

Nixon Affirms Honesty In Dramatic Report to People

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sen. Richard M. Nixon carried his fight for political life to a national audience last night, and then moved on to West Virginia for a decisive meeting with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The young GOP vice presidential nominee reacted in an unprecedented TV-radio appeal to the American public. He left the question of his removal from the Republican ticket squarely up to the party's national committee.

Nixon said he plans to meet Gen. Eisenhower "somewhere in West Virginia." The time and place probably will be set today after Nixon keeps his speaking appointment in Missouri. Most Nixon supporters in Missouri, Mont. Nixon interrupted his Western campaign tour to return to Los Angeles and make his plea to the nation.

In a telegram from Cleveland after Nixon's speech, labeled "magnificent" and asked to see his running mate "at once."

A flood of telegrams and phone calls followed Nixon's dramatic appeal to submit the matter to the Republican National Committee.

"I will abide by it," Nixon said, "and whatever the decision is, I will abide by it."

The appeal came after Nixon, the young man who zoomed to political prominence in a short six years, said "not one cent of the \$18,000 (supplemental expense fund raised by supporters here) ever went to me for my personal use."

He denied any moral wrongdoing, reiterating: "Every penny of it was used to pay for political expenses that I did not think should be charged to the taxpayers of the United States."

His wife, Italian-haired Patricia Nixon, appeared with him on the program carried on a network of 62 television and 750 radio stations at a cost estimated at more than \$75,000 by GOP National Chairman Arthur Summerfield. The Republican National Committee and the Republican senatorial and congressional campaign committees paid it.

Nixon lauded Eisenhower as "the man to clean up" corruption and our two youngsters are not important, what is important is what happens to our country."

What Gen. Eisenhower stands for is for the good of all Americans."

His press secretary, James B. Easton, took aboard a six-inch stack of telegrams. The main Los Angeles Western Union office reported handling 5,000 telegrams regarding Nixon within four hours after his speech.

The NBC switchboard in Hollywood was jammed for 2½ hours.

Billie Cleveland, chief operator said, she said the vast majority of callers were pro-Nixon.

Nixon gave details of his own financial status and challenged his Democratic opponents, Gov. Adlai Stevenson and Sen. John J. Sparkman to do likewise. He hit Stevenson's reported fund for Illinois officials and Sparkman's employment of his wife.

Gov. Stevenson, in Baltimore, declined to comment on Nixon's remarks. But Sparkman, in Grand Island, Neb., retorted:

"Nobody has accused me of getting \$18,000 and I haven't any expense fund."

Sen. Sparkman said his wife had worked 10 years and "earned every dollar she ever got." He added that he has never used all of the money allotted him for office expense, saying, "I turn back \$10,000 or \$12,000 every year."

Senators receive \$50,000 annual

for office and operational expenses over and above a \$15,000 salary. Nixon did not give a breakdown of his \$50,000 allowance.

He contended there were additional political demands "taxpayers shouldn't be required to finance."

He did not give the breakdown of expenditures of the controversial \$18,235 fund in his talk. But he released an audit report from Price, Waterhouse and Co., accountants, showing:

Total disbursement of \$18,167.87, of which \$5,102.15 went to Nixon directly, \$12,875.72 to persons other than Nixon, from Nov. 15, 1950, to Aug. 20, 1952. The balance remaining was given as \$66.13.

The largest single item listed was \$2,375.54 for engraving 16,500 Christmas cards in 1950 and 25,000 in 1951. A

auto and hotel bills for Mrs. Nixon totaled \$2,300.

also included recording, postage, stationery and advertising expenses aggregating \$5,600 — upheld by a Los Angeles legal firm engaged by Dana C. Smith, Pasadena attorney and fund trustee.

Elmo H. Conley, a partner in the firm, gave this opinion to Gov. Sherman Adams of New Hampshire. Eisenhower's campaign chairman:

"It is our conclusion that Sen. Nixon did not obtain any financial gain from the collection or disbursement of the fund by Dana C. Smith."

"And that neither the portion of the fund paid by Smith to third persons, nor the portion paid directly to Sen. Nixon to reimburse him for designated office expenses, constituted income to the senator which was either reportable or taxable as income under applicable

tax laws."

