

Nixon Aides Claim Early Successes Force Democrats to Speed Their Campaign

Washington — (UPI) — Republican presidential nominee Richard M. Nixon's aides claimed Saturday that his early campaign successes, notably in the normally Democratic south, have forced the Democrats to speed up and intensify their own campaign.

Herbert G. Klein, Nixon's press secretary, said a nationwide telephone check with GOP workers in all 50 states found them "still highly optimistic on how the campaign was progressing." But, said Klein, Nixon is "still running as though he were behind."

Klein said the vice president will begin his own full-time campaigning in mid-September, although Nixon already has campaigned in nine states from Hawaii to Maine.

Another Appearance

Klein said that as a result of enthusiastic receptions in three southern states, Nixon has ordered at least one more southern appearance in the early days of his first major campaign swing. No site has been chosen.

Nixon was particularly happy over crowds and warm receptions Friday in Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga. He returned declaring that the Kennedy-Johnson ticket "is in real trouble in the south."

Nixon also directed his schedule makers to take another look at plans for the GOP campaign in the south.

Klein said the vice president also was impressed by apparently increasing prospects for a two-party system in Dixie.

In three campaign speeches there, Nixon urged southerners to stop voting by party label and choose between the candidates on the basis of issues.

'Real Sleeper'

"We feel we may have a real sleeper with the two-party issue in the south," Klein said, adding that the south is "one area that continues to surprise us."

The Nixon forces, however, made no specific claims as to what southern states they expect to carry in the election.

Klein also said "some of our strongest reports" have come from Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Illinois in the midwest and from Montana, California, Oregon, Arizona and Hawaii in the far west.

Nixon's press chief said both the vice president and his running mate, Henry Cab-

ot Lodge, will campaign in many smaller cities as well as the larger population centers. He said Lodge will campaign in the north, south, east and west, although not in all 50 states as Nixon plans to do.

"We are highly pleased with our reports from areas where the Republicans have problems and not just areas

of our known strength," Klein said.

Meantime, the Nixon camp said the Scholars for Nixon-Lodge organization launched here two weeks ago has spread to 645 campuses in all 50 states.

Leonard W. Hall, Nixon's general campaign chairman, said more than 4,300 college

faculty members and administrators have enrolled in the group. He said they represent every field of academic endeavor.

Klein said much of Nixon's campaigning so far has been confined to "probing actions" in normally Democratic territory to test his strength in those areas. He said Nixon

was "naturally pleased" with the results.

Nixon's Birmingham-Atlanta swing Friday was his second invasion of the traditionally Democratic south following an enthusiastic reception at Greensboro, N.C. last week.

Exceeded Estimates

The vice president said on his return Friday night that

"the size of the crowds and their enthusiasm exceeded the highest estimates we had received in advance."

Officials estimated the total Atlanta turnout at 50,000, including 45,000 for an outdoor downtown speech. An estimated 40,000 heard Nixon's earlier Birmingham speech, also a downtown outdoor pro-

gram, and officials said another 35,000 saw Nixon and his wife, Pat, on the way through the city.

Nixon remained here this week end to work but his wife flew to Buffalo, N. Y., Saturday for a solo appearance at a Republican picnic rally.

She made a similar appear-

ance at Meriden, Conn., last week and plans another in Pittsburgh on Thursday.

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