

Nixon's Chances Increase; Some Claim Phony Build-Up

Washington (UPI)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon's political stock zoomed today as a result of his backstage role in settling the steel dispute. But some Democrats charged it was a phony build-up.

Formidable Opponent

Many other Democrats conceded privately that Nixon's dramatic efforts to bring about a steel agreement made him a more formidable opponent in the 1960 presidential race.

The settlement also brightened the political future of Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell, Nixon's partner in the behind-the-scenes negotiations. Mitchell often has been mentioned as a vice presidential running mate for Nixon.

Republicans from President Eisenhower down heaped praise on Nixon for ending the eight-month-old steel conflict. Mitchell declared, "Without the vice president we would not have had a settlement."

Worked as Team

Nixon and Mitchell worked as a team in hammering out the agreement in a series of secret meetings with management and union leaders. Some eight or 10 of the meetings were held at Nixon's home here.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said Nixon initiated the delicate backstage discussions last July. Both sides approached him as an intermediary when he attended the All-Star baseball game in Pittsburgh.

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Political Camouflage

Rep. Ray J. Madden (D-Ind.) said, "Nixon personally had as much to do with settling the strike as I had."

Madden, whose district includes the steel center of Gary, said any reports that Nixon arranged the steel agreement were "just political camouflage to build him up" for the Republican presidential nomination.

Mitchell flatly denied that campaign politics had anything to do with the agreement.



GLORY ROLE OVER—Margarethe Bertelson, left, can be forgiven a small amount of daydreaming in her philosophy class at Pasadena City College. Last Friday she was Queen Margarethe of the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, Calif. Now she is just one of the students who returned from Christmas vacation. But she still has those memories that linger on. —(UPI Telephoto)

Chamber's Program Outlined By President at Roundtable

The purpose of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is to promote, encourage and build the economy in this area, Gerald Latham, new president of the chamber, told the chamber roundtable luncheon at the Jackson hotel Monday.

Jackson county is growing and it is predicted that in 20 years, Medford will have a population of 50,000, Latham said. For every seven persons added to the county's population by natural birth there are five immigrants. This is compared to a state-wide average of two immigrants to every 10 natural births, which means that Jackson county's adult population is growing faster than that in the rest of the state.

To meet this population growth there must be a growing and expanding economy and it is this latter with which the chamber is concerned, according to Latham. The chamber, he said, will attempt to foster the economic growth by encouraging outside industry to move into the area and by facilitating and improving the means of transportation to and from this area to improve the ease of marketing local products.

Explains Plans

Latham explained the chamber's plans and projects for the coming year. The chamber has a budget this year of \$42,000 compared to last year's budget of \$27,000 and it will attempt to increase its worth and services by that much, he said.

The chamber is divided up into seven main divisions of study and under each of these are committees dealing with specific projects.

The first main division is the commercial division which reflects the economy of the area. Under this are committees on retail sales, tourists, recreation and convention, agriculture, forestry, and mining.

The study of retail sales in Jackson county shows that this area has exhibited an outstanding performance in presenting products of good quality and value. This is shown by the fact that although Jackson county has a slightly lower per capita income in comparison to the rest of the state, \$1,491 to \$1,601, it nevertheless has a higher per capita purchase of retail trade goods. The lesser amount of per capita income can be explained, Latham said, by the fact that this area is lacking in industrial productivity. The higher retail sales reflects the quality of goods available in the county.

Purpose of Committee

It will be the purpose of the committee on retail sales to promote a unified program which will help merchants in this area and business in general.

Another committee deals with tourists. Latham said that Jackson county received an income of \$5½ million from tourists last year. This sum can be broken down to approximately \$5.50 per tourist who stays slightly more than three days. The committee will seek to attract more tourists, he added.

The recreation and convention committee seeks to attract more and larger conventions to the area, and to provide delegates and tourists with recreation facilities while they are here. The chamber

served 19 conventions last year and the area realized an income of \$275,000 from these.

There are also committees on agriculture and forestry. Latham pointed out that the latter industry represents the greatest potential for expanding the area's economy.

Another committee deals with mining and is mainly concerned with the use of sand and gravel in the county, although there are some prospects for other mining in this area which are being studied, according to Latham.

Second Division

The second division is the public relations division, which sponsors such activities as the roundtable and the greeters who welcome new businesses and help them to integrate into the community, and publicizes the chamber through television, radio and the press.

A third division is the business progress division which endeavors to attract new industries through the new industries committee. Any new industry of size demands to know facts about a prospective community in which it may establish a plant, Latham said. They want to know everything from the community's political atmosphere to its labor-management relations, and it is these facts about Jackson county and Medford that the committee tries to provide.

Other committees are the statistics and research committee, the miscellaneous enterprise committee, which assists the service businesses, and the visitation of local businesses committee which seeks to make one business-man aware of what is going on in a neighboring or competitive business.