Accompanying the legal opinion was a letter of solicitation which Smith sent out Sept. 23, 1951. It read in part: "We have limited contributions to a minimum of \$100 a year and a maximum of \$500. The reason for the maximum was so that it can never be charged that anyone is contributing so much that he is entitled to special favors."

In revealing his personal finances, Nixon disclosed:

In addition to his salary as congressman and later senator since 1946, he had received a total of \$1,600 from estates in his law firm; \$1,500 a year from lectures; and he and his wife had inherited \$4,500.

For four years they lived in an

\$80 a month apartment, then they bought a Washington, D. C., home for \$41,000, which has a \$20,000 mortgage. They also own a \$13,000 home in Whittier, on which the senator first said he owed \$3,000. Later he said the mortgage was \$10,000.

He also said he owed \$4,500 to the Riggs Bank in Washington and \$3,500 to his parents, and was paying interest on both loans.

"The Nixons own a 1950 Oldsmobile, their furniture, but no stocks or bonds, and only \$4,000 in life insurance, plus his GI policy which runs out in two years."

"We have no interest of any kind, direct or indirect, in any business," the aspiring vice president said. "Win or lose in his biggest battle, Nixon said he intends to go on campaigning for the Republicans. His last words to 125 partisans who saw him off at the airport: "The important thing is to get new leadership for our country."

GROWERS URGE LEASE REVISION

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
What did you think of young Richard Nixon's speech last night? I thought it was splendid. It was like a breath of clean, wholesome outdoor air blown into the foul, smoke-filled stoniness of the presidential campaign politics.

I think it will do us all an immense amount of good.

From the beginning, I found it impossible to believe that Dick Nixon had done anything dishonorable. When you do dishonorable things, you KNOW it. Knowing that he had done a dishonorable thing, he SIMPLY COULDN'T have jeopardized the future of a man like General Eisenhower by becoming his running mate.

There are things that men just CAN'T do to other men. That would be one of them. So, I reasoned, trying to make up my mind, the thought never occurred to him that the expense fund contributed by people of his state was anything to be ashamed of.

He must have felt that it was wholly legitimate. Otherwise, he would have felt compelled to refuse the Republican nomination for vice-president when it was offered to him—for in modern America, as in ancient Rome, Caesar's wife must be above suspicion.

That reasoning has been confirmed in a rather startling manner.

Governor Stevenson, it appears, possessed and has made use of an account, precisely similar fund. It was contributed by people of his state, just as Senator Nixon's was, and he used it to attract able men to the service of the state of Illinois—men who could not otherwise have afforded to SERVE the state.

Lower salaries paid to public men.

Governor Stevenson also is an honorable man. I'm sure that if he had felt there was anything discreditable in his acceptance and use of the money contributed by citizens of his state to help attract BETTER men to the service of Illinois, he would have refused the Democratic nomination for President.

Obviously, he didn't think so. It never crossed his mind that there was anything of color about what he had done. Neither, I'm sure, did any such thought ever cross Senator Nixon's mind.

Both men, of course, made a mistake.

They both became candidates for the highest and the second highest offices in our country their lives would be gone over with magnifying glasses and fine-tooth combs by SALLY-MINDED and unscrupulous diggers up something that would create a scandal. Unfortunately, our Presidential campaigns have been conducted for well over a century at that gutter level.

Both Governor Stevenson, in the case of his Illinois fund, and Senator Nixon, in the case of his California fund, should have MADE FULLY PUBLIC all the facts as soon as the funds were accepted—including the names of those contributing the money, how much was contributed by each, what the funds were to be used for and why and who got every cent and what for.

Why did they make this identical mistake?

I'm sure it must have been because both men were so certain of their own honorable intentions that it never even occurred to them that they were doing anything discreditable.

As these words are written, Governor Stevenson has refused to make public the names of the men who contributed his fund in Illinois, the amounts they gave and who received the money and what for.

I hope he reconsiders that decision. I realize, of course, that he knows making such names public would bring unpleasant notoriety upon them, and as a gentleman he rebels at the thought of doing such a thing. But the campaign commander of Governor Stevenson's political party was the one who started the smear on Senator Nixon for doing almost the identical thing (so far as principle is concerned) that Governor Stevenson had done.

Since that is the case, it seems to me that Governor Stevenson is in honor bound to do what Senator Nixon has so dramatically done—which is to TELL ALL, with no reservations.

