

Annual Governors' Meeting Opens Today in Montana

Glacier National Park, Mont. — Quiet picturesque Many Glacier hotel became a national focal point Saturday as the nation's governors prepared to open their annual conference virtually on the eve of the two political conventions.

The conference's first piece of political maneuvering will take place over breakfast this morning when southern governors meet to firm up support for Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas as the Democratic presidential nominee.

Gov. J. Lindsay Almond of Virginia, who announced the meeting, promised it would have "considerable political significance."

Almond was the first governor from the south to arrive for the conference, which will open today in the rambling, chalet style structure with a majestic backdrop of some of the nation's most spectacular mountain peaks.

Expected to meet with Almond to "reconcile differences, if any" regarding Johnson for the presidential nomination, are Govs. John Patterson of Alabama, Orval E. Faubus of Arkansas, Leroy Collins of Florida, S. Ernest Vandiver of Georgia, Luther H. Hoge of North Carolina, Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina, Buford Ellington of Tennessee, Price Daniel of Texas and possible J. Howard Edmundson of Oklahoma.

Governor James H. Davis of Louisiana sent word he would not attend this year's Governors' conference. Daniel planned to make a one-day departure from the conference Monday to travel the 225 miles to the state capitol of Helena, where Johnson will be among the three top contenders attending the Montana Democratic party convention.

The convention in Helena, at which Sens. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Stuart Symington of Missouri also will speak, could well snatch the spotlight away from the governors for at least one day.

Of the governors planning to attend the conference, only one, New York's Nelson Rockefeller, is a remote possibility for a presidential nomination. Nevertheless, the election year conference took on political significance because most of the governors will head, and many will control,

their state's delegation to the national nominating conventions.

A late cancellation was received from Gov. David L. Lawrence of Pennsylvania, who will head one of the biggest delegations. He was unable to attend because of a legislative session.

Hawaii Gov. William F. Quinn's arrival was uncertain because he has been hosting President Eisenhower, who stopped for a rest in Hawaii en route home from his far Eastern goodwill tour.

The Governors and their official parties began arriving Friday by air, automobile and train. Those who arrived by air landed at a special strip prepared at Babb, a Blackfoot Indian village just outside the park. Planes, even helicopters except on emergency are not permitted to land in the park.

The bulk of the governors and their parties arrived Saturday.

In all, the conference jammed more than 800 persons into hotels and motels surrounding the alpine area. The governors and their official parties accounted for 415 persons.

Despite the remoteness, 73 newspapers, news agencies, radio and television networks have assigned representatives to the conference. Telephone company crews have been working nearly a year to provide adequate communications facilities for the park.

The conference chairman, Gov. J. Caleb Boggs of Delaware, arrived early to confer with host state Gov. J. Hugo Aronson of Montana on last-minute details.

Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan will preside at the first general session on Monday, which will be a discussion of "education—a reappraisal at all levels."

The panel for the education topic is composed of Dr. Alvin C. Eurich, vice president of the fund for the advancement of education, and Dr. Lloyd S. Michael, chairman of the commission on the experimental study of the utilization of the staff in the secondary school.

Conference discussion leaders are Govs. George Docking of Kansas, Buford Ellington of Tennessee, Foster Furcolo of Massachusetts, Harold W. Hanley of Indiana, Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon and Cecil H. Underwood of West Virginia.

Canadian Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker will address the conference's black-tie state dinner Monday night.

Tuesday's general session will be a discussion of federal-state relations, presided over by Gov. Robert E. Smylie of Idaho. The panel will include Rep. L. H. Fountain (D-N.C.), Federal Budget Director Maurice H. Stans and Frank Bane, chairman of the advisory commission of Inter-governmental Relations.

The Tuesday session also will include a report on the conference committee on civil defense by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, and a report on the conference National Guard advisory committee by Gov. S. Ernest Vandiver of Georgia.

The final session, on Wednesday morning, will be devoted to discussions of highway financing and safety and problems of the aging.

Gov. Abraham A. Ribicoff of Connecticut will preside over the highway discussions. He also will report on the conference committee on highway safety. Publisher William Randolph Hearst, Jr.,

also will speak. He is chairman of the President's committee for traffic safety.

New Jersey Gov. Robert B. Meyner will preside over the discussion on problems of the aging, which will include a talk by Bertha S. Adkins, undersecretary of health, education and welfare.

The conference agenda was arranged to give the governors and their staffs afternoons free to fish, hike or ride the park's spectacular trails on horseback.

The conference will end before noon Wednesday with election of officers and action on resolutions.



CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE — Finishing touches were given microwave buildings for the Oregon Broadcasting company on Nugget butte north of Gold Hill last week, according to Everett Faber, vice president of the firm. Faber said all that remains to be done is installation of the transmitting and receiving equipment. The equipment

is expected to arrive within a few days. The microwave units will relay the signals of three television stations to the cable systems in Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass. Distribution system construction, for house-to-house service, will start in the near future, Faber said.

Rocky Calls for Economic Program; Lists 5 Points

Albany, N.Y. — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller said Saturday the United States has been trailing other countries in the rate of economic growth and called for a five-point "pay-as-you-go" program to put the nation back in the lead.

Rockefeller issued a statement on economic growth apparently in reply to a speech by Vice President Richard M. Nixon in St. Louis last Tuesday outlining the program he would follow if he were elected president.

