



CAMPAIGN TRAINS STILL ROLL — This may be the jet age, but the campaign train still will be rolling in this election year. Here, Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John F. Kennedy, left, greets well-wishers on a recent campaign tour through California. In the photo at right, Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the Republican candidate, speaks during one of his swings. (UPI Telephoto)

Election Campaign Trains Not Sidetracked by Jet Plane Age

Washington — (UPI) — Election campaign trains, colorful reminders of America's political past, refuse to be sidetracked by the jet age. Sen. John F. Kennedy was so pleased with his whistle stops through California's central valley this month he directed his staff to add more train trips to his campaign schedule. Vice President Richard M. Nixon also has announced he'll alternate trains with jet planes on his campaign tours. Their rear-platform speeches in small town and city stations are keeping alive a century-old tradition. Lincoln Foe Credited The Association of American Railroads credits Stephen Douglas, foe of Abraham Lincoln in the famous debates, as being the first man to hire a special train for purely political purposes. Douglas, with all the instincts of a showman, added a cannon-carrying flat car to the train to salute his arrival at each station. Former President Harry S. Truman's "give-'em-hell" campaign in 1948 was marked by seven railroad trips covering more than 21,000 miles. The 300 speeches he made on those "whistle-stops" were regarded as decisive factors in his upset victory over Thomas E. Dewey. But there are drawbacks to train campaigning. Cost Railroad Votes Dewey, twice defeated Republican contender, snapped "idiot" at a locomotive engineer who nearly backed a train into a crowd during the 1948 race. The hasty remark undoubtedly cost him some railroad votes. The late Franklin D. Roosevelt, described by the AAR as the champion rail traveler of all presidential contenders, once drew up his own schedule and made a 24-hour mistake. FDR's train had to dawdle along, taking roundabout routes and parking at night, until the extra day was absorbed. And in 1952, the train bearing President Eisenhower overshot a waiting crowd at one station, stopped short at the next two stops, and later pulled away from 20,000 persons before he started to speak. "Whoops!" Eisenhower cried. "They're taking me away."

Once Prominent Aviatix Found Dead in Bathroom

New York — (UPI) — An autopsy will be conducted today to determine the cause of death of Ruth Rowland Nichols, 59, one of the world's most famous women fliers. Miss Nichols was found dead on the bathroom floor of her apartment here Sunday by the building superintendent. Police said she left notes indicating suicide. The aviatix took to the skies in 1921 when she was a student at Wellesley College. Soon she became known in headlines as "the society flier" and shared with Amelia Earhart the adulation of the public. In 1931 she held the three major international women's records — the speed mark of 210.6 miles an hour over a closed course; the distance record of 1,977 miles on a flight from Oakland, Calif., to Louisville, Ky., and an altitude record of 28,743 feet. In 1930 she clipped an hour off Charles A. Lindbergh's transcontinental flight record, making the Los Angeles to New York trip in 13 hours and 21 minutes. In 1932 she became the first woman airline pilot when she joined the New York and New England Airways. She had a number of close brushes with death, notably her escape from a flaming plane at Columbus, Ohio, in 1921, and from an exploding passenger plane at Troy, N. Y., in 1935.

Gulf Coast Area Deluged By Heavy Rain

By United Press International Rain deluged the Gulf Coast states from Florida to Louisiana Sunday night. Largest single amount was 2.9 inches recorded in a six hour period at Shreveport, La. Lake Charles, La., and Tallahassee, Fla., reported more than one inch of rain in a similar period. Rain, generally in amounts less than .10 of an inch, also spattered the Southern and Central Plains and the Great Lakes area. Stretches Westward The heavy rain in Southern states came generally along the line of a static cold front that stretched from Massachusetts, south-westward to Louisiana. The lighter showers in the North also were triggered by a cold front stretching from near Lake Superior into Southern Colorado and westward into Southern Oregon. Temperatures across the nation ranged from an 85 degree high at Needles and Blythe, Calif., to a low of 30 degrees at Havre, Mont. Temperatures across most of the nation were in the 50 to 60 degree range. Readings in the 70s were reported in Southern California and the Gulf Coast states, while a few 40 degree readings occurred in the Upper Great Lakes Region. More Showers Seen Scattered showers and thunderstorms were looked for again today along the Gulf Coast and from Texas northward through the Mississippi Valley and Great Lakes region. Cooler temperatures were expected over the Northern and Central Plains. Fog was predicted during the night time hours along the Pacific Coast.

Truck Driver, Patrolman Seek Pro Driver Award

Chicago — (UPI) — An Indiana truck driver and a Minnesota highway patrolman have been picked as finalists in the National Safety Council's search for the nation's most outstanding professional driver. Charles Espich, 58, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Alex J. Keilen, 52, Montevideo, Minn., were selected Sunday after completing three days of intensive road testing and questioning. Test Run Scheduled The two will finish their test to determine the nation's top safe driver on Oct. 7 through Oct. 9 on a stretch of highway from Fraser Colo., to Furnace Creek, Calif., or from Pike's Peak to Death Valley. The grueling run will cover conditions which the average motorist would find while driving through the United States in one year. Espich, a veteran truck driver for 42 years, and Keilen, an officer for the Minnesota Highway Patrol, were selected from six semi-finalists. Espich has won the National Safety Council's safe driver award for 28 consecutive years. Keilen has received the council's safe driver award for 24 years.

Some Areas Back On Standard Time

By United Press International The Far West and some scattered midwestern areas set their clocks back one hour Sunday, returning to standard time for the winter. But on the East Coast and other Midwest regions, daylight time will remain in effect until Oct. 30. The early clock changing, however-widened the time lag between the two coasts from three to four hours. The Great Plains, the Rocky Mountains area and the South never adopted daylight time. FOUND SHORT CUT Tynemouth, England — (UPI) — Erroll Wardle, 20, looking for a shortcut to the beach, Sunday vaulted a small stone wall and plunged 100 feet down a cliff to the rocks below. "I feel fine," Wardle said at the hospital where he was treated for a few small bruises. "I wanted to walk away, but nobody would let me."

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