

Rockefeller Pressured for Second Spot

Albany, N.Y. — (UPI) — New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller was under strong pressure today to accept the number two spot on the GOP ticket in 1960 while Democrats viewed his withdrawal from the presidential race with hopeful optimism.

Rockefeller became the overwhelming favorite for the Republican vice presidential nomination with his announcement Saturday that he was bowing out of the presidential race.

Republican quarters viewed the move as an open door to the White House for Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Northwest GOP Leaders Predict Nixon as Choice

Portland — (UPI) — Northwest Republican leaders think that Vice President Richard Nixon is virtually certain to be the Republican Presidential nominee in 1960.

This feeling became clear after Gov. Nelson Rockefeller would not be a candidate for the nomination.

Gov. Mark Hatfield said he hoped that with Rockefeller out of the race for the top spot he would "reopen the door to the vice presidential possibility."

Policies Praised
Hatfield said "the Eisenhower-Nixon administration has earned the respect of the entire world and it appears now that Dick Nixon will emerge from Chicago with solid support, going on to the White House to carry forward the policies in which the people have expressed their confidence repeatedly since 1952."

He added "I would hope that Gov. Rockefeller will reopen the door to the vice presidential possibility so that the strongest possible ticket might be offered the American people."

Morton Seen
Oregon GOP Chairman Peter Gunnar, Salem, agreed that Nixon was the logical candidate. His best guess for vice president was National GOP Chairman Thruston Morton if Rockefeller did not run.

Robert T. Mautz, Portland, Republican national committeeman, said he "would certainly think that Nixon will get the nomination" with Rockefeller out.

Mautz said he did not know if Nixon will be opposed in 1960, but said "it would be exciting if someone else would run."

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, (Tex.) summed up the general reaction of the Democratic party when he said "Rockefeller's announcement nailed down the GOP presidential nomination for Nixon."

Other Democrats twitted the Republicans for their lack of contenders and underscored the Democratic position of having at least five potential presidential contenders.

There also was speculation Rockefeller, at the age of 51, decided to postpone his presidential ambitions until 1964 or even 1968.

Police in England Appeal for Help In Tracking Killer

Birmingham, England — (UPI) — Police appealed today to the frightened passengers of a No. 8 bus to come forward and tell what they could about the blood-stained man who boarded the bus shortly after a killer decapitated a YWCA girl last Wednesday.

British newspapers took up the cry and tried to shame the 59 still-silent passengers into speaking up. They called the killer the most sadistic in the annals of British crime and said no one was safe as long as he remains free.

Only Two Come Forth
So far only one passenger and the conductor have told police of seeing the man who boarded the bus near the YWCA but neither knew where he got off. He was stained with blood so badly no one would sit by him or occupy the seat after he left.

Conductor Bill Humphreys said the man offered his fare in a blood-stained hand but refused to give his destination.

The most valuable information thus far came from Mrs. Evelyn Peake, 27, who told police she saw the killer suspect waiting for the bus near the YWCA, slumped against a wall.

She said he explained his blood stains by saying in an "educated voice" "I had a fall. I'll be all right when I can get on a bus."

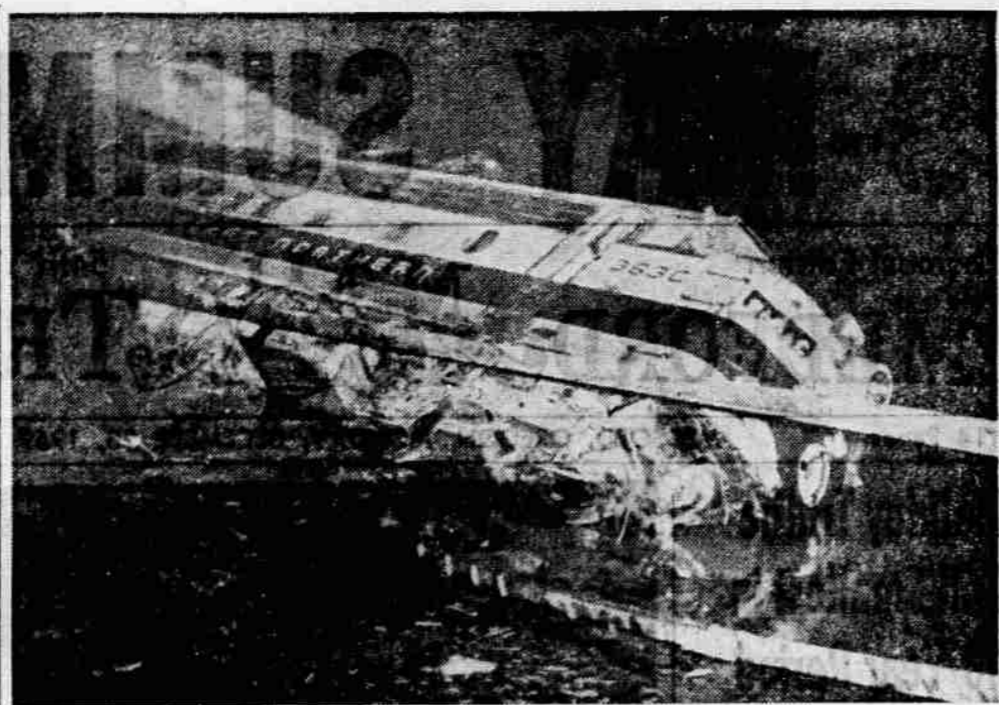
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ENGINE DERAILED—This is the engine of a three-unit diesel and baggage car that was knocked into Puget Sound Sunday evening. There were no deaths and only a few injuries. The train's track runs close to the water and it was here where tons of mud slid onto the tracks just as the train was passing. —(UPI Telephoto)