Public Affairs

Another division is the public affairs division. Under this comes a committee on government operations through which the chamber seeks to acquaint itself and make itself felt in taxation policies and other government programs. Under the same committee will come the businessmen's course in "action in practical politics", which will start next Tuesday night at the Medford High school auditorium and will deal with industry in politics, political parties, campaigns, precincts, businessmen in politics, and other related political subjects. Latham pointed out that the course is part of a National Chamber of Commerce program which seeks to acquaint businessmen with politics and government in which they have an interest.

Also under the public affairs division is the education committee which is responsible for the chamber's program in the schools and is working on the possibility of establishing a Junior Achievement organization in Medford.

Water Resources Group

Another committee is the water resources committee which looks to the development of water in Jackson county. Water resources are the county's greatest natural asset along with lumber, Latham said. The committee makes itself aware of what the government is doing towards developing the water resources in this area and is taking an active part in the Rogue Basin water resources development study being undertaken by the government.

There are also finance, transportation, and membership divisions in the chamber. Under the membership division is the award committee which gives achievement awards to persons doing something constructive in our community in the way of business, Latham said.

Ken Baker, chairman of the chamber roundtable, encouraged each of the approximately 35 persons attending the luncheon to bring a friend next Monday, as the roundtable is embarking on a program to solicit greater attendance at the meetings.

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Industrials Break Into High Ground

New York (UPI)—The industrial stock average broke into new high ground again during the first hour of trading today.

Support gathered from the opening with buyers centering their attention on stocks included in the averages. The industrials moved over the 630-mark, topping the previous peak of 629.36 reached on the last day of 1959.

However, in Wall Street, the only high that counts is the one that comes at the close.

Steels dropped most of their opening gains during the first hour. Youngstown was off a point, and U.S. Steel and Republic lost fractions. Bethlehem was unchanged after a firm opening.

0.22 and 65 stocks 220.24, up 0.72. Sales Monday were about 3,990,000 shares compared with 3,810,000 shares Thursday.

Monday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	113½
Alum. Co. Am.	106½
American Can	43½
American Motors	83½
A. T. & T.	80½
Amoco Copper	64½
Arco Steel	75½
Bendix Aviation	73½
Bethlehem Steel	56½
Caterpillar Corp.	31¼
Chrysler Corp.	69½
Firestone	139½
General Electric	96½
General Foods	103½
General Motors	50½
Georgia Pacific	50½
Graham Paige	2½
Greyhound	20½
Homestake Mining	42½
Idaho Power	48½
I. B. M.	437
Int. Paper	134½
Johns Manville	48½
Kaiser Ind.	16½
Kennecott Copper	92½
Lockheed Aircraft	31½
Montana Power Co.	22½
Montgomery Ward	55½
Natl. Biscuit	55½
New York Central	30½
Pac Gas & Elec	63½
Raychem	54½
Penn. RR	16½
Richfield Oil	72½
Safeway	37
Sears	50½
Shell Oil	85
Socony Mobil Oil	41½
Southern Co.	39½
Southern Pacific	23½
Standard California	49½
Standard Indiana	43½
Standard N. J.	49½
Sun. Mines	6½
Texas Co.	86½
Texas Gulf Sulfur	18½
Tex. Pac. Land Trust	19½
Transamerica	28½
Trans World Air	18½
Ty-Continental	38½
Union Carbide	147
Union Pacific	30½
United Aircraft	37½
United Air Lines	37½
U. S. Rubber	63
Youngstown S & T	101½

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York (UPI)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 679.06, off 0.30; 20 railroads 157.18, up 1.13; 15 utilities 87.61; off

Ohio Governor Vows Delegates To Back Kennedy

Columbus, Ohio (UPI)—Ohio today became the first big state to back the presidential candidacy of Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.).

Democratic Gov. Michael V. DiSalle warmly endorsed Kennedy. The governor said he would campaign in the Ohio primary, pledged to lead the 56-vote Buckeye delegation, the fourth largest, to the Democratic national convention behind the Kennedy candidacy.

Others Invited

The governor invited other Democrats to compete in the May 3 primary, but none was expected to take him up on it. DiSalle, like Kennedy, a Catholic, said a DiSalle-Kennedy ticket was "a political impossibility for obvious reasons."

He said he would not accept a Washington job if Kennedy becomes President.

The former federal price administrator said he doubted that religion would play an important role in the selection of a candidate or in the election. But he conceded, "It can't help Kennedy."

Expected in Primary

The senator, who conferred with DiSalle a number of times and made several speaking tours of the state in 1959, was expected to enter the Ohio primary even if DiSalle chose to compete against him as a favorite son.

No other large state Democratic organization has announced its support for any candidate. Democrats in New York, California, Illinois and Pennsylvania all have said they are awaiting developments.

District Court Cases Continued

Two district court cases Monday were continued until Wednesday.

Ronald Elmore Dodson, Fairfield, Calif., appeared on charges of receiving stolen property. He is charged with receiving a .38 caliber pistol which was reported stolen from the Robert Kennedy Furniture store, 1603 North Riverside ave. His case was continued to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

George Franklin Rogers, 26, of Central Point, appeared on charges of burglary not in a dwelling. He is charged with breaking into Snyder's Shoe Repair shop in Central Point on Dec. 11. His case also was continued.

