

Presidential Candidates Turn Bid for Votes to Farm Region

By United Press International
The campaign paths of the presidential candidates brought them close together today in the Midwest where the common object of their affections was the disgruntled farm belt vote.

Democratic nominee John F. Kennedy unleashed an attack on Republican farm policies and outlined his proposals for bolstering falling farm income in a major speech at the national plowing contest in Sioux Falls, S.D.

His GOP rival, Vice President Richard M. Nixon, campaigning in Missouri, was due to follow Kennedy by a day to Sioux Falls. Nixon was expected to outline the second installment of his farm program there Friday, taking up the controversial issue of farm parity and price supports.

Some traditionally Republican farm areas have shown signs of discontent caused by the squeeze on farmers between rising costs and declining prices for their products.

Tours Three States
Kennedy campaigned in three states today with the promise of higher support prices and more effective balance between farm demand and supply.

His itinerary, starting at Sioux City, Iowa, called for stops at Fort Dodge, Iowa, the plowing contest at Sioux Falls, Mitchell and Fargo, S.D., Billings, Mont., and Cheyenne, Wyo.

Nixon listed appearances today at St. Joseph, Mo., and Decatur, Sullivan and Rockford, Ill.

The tumult of a big city event—the U.N. meeting in New York—was echoed far inland by the stumping candidates. Nixon criticized his opponent for being well-meaning but “naive” about foreign affairs.

The vice president suggested Wednesday at Springfield, Mo., that Kennedy lacked “understanding and experience.” He accused his presidential rival of preaching “national self disparagement” at the very moment the United Nations was endorsing U.S. policies in the Congo.

Renews Criticism
Nixon again criticized a remark attributed to Kennedy suggesting that President Eisenhower could have expressed regret to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev for the U2 flight as a means of salvaging the Paris summit conference.

Asked if he thought Kennedy advocated a policy of surrender, Nixon replied: “Absolutely not. Mr. Kennedy didn’t know what he was espousing. That was the trouble . . . but because of perhaps lack of understanding and experience he was naive.”

Kennedy, in appearances through Tennessee Wednesday, fired back at Nixon for suggesting that the candidates keep quiet about any American shortcomings while Khrushchev is in this country.

“I would much rather Khrushchev and Castro hear the voice of opposition which doesn’t want appeasement,” Kennedy said.

At Sioux City Wednesday night, Kennedy also chided Nixon for attempting to repudiate Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson. He labeled Nixon the chief architect of the Benson administration farm program.

Should Be Shot
Republican vice presidential candidate Henry Cabot Lodge, meanwhile, told a Green Bay, Wis., audience Wednesday the two National Security Agency code clerks who defected to Russia should be shot.

Lodge said the pair—William Martin and Bernon F. Mitchell—were “traitors” and “if we could get hold of them we ought to shoot them.”

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, told a Turkey Day celebration in Worthington, Minn., Wednesday that the real farm issue “lies between the Democratic philosophy of abundance and the Republican philosophy of scarcity.”

Lodge was due to speak today at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind., while Johnson was to address a University of Nebraska convocation at Lincoln.

Mother, Child Die As Auto Hits Tree

Yakima, Wash.—UPI—Mrs. Bernice Wilmoth, 21, Co-wiche, and her daughter, Belinda, 4, were killed Wednesday when Mrs. Wilmoth’s car ran off the highway five and one-half miles west of here and crashed against a tree.

Another daughter, Rhonda, 18 months, was injured seriously.



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Laotian Troops Recapture Town; Surrender Asked

Saigon—UPI—Laotian government troops today recaptured the town of Pakxane, 80 miles east of Vientiane, and drove the revolutionary forces of pro-Western Gen. Phoumi Nosovan into retreat, Vietiane Radio said in a broadcast heard here.

The radio, quoting the Laotian army high command, said the recapture of Pakxane, where heavy fighting had been reported for two days, “definitely puts an end to the revolutionary communist military ambitions.”

It said the army high command asked the revolutionary forces to give themselves up without fear of reprisals.

King Calls Meeting
It also said King Savang Vatthana had called a meeting of army commanders of both sides to the royal capital of Luang Prabang to seek a settlement of the current crisis without further bloodshed.

Report of the recapture of Pakxane coincided with another report that neutralist Premier Souvanna Phouma was attempting a settlement with Communist Pathet Lao guerrillas. A Radio Vientiane broadcast said top Pathet Lao leaders had been invited to Vientiane to meet with the premier.

Meanwhile, Premier Souvanna stated he would lead a government delegation to meet with the king. His decision was made after a cabinet meeting Wednesday.

W. Bedell Smith Leaves Hospital

Washington—UPI—Retired Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, 84, nail-hard soldier-diplomat, was home today in “very fine” condition less than a year after he entered the hospital critically ill with lung ailments.

The friend and former comrade-in-arms of President Eisenhower walked out of Walter Reed Army Hospital Wednesday, living up to his reputation of being “tougher than a 15-minute egg or a 25-cent steak.”

Smith entered Walter Reed Oct. 13, 1959, suffering from pneumonia and lung abscess which required surgery.

The top World War II aide to Eisenhower said he intended to return to his job as president and board chairman of American Machine & Tool Co., Inc.

SF Radio Reporter Dies at Age of 37

San Francisco—UPI—Maury Hamilton, editorial research writer and reporter for KCBS in San Francisco, died Wednesday of a heart attack at his home. He was 37.

The body was discovered by his 5-year-old son, Tim. Hamilton had been slightly ill with what appeared to be flu. His wife died several months ago.

In addition to his son Hamilton is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hamilton of Portland, Ore., and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Carmen of Oakland.

He was a producer on the KCBS staff for seven years before joining the Dick Skuse public relations organization, then returned to the radio station in April this year.

FIRES MACE MISSILE

Cap Canaveral, Fla.—UPI—The Air Force’s turbo-jet-powered Mace Missile soared 1,100 miles to its 15th consecutive success Wednesday. It demonstrated a new development that its builders said gives it “pinpoint accuracy.”



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