BAGGAGE CAR AT REST—With its locking connections ripped off, the baggage car of the Great Northern Empire Builder rests on a mud bank only a few yards from the waters of Puget Sound near Seattle. The Chicago-bound train's engines went into the water when a mud slide knocked them from the tracks. —(UPI Telephoto)

Stocks Advance in Moderate Trading

New York — (UPI) — Stocks advanced irregularly today in moderate trading.

Electronics encountered some heavy selling. Chemicals were firm, steels dull and rails and oils fractionally higher.

Amplex continued to react to the report that General Electric is coming out with a new process for recording and producing sound, sight and coded electrical impulses. It lost more than 11 Thursday and more than 6 in early trading today.

Competitive With Tape
The new GE process, called thermoplastic recording, is described as being related, yet competitive with magnetic tape, a field in which Amplex plays a major role.

Other electronic losers included General Time, off nearly 4; Texas Instruments, down around 3, and Litton, off more than a point. IBM countered with a rise of 3.

DuPont lost all of its opening gain in the first hour. Allied Chemical was firm. In the steels, Youngstown and Republic held to their previous close. Bethlehem was firm; U.S. Steel easy. Chrysler and General Motors tacked on fractions in the autos.

Motor Carrier Authority OK'd

Salem — (UPI) — The acquisition of motor carrier authority held by Roy N. and Wallace C. Jacobsen by Jacobsen Brothers, Inc., of Silverton, has been approved by the Oregon public utility commissioner.

The Jacobsens have been doing business as Jacobsen Brothers.

In an order effective Jan. 1, Commissioner Jonel C. Hill authorized irregular route service in the transport of forest products, grain and hops within and from and to 50 road miles of Mt. Angel, plus hay with and from and to 150 road miles of the town.

Local cartage service also was authorized in the transport of forest products, grain and hops within the corporate limits of Silverton.

Coos Bay Dredge Permit Requested

Portland — (UPI) — Menasha Wooden Ware Corp., of North Bend was applied for a permit to dredge in Coos Bay opposite North Bend, Army engineers said today.

Dredging sites are on the north bank of Coos Bay, 500 feet downstream from the railroad bridge and on the west side of North Slough, 200 feet north of its mouth.

Material removed will be used for fill purposes on the site of a proposed paper mill at Jordan Point. Dredging will be to a depth not to exceed 14 feet below mean lower low water in Coos Bay and not to exceed 20 feet below mean lower low water at the North Slough site.

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Howling Blizzard Strands Central States Travelers

By United Press International
Hundreds of Christmas holiday travelers were stranded by a howling blizzard that knifed deep into the nation's midsection today, leaving a trail of winter misery in the Texas Panhandle and the central plains states.

The storm, packing winds of nearly 60 miles an hour as it moved into the upper midwest, whipped the snow into huge drifts that blocked roads and knocked down utility lines.

Cars Abandoned
Hundreds of cars were abandoned in Nebraska, Iowa, the Dakotas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. Weary travelers sought shelter in farm homes and jammed hotels and motels in the storm area.

The Weather Bureau said the storm was centered in Iowa early this morning. Lamoni, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb., had four inches on the ground and Lincoln, Neb., six.

As the storm pushed eastward, temperatures dropped sharply and rain changed to snow in the Great Lakes area. Chicago reported a record high for today of 51 degrees but the weatherman said the mercury would drop almost 20 degrees by morning.

Showers Forecast
Elsewhere around the country, showers were forecast from Florida and eastern Alabama northward into Ohio Valley and central Atlantic states with snow changing to freezing rain in most of New England. Generally fair skies and warmer weather were in store for most of the western half of the country.

New Mexico, the panhandle region and Nebraska caught the full fury of the storm Sunday.

The blizzard blew into the panhandle after dumping 8 to 10 inches of snow in eastern New Mexico during a 10-hour period. The panhandle was blanketed by eight inches and winds of 45 miles an hour whipped five foot drifts across highways.