LOW RESISTANCE

Clinton, Iowa (UPI)—Robert Prodzinski, 29, was fined \$100 Monday after he told the judge he didn't know a truck belonged to the dog pound when he let some dogs out of it. He said he was taking a walk, heard dogs whining and couldn't resist freeing them.

PARACHUTES TO SAFETY

Elgin Air Force Base, Fla.—(UPI)—Capt. James E. Myers of Grand Chain, Ill., parachuted to safety Monday when his F-100 jet caught fire and crashed near Crestview, Fla.

Steel Industry Plans To Hold Line on Prices

Pittsburgh (UPI)—An assurance by "big steel" to hold the line on prices for the present appeared today to shelter the nation's economy from a new inflationary spiral.

U.S. Steel Board Chairman Roger M. Blough said his firm planned "to continue the general level of its prices for the immediate future."

Joseph P. Block, chairman of Inland Steel Co., announced in Chicago his firm "has no present plans to change its prices."

U.S. Steel is the industry's traditional pace-setter in the price pattern.

Abrupt settlement of the longest steel dispute in history Monday provides a half million steelworkers a total hourly increase of 39 cents in wages and other benefits over a 2½ year period.

It was estimated this boost would add \$600 million a year to industry's labor costs in the 30-month period. But Blough estimated the figure at "well over a billion dollars."

The industrialist added, "if the development of competitive and all other factors affecting prices dictates a change in our situation, we will be necessarily required to take whatever steps are then indicated."

Cost Increase Estimated

Steel magazine, the metal working weekly, estimated steelmaking costs would go up \$16 a ton over the period of the new contract. It said price increases likely would come on a selective basis in an attempt to prevent across the board increases.

United Steelworkers President David J. McDonald hailed the settlement as "non-inflationary" in an address Monday night before a union rally in Buffalo, N.Y.

"It's good for the country and everybody is happy," he said.

Cattle Nutrition School Planned

Cattle nutrition will be discussed at a meeting in the breezeway auditorium on the third floor of the Jackson county courthouse Thursday, Jan. 7, at 8 p.m., according to Earle Jossy, county extension agent.

This will be a preliminary meeting to discuss plans for a three-day refresher course on cattle feeding given by Oregon State college specialists in animal husbandry.

There will be no charge for the school, Jossy said. Anyone interested may attend both the preliminary meeting and the school.

Rockefeller Indicates Draft At Convention Might Be OK

Albany, N.Y. (UPI)—Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, in the role of a stand-by candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, indicated Monday he might accept a convention draft.

The New York governor, although certain that Vice President Richard M. Nixon has the GOP nomination sewed up at the present time, is standing by in the event convention delegates have a change of heart at Chicago.

Silent on Oregon Primary

After indicating at his news conference Monday that he might accept a convention draft if one were offered, he declined to say whether he would definitely withdraw from the Oregon state primary.

He declined to reveal whether he would issue a "won't accept, won't run" statement.

He declined to state whether he would attend the GOP convention as a favorite son candidate.

When asked by a reporter

whether he could be drafted to help the GOP ticket, Rockefeller said:

"There have been a lot of drafts in this country."

Draft Not Anticipated

There was no immediate comment from Nixon. GOP National Chairman Thurston B. Morton said that although "anything is possible in the realm of politics," he did not anticipate a Rockefeller draft.

But in Los Angeles a leader of the "Californians for Rockefeller" organization Monday night said he was encouraged by the governor's statement.


Chairman Charles Lewsader said the group would continue to work toward Rockefeller's nomination.

Lewsader said he was "not anti-Nixon, but pro-Rockefeller." He said he did not feel Nixon could be elected to the presidency and that Rockefeller could.

Highly Unlikely

But California Republican State Chairman George W. Milias said, "I think a draft would be highly unlikely with Dick Nixon so far ahead. However, there would be a great deal of support to draft Rockefeller for the vice presidency if he could be budgeted. There never was much support for Rockefeller in California, and I imagine there is less now than ever."

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Eugene Woman Arrested in City

Mildred Joan Tarbell, Eugene, was arrested by city police Saturday about 11:25 p.m. and confined to the city jail on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages.

Witnesses told police a car operated by Mildred Tarbell struck a parked car registered to Leo Vilarino, route 2, box 428A, Medford, in a parking lot at 1909 North Pacific highway at 11:20 p.m. and drove away without stopping.

Her car was clocked up to speeds of 85 miles per hour by city police and reportedly struck another parked car while traveling on Court st.

A city police car succeeded in stopping her car and after what police report was a slight struggle, they took her to the city jail.

DECLINES CANDIDACY

Chicago (UPI)—Mayor Richard J. Daley Monday night declined to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Illinois because "I feel I can't leave unfinished the work I have started in Chicago."