Stevenson Declines To Explain Fund

CHICAGO (AP)—Aides to Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson appeared today to have ignored a demand that the governor withdraw from the presidential campaign in view of disclosure of a private cash fund he promised to help pay part of some state salaries.

C. Wayland Brooks, Illinois Republican national committeeman and former U. S. senator from Illinois, made the demand yesterday in a letter to Stephen Mitchell, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

"I think that's ridiculous," was Mitchell's reply to newsmen in Washington who asked him if he would demand that Stevenson withdraw. He said he was not going to talk about the fund because Stevenson had made a statement about it.

Mitchell has demanded that Sen. Richard Nixon of California resign as Republican vice presidential candidate because of the \$18,235 contributed by a group of California businessmen to supplement his government income and expense funds.

Stevenson has acknowledged that he collected a fund to augment state salaries of some of his appointive officers. However, he said, there was nothing secretive or improper about the fund.

In Baltimore, where Stevenson made a major address last night, newsmen asked his press secretary, William Flanagan, about the demand by Brooks.

"We wouldn't dignify Curley Brooks with an answer," was Flanagan's reply.

As Brooks disclosed his demand, an Illinois Republican party official accused Stevenson and a State Department head of payroll padding in the State Welfare Department.

Brooks, long prominent in Republican party affairs and now a Chicago attorney, also called for a congressional committee investigation of the Stevenson fund collection in an attempt to disclose who contributed the money and how it was spent.

LETTER

In a statement with his letter to Mitchell, Brooks said "It is incumbent on Stevenson to answer these questions: How much money was collected after Stevenson became governor; whom did the governor collect the money; what was the business connection or interest of each contributor; what amount did each contribute; to whom was this money paid, and how much did each receive."

Stevenson earlier had said none of the recipients was an elected office holder or office seeker. He said the fund was aimed at relieving the financial strain of men who had given up high salaries in business and industry to go into state service at much less.

'Financial Help' Study Proceeds Amid Confusion

WASHINGTON (AP)—A special Justice Department examination of federal laws in relation to "outside financial help" received by public officials is under way amid considerable confusion as to how it got started.

The White House at first claimed credit for originating the idea in connection with the \$18,000 expense account provided Sen. Richard Nixon by California supporters, and then disclaimed having anything to do with it whatsoever.

At the Justice Department, where a crisp "No comment" greeted all inquiries about the undertaking, the indications were that the project was an extension of Atty. Gen. McGranery's apparent policy of "doing something" about everything that comes up within his jurisdiction.

McGranery, latest of a series of government "clean-up" men, took office last May in succession to Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath, who went out under loud Republican criticism that he had "dragged his feet" on matters requiring prompt action.

The department itself has not as yet officially admitted any inquiry into the matter of supplemental funds for federal officers. However, shortly after it became known that McGranery had directed aides to study the statutes in this connection, a White House secretary told reporters that President Truman himself had asked the attorney general to look into

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McKay Meet May Halt Deer Hunt

SALEM (AP)—Gov. Douglas McKay said Wednesday he would decide Friday whether to close the forests to deer hunters. The season is supposed to open Oct. 1.

He said representatives of the U. S. Forest Service, U. S. Bureau of Land Management and the Oregon State Forestry Department would meet in Portland Thursday to try to decide whether the forest fire hazard would be so great as to close the forests to hunters.

The governor doesn't have a y authority to postpone the opening of the deer season. Only the Game Commission could do that.

But he could close the forests. State Forester George Spaur said Wednesday the critical fire hazard was being lessened by mist along the coast and by a possible shift of the dry east wind around to the west.

Oregon has no forest fires.

Oregon Fire Danger Eases

By The Associated Press

A misty morning came to much of Western Oregon Wednesday, easing the grave fire threat.

Although the continuing forecast was for relief from the east wind which has parched the forests, foresters cautioned that only a real, soaking rain would end the fire hazard.

Things did look better, though, with the cloud layer holding down the temperature and putting the humidity at a higher level.

There were no fires in Oregon, the state forester's office reported. There were some, though, in Washington and in British Columbia and although they were beginning to get in hand, fighters looked hopefully at the forecast for rain by the week end.

Winema Buys Archer Daniels

The Winema Farms Elevator has bought out the Klamath Basin facilities of the Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, one of the largest grain concerns in the world.