The New York governor, who has said he was available for a Republican presidential draft, recently challenged Nixon to speak up on the key issues of the day. Nixon replied by inviting Rockefeller to debate the issues on television. This Rockefeller declined to do.

In his speech, Nixon scorned the "growthmanship" policies of Americans who fear the United States can be surpassed economically in this country.

Rockefeller's statement said that while the U.S. still is the most powerful country economically, its growth rate is not what it should be.

Japan, he said, has invested more than 25 per cent of its gross national product in its economy, pushing its growth rate to almost 8.5 per cent a year. West Germany, investing at a rate of about 20.5 per cent, has increased its growth rate to 8 per cent, while the Soviet Union, with a 25 per cent investment rate, has been maintaining a 6 per cent growth rate.

United States investment rate is 16 per cent and the postwar growth rate has averaged close to 4 per cent, Rockefeller said.

The Central Intelligence agency has forecast that Soviet production will grow 30 per cent in the next decade, he said, while U.S. production will rise 45 per cent under presently-projected levels of growth in the same period.

Italy, France, the Netherlands and Canada also have achieved higher growth rates than the United States by investing at a higher rate, Rockefeller said.

"This is of direct concern to every American wage earner, every businessman, every individual whose personal welfare is affected by the strength of the American economy," Rockefeller said. "For it is clear that other nations

are catching up with our industrial strength by moving to large-scale production in many fields, by providing new and modern and automated machinery and technology through investing at a faster rate than we are.

"If they can match our man-hour productivity at lower wage scales, it is obvious that we shall not remain competitive in world markets while retaining our much higher wage differentials."

Rockefeller said the basic element in solving the American problem is to increase the percentage of gross national product invested in new plant and equipment. He called for the following specific program:

—Provide incentives to investors by adjusting the tax structure, particularly to provide more liberal and flexible depreciation allowances realistically geared to the efficient life of plant and equipment.

—Curb inflation and recessions through enlightened fiscal and monetary programs.

—Work toward eliminating featherbedding of all types, both in labor practices and many forms of business subsidy that artificially perpetuate inefficient production. More efficient use of labor and production facilities are needed.

—Reorient the farm program to more useful and efficient production through help to low-income farmers in finding better opportunities.

—Eliminate racial discrimination to get rid of its growth-retarding waste of the skills of a large part of the population.

Crash Kills Two Near Klamath Falls

Klamath Falls — Two men, each driving a separate car, were killed in a head-on crash about 15 miles north of Klamath Falls early Saturday.

State police identified the drivers as Everett Leonard, 42, of Chemult and William Francis Anderson, 21, of Chiloquin. The officers said the cars were badly damaged. They said Leonard apparently was south bound and Anderson got into the wrong lane of traffic.

Anti-Billboard Measure Backed By Sweetland

Portland — State Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) Friday announced his support of an anti-billboard initiative sponsored by the Highway Protection Committee of Oregon.

In a speech here, Sweetland, candidate for secretary of state, said he hopes the petition now being circulated will get the required 33,712 valid signatures by the July 10 deadline to place it on the November general election ballot.

Former Republican State Senator Rudie Wilhelm Jr. is chairman of the committee leading the anti-billboard drive.

Senator Sweetland noted that passage of a billboard control measure will mean an additional bonus from the federal government to help pay for the construction of the interstate highway system in Oregon.

Local Youths Take Honors in State Art Show

Salem — Awards were given out Friday afternoon in the young art division of the State Fair Art Department. There were 578 entries.

Judges were Leona Golz, La Grande; Jack Brughner, Eugene, and Joseph Hall, Salem.

Winners by grade included: Painting and Drawing — Second grade—Ellen Meade, Central Point. Sixth—Gary Branch, Central Point. Eleventh—Gary More, Central Point. Twelfth—Sally Novak, Central Point; Terry Ryan, Medford; Janice Butts, Medford; Connie McDonough, Central Point.

Sculpture — Eleventh—Gary More, Central Point.

ANGIE GETS ROLE — Hollywood — A comparative newcomer to film, tall and provocative Angie Dickinson, has been named for the title role in Warner Brothers' "Rachel Cade."

Legislator Raps Proposed Welfare Law

Portland — Rep. Grace Peck (D-Multnomah) attacked a proposed measure that would permit the Oregon Welfare Commission to control sale of welfare recipients' property, before sending it to an interim committee, Friday.

Mrs. Peck, chairman of the interim committee on welfare, called the legislation a "foolish and backward step."

"People don't want to sign anything like a lien. And this is just opening the door of a lien law," she said.

Commissioner Joseph Harvey Jr. said the purpose of the proposal is to prevent fraudulent disposal of property.

Basically, the proposal permits filing of notices that an owner of real property is receiving welfare aid. No sale of that property could be made without welfare commission approval.

Swan noted that business prevented many committee members from attending the regular meeting recently in Medford, with the result that a second meeting has been scheduled.

He expressed appreciation to the members of the Jackson and Josephine county courts for attending the last meeting, and for their continued interest in the problems confronting the lumber industry in southern Oregon.

Representatives of the BLM, Umpqua National forest, Siskiyou National forest and Rogue River National forest and Oregon state department of forestry were complimented on their cooperation, and were asked to attend the Tuesday meeting. Topic of the meeting will be "scheduling of timber sales," Swan reported.



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