

Campaigns in New York, California Felt To Hold White House Key

States Seldom Go Separate Ways In Election Years

Washington — (UPI) — If you want to know who may win the presidential election, keep close tabs on the election campaigns in California and New York. Smart politicians are doing just that.

Those two states are vital to the White House ambitions of the rival candidates — Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Republican, and Sen. John F. Kennedy, Democrat.

In past campaigns California and New York packed a terrific election punch since they could provide almost one-third of the electoral votes needed for victory.

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Treasure Seekers Digging in Sands Of Pharaoh's Tomb

Cairo, — (UPI) — Eighty men are burrowing through the sands of the valley of the kings after a haul of Pharaoh treasure that may possibly have eluded grave robbers for more than 3,000 years.

They may find nothing but a few funerary ornaments. They may find a treasure to rival the vast wealth in the tomb of King Tutankhamen and enrich the culture of the world. But they will not find the mummy of Pharaoh Seti I who founded the 19th dynasty (1345 B.C. — 1200 B.C.). It was removed ages ago.

The 80 men, with the support of the Egyptian Antiquities department, are digging into a shaft under the 3,300-year-old tomb which is close to King Tut's tomb discovered in 1922.

Seti's tomb was first opened for scientific purposes early in the 19th century by Giovanni Battista Belzoni, one of the pioneer Egyptologists. It was named "Belzoni's Tomb" after him.

He penetrated to the burial chamber and its shrine rooms but found the grave robbers who for centuries had plundered tombs in the valley had been there long before him.

But many archaeologists were convinced that, as many other Pharaohs did to foil tomb robbers, Seti built false shafts and perhaps secret rooms hiding the funerary treasure which the ancients believed a King's soul needed in eternity.

Last summer, the United Arab Republic began excavations at the tomb site at Luxor, where the ancient capital of Thebes flourished on the west bank of the Nile.

Six weeks ago, Aly Abdel Rasoul, 50, whose family has been guiding tourists through the royal graveyard for generations, gave the government some "hitherto unknown" information.

Rasoul offered to pay for the cost of excavations himself.

Excavators uncovered stairs in the sand, leading down from a shaft below the tomb proper. Hopes soared.

Rubble is being cleared away at the rate of nine feet a day.

Dozens of similar openings have turned out to be blind alleys. But Rasoul's knowledge was spurring on the diggers.

Some stone carvings have been found; not many, but enough to give hope.

Even if the work proves fruitless, the search undoubtedly will go on. There always is a chance that someday somewhere in the Valley of Kings, an archaeologist will relive the electric moment in 1922 when Howard Carter pried loose a stone block and found himself staring at a never-disturbed wall of solid gold in the tomb of King Tut.

Kennedy's Campaign Group Stresses Candidate's Identity

Washington — (CQ) — The Presidential campaign organization of Sen. John F. Kennedy emphasizes — in tune with his entire campaign — Kennedy's identity with the Democratic party.

The party tone of the Kennedy operation contrasts with non-party, individual appeal of Richard M. Nixon's campaign.

Following Kennedy's nomination July 12 at the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, "Kennedy men" moved quickly to take over the operations of the Democratic National Committee. National committee staff members were not fired, but they found Kennedy organization men installed in their offices and charged with substantive responsibility for operations. Kennedy's hand-picked candidate, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (Wash.), was picked as the new Democratic National Chairman.

Men Running Committee

Among the important Kennedy men now running the committee are Robert F. Kennedy, the Senator's brother, who acts as national campaign manager; Lawrence F. O'Brien of Springfield, Mass., director of organization; P. Kenneth O'Donnell, former assistant to Robert Kennedy on the McClellan Senate racketeers committee, who directs schedules and itineraries; and

Stephen E. Smith, Kennedy's brother-in-law, who is in charge of fund raising and financing.

The Kennedy forces have been anxious to avoid what they felt was a serious error of past Democratic campaigns — a campaign organization working independently and sometimes at cross-purposes with the national committee.

Through elimination of duplicated effort and through fully coordinated campaign efforts — making use of Kennedy representatives from the top management of the national committee all the way down into the states — the Kennedy organization hopes to capitalize on normal Democratic registration leads and local Democratic organizations.

Out-of-State Coordinators

In a unique departure in campaign organization, individual Kennedy-Johnson "coordinators" have been appointed for most states. These are men whose prime loyalty is to the Kennedy organization rather than to Democratic state or local committees, and in almost all cases they are out-of-staters. The theory is that out-of-staters can get quick action during the campaign because they pose no long-term threat to the authority of established party leaders in the states.

The coordinators are di-

rectly responsible to Kennedy headquarters in Washington, to which they report frequently by phone and at least once a week in writing on all phases of the Kennedy-Johnson campaign in their assigned areas. Examples of Kennedy coordinators are William Walton, Washington artist, former newspaperman and close friend of Kennedy's, who is coordinator for New York City, and Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy, the Senator's brother, who coordinates campaign efforts in California.

With the party apparatus fully coordinated into his own campaign, Kennedy can campaign for President as the chief of the Democratic Party in a country which now votes normally Democratic.

Policy Advisers

Kennedy's principal policy adviser and speech writer is Theodore C. Sorenson, a young Nebraska lawyer who joined Kennedy in 1953. Before proposed speech texts are forwarded to Kennedy, they are usually approved both by Sorenson and by Harvard professor Archibald Cox, coordinator of Kennedy's speech writers and academic brain trust.

Among important brain trust members who assist in speech preparation are J. Kenneth Galbraith of Harvard, author of "The Afflu-

ent Society" and brain trust member for Adlai Stevenson in 1952 and 1956; Arthur Schlesinger Jr., Harvard history professor and former Stevenson brain trust; and William Cochrane of the University of Minnesota, Kennedy's principal agriculture adviser.

Other Kennedy speech writers include Richard Goodwin,

Boston lawyer and Kennedy staff member; William Carter Atwood, on leave from Look magazine; free-lance writers Joseph Kraft, Robert Yoakum and John Bartlow Martin; James Sundquist, former speech writer for N.Y. Gov. Averell Harriman; economist Thomas Wilson; and Max Freedman, a Washington correspondent of the Guardian

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