The announcement came from Cliff Shuck and Ivan Kandra of the Winema Farms Elevator, Merrill, yesterday. No amount of the transaction was mentioned.

The exchange is one of the larger such transactions made in this area in recent years, and Winema officials said it would increase their storage capacity to more than 1,000,000 (MT) bushels.

The Archer-Daniels main plant at Stronghold and other facilities scattered throughout the southern part of the Basin were included.

Winema officials dealt with Henry Collins, vice president of Archer-Daniels-Midland and West Coast manager, Kandra and Shuck said. The grain concern operates on a world wide basis, and Collins is considered one of the top men in the business.

The Winema Farms Elevator has been purchasing grain in the lower end of the basin for some time, and Kandra and Shuck reiterated they would continue to serve their area in the same manner as in the past.

The new Winema operation is to handle grain and small seed primarily. The operators have been in that business in the Klamath area for years.

"A group of farmers," Shuck and Kandra said jointly, "are the logical ones to market other farmers' grain."

The headquarters will probably be in Tulelake, but actually has not yet been announced.

Present facilities will probably be improved under plans being reported by the Winema Elevator group, which includes storage at Kandra Siding and at Tulelake, on the GN and SP.

Man Injured By Gunshot

Richard Boothe Custer, 29, Bonanza, was described in "serious condition" at Klamath Valley Hospital after a gunshot wound to the chest on Monday.

The gun, a 22 automatic pistol, was owned by Alvin A. Carpenter, 35, 2682 Eberline, Carpenter was reportedly trying to sell the gun to Custer and both were taking test shots on the Floyd Summers construction job on Highway 97 some 10 miles north of Klamath Falls this morning.

After firing the gun, Custer is said to have handed the weapon back to Carpenter but first, the gun went off when Carpenter took it, the bullet hitting Custer in the stomach.

Carpenter drove Custer to the hospital where the wounded man underwent surgery at noon today.

Time of the accident was given as 10:10 a.m. by State Police. Both Custer and Carpenter were employed on the road construction job.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Partly cloudy through Thursday with scattered afternoon and evening showers over nearby mountains. High both days 85, low tonight 48.

High temp yesterday 83
Low last night 48
Temp yesterday 65
Wind yesterday S 10-20
Steady Oct 1
Normal for period 63-83
Same period last year 54-84

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Wires Flood GOP Chiefs

By The Associated Press

A sea of telegrams flooded into Washington Wednesday as the people answered Sen. Richard Nixon's plea that they tell the Republican National Committee whether they want Nixon to continue as the GOP candidate for vice president.

The local office of Western Union reported today that wire service was jammed last night with telegrams to Republican Presidential Candidate, Dwight D. Eisenhower, to Senator Richard Nixon and Republican National Headquarters following the Senator's broadcast.

And Arthur Summerfield, chairman of the committee, told a news conference in Cleveland he is convinced Nixon will stay on the ticket.

Wayne J. Hood, the committee's executive director, called in reporters in Washington to tell them that the public is overwhelmingly in favor of retaining Nixon.

He pointed to a stack of yellow messages and said there were at least 20,000 telegrams in the pile. Of the first 4,000 received at headquarters, one official said, only 21 suggested that Nixon be removed from the ticket.

Members of the committee willing to give their views on the Nixon affair were in unanimous agreement that Nixon should stay on as the vice presidential standard bearer.

Republicans and Democrats all over the country joined in the seemingly endless tide of state-ments.

In general, this is what they said:

Republicans: Nixon gave a forthright report on his financial affairs and proved his own personal honesty.

There were words like "courageous," "a man of shining integrity," "all questions about honesty were answered 100 per cent." "Republicans are proud of Nixon," "magnificent statement," "completely exonerated."

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(Early stories in Sports Section)

Portland Men Back Nixon

PORTLAND (AP)—A group of Portland businessmen, headed by Jack Chesbro, formed an "On With Nixon" Committee. A few hours after Sen. Richard Nixon completed his radio and television appearance explaining his \$18,000 expense fund.

Chesbro, engaged in public relations, said Nixon's broadcast "is the most forthright statement in the annals of American politics."

Among opinions asked of other Republicans on whether the California senator should be retained as the GOP vice presidential candidate, were these:

Gov. Douglas McKay—"I am more convinced than ever that the American people should get behind Eisenhower and this man (Nixon) and elect them."