Plows Clear Path
A bus and 30 to 40 cars were stalled more than two hours near Clayton, N. M., before snowplows could clear a path for them. An estimated 600 travelers sought refuge in Vaughn and Encino, N.M., to escape the blinding storm which cut visibility to zero and forced all highways in a 50 mile radius to be closed.

Chilly Reception Seen in Attempt to Boost Gasoline Tax

Washington — (UPI) — A chilly reception in Congress was predicted today for any administration request to hike federal gasoline taxes by another half cent a gallon next year.

The American Automobile Association said the extra levy would be proposed in January as part of a plan to raise the tax eventually to five cents a gallon from the present four cents. It said the second half-cent increase would be asked later.

All-Out Fight
Frederick T. McGuire, Jr., president of the motorists' organization, noted that Congress boosted the tax by one cent at its last session and pledged an all-out fight against any further increase. He predicted Congress would cold shoulder a new request.

McGuire said the effect of such an increase would be to repudiate the compromise on federal highway financing legislation which was worked out "with such difficulty" in the last session of Congress.

President Eisenhower asked Congress last January for a 1 1/2 cent increase in gas taxes to help finance the superhighway program. Congress finally approved the penny-a-gallon boost until July 1, 1961.

Would Be 11 Cents Tax
McGuire said a new one-cent increase, plus the average state tax of six cents, would mean an average gas tax of 11 cents and would cost motorists more than a half billion dollars a year.

The AAA did not disclose the source of its information on administration plans. However, it normally is well informed on highway financing programs.

Two Hospitalized After Accident

Two men were hospitalized Sunday following a one-vehicle accident about 2:53 p.m. on Highway 234 about 2 1/2 miles from Gold Hill.

According to state police, the westbound vehicle was operated by Lewis Albert Birkland, 40, of 1830 Camp Baker rd., Medford, when it went off the highway and hit a grove of trees. Birkland was taken to Rogue Valley hospital by Medford ambulance where he was reported in fair condition this morning. He is suffering from facial lacerations.

Taken to Osteopathic hospital was Edgar Lee Coghill, 40, of 1289 Coghill lane, Medford, a passenger in the Birkland car. He was reported in good condition this morning.

Two vehicles were involved in a collision this morning at Table Rock rd. near Gibbon rd., state police reported. A vehicle operated by Darlene Lou Dizick, 27, of route 2, box 673A, Central Point, was hit by a vehicle operated by Jackie Lee Turk, 26, 255 1/2 South Fourth st., Central Point.

Police said Turk suffered a cut forehead in the accident which occurred about 7 o'clock. The roads were reported to be icy at the time with fog in the area. Turk was notified by police that a complaint for violation of the basic rule would be filed against him in district court.

Slide Pushes Passenger Train Into Puget Sound

Seattle, Wash. — (UPI) — A train load of 188 holiday travelers escaped injury late Sunday as two huge landslides crashed down on the Great Northern Railway's Empire Builder on the outskirts of town here. Nine cars were derailed.

The two slides, which struck 20 minutes apart, knocked the four-unit diesel engine and a combination mail and baggage car into the waters of Puget Sound. At least six crew members and four passengers were injured but most of the injuries were considered minor.

Great Northern officials said the first slide halted and partially derailed the 13-car Chicago-bound streamliner. The second compounded the damage.

Car Buried
A combination mail and crew dormitory car was buried to the windows on one side by the slides but it did not follow the mail-baggage car into the chill waters.

The two sets of tracks were twisted in almost bricked fashion and formed an arch over the railroad bed to one of the derailed diesel units. One diesel unit was pushed about 500 feet from the railroad bed.

Three of the six crewmen were seriously injured while the other three suffered injuries termed minor in nature. None of the passengers was thought to be seriously injured.

Four Minor Crashes Reported in City

Four minor traffic accidents were reported to city police over the week end, none of them resulting in injuries and only minor property damage.

A car operated by John Desmond Hearn, 783 1/2 Posse Lane, struck a city information sign at the intersection of Elm st., and West Main about 4 a.m. Sunday, according to police. Hearn told police he fell asleep. No citation was issued.

Gilbert Raymond Daniels, Antioch, Calif., told police he was looking for a house address when the car he was driving struck a parked car belonging to Charles N. Longan, 173 Gregory rd., Central Point, in front of 817 Oak st., about 12:04 p.m. Sunday.

Francis Willard Chausse, 87, of 826 West Second st., was cited by city police for failure to yield the right of way, after his car went through a stop sign at the intersection of Eighth and Holly sts., Sunday afternoon, and struck a car operated by Janet Louise Phair, 19, of 325 Effie st., police said.

A hit and run accident was reported to city police by Lavona Elizabeth Kusler, Myrtle Creek, who told them her car was struck while parked at 320 North Ivy st., by a car which failed to stop sometime Saturday or Sunday.

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