is way down and when farm income is persistently down, Republican voting is down, too. And that is that.

3. Nixon is increasingly being embarrassed by all this. He is no great friend of the Benson program or of Benson. All the same, he is a high part of an administration which, under Mr. Eisenhower's leadership,

had steadfastly stuck with that program. It is not easy for the Vice-President to break anywhere with that administration. But, sooner or later, he has got to break with it here, or suffer what his advisers know would be heavy political damage.

So, the initiative, on this issue at least, is now passing from Nixon to Rockefeller.

2. Rockefeller's warm welcome in Minnesota was genuinely significant. To go anywhere he must "catch fire" in just such a critical part of the country as the pivotal Middle West. And if no blaze is actually leaping to the sky, smoke is rising from one part of the prairies anyhow.

3. Nixon is the beneficiary of the "peace issue," which the President himself has so spectacularly symbolized in his world tour. Failing great bread-and-butter discontent at home, this issue is still likely to be decisive for the Vice-President. "Prosperity," however, is really not universal in the country, and farm discontent as of now tends to work against Nixon and for Rockefeller.

MOREOVER, even around "peace" a few small clouds are gathering. Not all the hurrahs for Mr. Eisenhower from millions of throats in India and elsewhere are likely altogether to overcome another reality. This is that however much the whole world "likes Ike," the Western alliance is in poor shape. Unless disunity within that alliance is shortly and demonstrably ended, we may have gained the whole world's "good will" and lost our military shield.

Rockefeller's old private dissatisfaction with the Administration's handling of the farm question is now out in public. His long-held private reservations about the Administration's cold war diplomacy may shortly be spread upon the record as well with inevitable criticism of Mr. Nixon as a part of that Administration.

So it is now conceivable that here, too, the initiative may either pass from Nixon or, at a minimum, be logically disputed by Rockefeller.

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

The Betel Nut is a Drug Which Gives 'Lift' to Addicts

Whenever you read stories of the South Seas, or of savage people in uncultured lands, you run repeatedly across references of betel nut chewing. Always the chewer, after a long period of use, has badly discolored teeth and always some of the reddish color is present as the deep stain on the mouth.

Investigation by men of science reveals the fact that the betel nut actually is a drug, and the habit of chewing it, once acquired, can seldom be overcome. It gives a certain "lift" or stimulant to the addict.

The much talked about betel nut comes from a certain kind of palm tree. They are native of Madagascar and the Malayan Peninsula where they are known as "feather-palms" because of the feathery cluster of leaves which grow at the top of a slim, yellow colored smooth trunk. Leaves Long Graceful

The leaves are often several feet in length and always gracefully arched. The trunk is smooth, with regular spaced rings and often of a bright yellow color that shines like gold in the tropical sunlight. Because of the color of the stems and the graceful beauty of the feathery leaves this palm is used extensively as an ornamental for outdoor culture in Florida, or as a hot house specimen in northern greenhouses. Nurserymen call it an Areca palm; a name now little used; in its place we refer to it as cane palm. Really it looks a great deal like bamboo when it is small.

Seed Size of a Die

The fruit, which forms in the summer, and is the nut the savage drug addict chews for a "lift" is yellow when it is "green" or unripe, but turns a dark purple when mature. Each seed is about three-quarters of an inch long, and about the size around as a date. The flowers are white and very fragrant, usually completely hidden by the base of the leaves; they appear just below the crownshaft. From the seeds is secured a dye which has within the last few years, found many users. In taste they are bitter and have a very puckery quality.

Youthful Cancer Victim Gets Melons

Westport, Wash. — Two fresh watermelons from southern California were delivered Thursday to Marilyn Hubbard, 15, who is stricken with a rare type of cancer.

The melons were flown by United Air Lines after Wayne Caldwell, Westport, called his son, Charles, who lives in the Los Angeles area and explained that the dying girl's wish was to have some watermelons to eat.

Charles Caldwell called a Hollywood radio station which broadcast the story and soon two melons were delivered to the airline's office, even though melons are scarce in that region this time of year.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Caldwell picked up the melons and delivered them to the bed-ridden girl.

Canaries and other household birds are more susceptible than humans to cold drafts.

Labor-Sponsored Newspaper in Portland Studied

Portland — (UPI) — Unions affiliated with the Multnomah County Central Labor Council voted Thursday night to study a proposal to start a labor-sponsored daily newspaper in Portland.

Portland carpenters originally proposed that unions pool their resources to try to buy the Oregon Journal, but Journal Publisher William W. Knight declared emphatically that the paper was not for sale.

Would Be Tough Job

The Council said it would be a tough job to raise money for a newspaper.

Rene Valentine, international representative of the International Typographical Union, said he thought such a paper might be a success, but pointed out that they sometimes fail to get money and advertising to sustain them.

A five-man committee was appointed by the Council to study the feasibility of starting a paper. Among its members were James T. Marr, executive secretary of the Oregon AFL-CIO.

Both Portland newspapers — The Journal and the Oregonian — have been publishing joint editions since a strike by the Stereotypers Union Nov. 10.

Federal mediation is in progress, but no solution has yet been found in bargaining sessions.

Nike-Hercules Test Successful

Fairbanks, Alaska — (UPI) — A Nike-Hercules missile, functioning perfectly, rocketed down the U.S. Army's Alaska missile range near here Thursday and blasted a mock enemy plane out of the skies.

It was the first successful firing in a 16-shot series scheduled for Alaska after two failures earlier this week.

The missile left the ground at 9:11 a.m. (p.s.t.), climbed over 30,000 feet, then hurtled 50 miles down the range to score a direct hit.

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'Girly' Magazines Taken Off Stands

Portland — (UPI) — A wholesale magazine distributor Thursday recalled several magazines of the "girly" type and said he had not decided whether to put them back on the newsstands.

Fred Bay Jr., manager of the Fred Bay News Co., said the magazines he called back were not as objectionable as the type of advertising they carry.

He said most of them offered "stag" films and books and pictures of "voluptuous" models, or "invigorator pills." He said he does not feel this type of thing should be available to teen-agers or children.

Bay added he doubts if any of the Oregon statutes regarding obscene material are practical or enforceable.

NURSERY BANS SANTA

Wallingford, England — (UPI) — Nursery school Principal Judith Anstee Thursday banned an appearance at the school by Santa Claus because "our children are so small we fear he might frighten them."

Southend, England — (UPI) — Most of the stock was drenched Thursday when a large water pipe burst in a High St. store. The store specializes in raincoats.

The Rio Grande is the third longest river in the United States exceeded in length by the Mississippi and the Missouri.

UNMOUNTED COP READY

New York — (UPI) — Mounted policemen John Ready got a taste of the foot patrolman's job Thursday night. Ready had to dismount when a suspected purse snatcher he was galloping after dashed into an apartment building. The puffing mountie got his man after a chase up 13 flights of stairs. Ready brought the suspect down by elevator.

Pontiac, Mich. — (UPI) — Two construction workers will be tried Jan. 5 on charges of calling Santa Claus a dirty name. Herbert Holdworth and James C. Dunn were arrested after 7-year-old Kenny Green told his mother he heard them saying bad things about Santa. The men pleaded innocent to charges of using obscene language.

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