Bob Elliott, Republican state chairman—"I do. I think Nixon proved to the American people the great American he is by laying bare to them his whole life history."

Gordon Orput, chairman of the Oregon for Eisenhower Committee (in Eugene)—"I have been in touch with a good many of our county chairmen and other volunteers who are vitally interested in the result of this election. Preponderance of opinion from organized committee workers as well as the public who came to us is heavily in favor of retaining Nixon on the ticket with the genuine feeling that he is an asset to the country."

Irving Rand, former state senator—"I have no official position in the Republican party, but if I did I'd vote to retain him."

Jess Gard, Oregon national committeeman—"I feel that Sen. Nixon is honest and that none of the funds raised for political expenses has been used for his personal benefit. Dick has made a complete admission to all his financial affairs and has fully exonerated himself as far as the money is concerned. It is up to Gen. Eisenhower whether Nixon remains the vice-presidential nominee."

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Eisenhower Decision Due After Talks

By JACK BELL

Aboard Eisenhower Special (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has dramatically summoned Sen. Richard M. Nixon for a face-to-face conference almost certain to insure Nixon's retention on the Republican ticket.

The meeting of the two GOP candidates will take place tonight in West Virginia.

Eisenhower told a tumultuous audience of 16,000 persons jam-packed into Cleveland's Public Hall last night that his vice-presidential running mate had given "an example of courage" in a radio-television report from Los Angeles on Nixon's financial affairs.

The grim-faced presidential candidate evoked a roaring response as he declared:

"Honest man. 'I happen to be one of those people who, when I set in a fight, would rather have a courageous and honest man at my side than a whole boxcar of pussycats.'"

But he added:

"It is obvious that I have to have something more than one single presentation—necessarily limited to 30 minutes, the time allotted to Sen. Nixon."

Nixon, in an emotional recounting of his financial affairs, denied he ever used one penny personally of an \$18,000 fund raised by wealthy Californians to pay what he said were "political expenses."

The youthful Californian challenged Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois to make a presidential nomination, to explain, in the same manner, expenditures from a fund raised in Illinois to bolster the income of Stevenson's appointees to public office.

SPARKMAN WIFE

And he asserted Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama, the Democratic

Resolutions Urge Strict Supervision

By MALCOLM EPLEY JR.

TULELAKE — Citizens of this community last night laid the groundwork to prevent further misdeeds on leasehold lands in a meeting of more than 450 farmers, veterans, Bureau of Reclamation officials and other interested persons.

The session was called by the BUREAU to obtain reactions of the community on handling of further leases in that area. The response was a flood of resolutions drawn up yesterday morning by a joint committee of representatives of the Tulelake Growers Association, the American Legion Post 164 and the Veterans committee.

In effect, the resolutions were an attempt by the community to close the door on further temptations to violate lease provisions.

The Bureau earlier had announced that 30 Tulelake leases would be cancelled as of Nov. 1, because of what it called "flagrant violations" of the lease provisions by lessees.

Most violations were those of veterans, who have preference in obtaining the leases, who acted only as front men, letting outsiders farm the land and take most of the profit.

FIRST

The first of a series of resolutions passed practically unanimously by the group meeting in the Legion Hall called for immediate homesteading of the Tulelake lease lands. Sentiment in the hall was heavily for the proposal, but Klamath Project Mgr. E. L. Stephens said there were a number of engineering problems to be considered first, mainly a flood control project. He said it would cost between four and five million dollars, and lease lands are paying for the project.

Another resolution proposed that row crops, specifically potatoes, be barred on the lease lands, shutting down even more the incentive to violate lease provisions.

Other resolutions included: That all irrigable lands in the Tulelake area be placed under the administration of the Tulelake Water District Board until a final contract is negotiated. Alvin Landis, an attorney from the USBR's regional office in Sacramento, said there would be legal objections to this.

That World War II and Korean veterans' preferences be retained in lease land bidding.

INELIGIBLE

That anyone having a farm unit on any Bureau project be ineligible to bid on any Bureau lease land.

That lessees must be working operators on their leases.

That any preliminary arrangement for financing lease farming

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HARD AT WORK with the awning crank is Mike Woods, 1204 Eldorado. Mike is working at Wood's Drug Store, 10th and Main.