

Response Immediate To Nixon's Plea For Wires

By The Associated Press
Republican national campaign headquarters in Washington was inundated today in still uncounted thousands of telegrams from every corner of America.

A spokesman said the communications overwhelmingly vindicated Sen. Richard Nixon.

The GOP vice presidential nominee's nation-wide radio-TV appeal that people let party headquarters know how they felt about his explanation of an \$18,000 political fund drew what some called an unprecedented response.

An official report from party headquarters was scheduled later in the day.

GOP national committeemen who could be reached for comment were almost unanimously in favor of retaining Nixon on the ticket.

There was no immediate comment either from the White House or the Democratic National Committee.

Shortly after Nixon told a multi-million radio-TV audience last night that he was innocent of wrongdoing and felt he should stay on the ticket as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's running mate, Western Union offices were swamped. Many were forced to call in emergency crews.

Newspapers over the country were deluged with requests for the address of the GOP national headquarters — something Nixon forgot to mention.

Many people telephoned Washington rather than send telegrams, saying Western Union was too swamped to take their messages. Others wired Nixon or Eisenhower direct.

Many wanted to contribute money to a "Nixon fund." Some women were crying as they called for the GOP address. Others said Nixon ought to be running for president.

In political circles reaction followed party lines, on the whole. Eisenhower indicated to a Cleveland audience, which earlier had heard Nixon's dramatic plea, that he favored keeping his young running mate.

Gov. Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee, who earlier had urged the American public to withhold criticizing Nixon until the facts were known, withheld his own comment in Baltimore last night.

Sen. Olin D. Johnston, South Carolina Democrat, said Nixon did not "answer the questions that people want to know." No matter what happens, he said, the party has been hurt. "If Nixon resigns it would upset the ticket. If he doesn't it weakens the corruption issue."

Gov. Thomas Dewey of New York called Nixon's talk "a superb statement by a man of shining integrity and great purpose in the service of his country."

Other comment:

Sen. Albert Gore, Tennessee Democrat — Nixon fanned out. He struck out when he didn't say what the jury was for. The best service the Republican party could do would be to accept his resignation.

Sen. Joseph McCarthy, Wisconsin Republican — It was a great speech and I believe it clearly vindicates Dick Nixon in the eyes of the nation.

Sen. Milton R. Young, North Dakota Republican — He may wind up more popular than ever — people will sympathize with him knowing he's a poor man, even though some of them may not approve of the fund.

Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, Illinois Republican — Nixon's speech will go deep into the hearts of the American people. . . . I wonder if the candidates on the other side will do likewise and clarify the charges leveled at them.

These were typical comments of the Republican National Committeemen:

McIntyre Paries, California — I think Nixon certainly proved himself by his speech. All questions about his integrity were answered 100 per cent.

John Gard, Oregon — Dick has made a complete admission of all his financial affairs and has fully exonerated himself as far as the money is concerned.

Harry Darby, Kansas — I am sure American people accepted the explanation as not only complete but satisfying.

David T. Martin, Nebraska — "Nebraska Republicans demand that Sen. Nixon remain on ticket."

G. Mason Owslet, Pennsylvania — The attempt to smear Nixon will be a tremendous boomerang against the Democrats.

Several others said they would rather not comment as yet.

On the other hand:

Mayor David L. Lawrence of Pittsburgh, a member of the Democratic National Committee, said: "Nixon made a very weak case for himself. He didn't give a breakdown of the fund."

The public reaction was spontaneous in every nook and corner of the country.

Kansas City reported that some women were crying as they telephoned newspapers and radio stations for information about how to address wires to Nixon. Three women in Rochester, N. Y., said Nixon should be running for president, not vice president.

In traditionally Democratic Texas, newspapers and telegraph offices in larger cities were swamped. The Dallas GOP headquarters reported 700 calls in an hour.

Western Union Manager P. A. Hoag of San Antonio said about 500 early messages sent all favored Nixon. GOP National Committeeman Jack Porter of Houston said he was confident the Democratic leaders "now wish they had never heard of the Nixon fund."

Minneapolis Western Union spokesmen said the reaction was the "biggest thing we've ever seen with the Minneapolis office alone handling 5,000 calls per hour."

Albuquerque, N. M., Western Union said only two of an estimated 200 telegrams there expressed anti-Nixon sentiments.



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Reds German Propaganda Written Off As Failure

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia's effort to stall West German rearmament by using propaganda on German unity is being written off by American diplomats as a failure.

Autorities summarizing the results of an ego-note exchange between the Western powers and the Soviets on Germany's future said today they were convinced the Soviets have not succeeded in creating any serious new obstacles to plans for adding German forces to the West European defense net-up.

The treaty establishing the European Defense Community has still to get parliamentary action at both Bonn and Paris, but there is strong expectation here that the West German Bundestag will approve after sharp debate. There is if anything somewhat less optimism about French approval—not because of the Soviet diplomatic drive but because of strong French fears about the recreation of German military forces.

The United States, British and French Embassies in Moscow yesterday delivered identical notes on the German issue to the Soviet Foreign Office. The exchange was started by the Kremlin last March 10 and in the intervening six months there have been a total of four note exchanges. The initial Soviet proposal was that the Big Four governments should meet and talk about drafting a German peace treaty and the unification

Russian line. Yesterday's note said that "the Soviet government evaded this clear issue."

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The raider—disguised as a merchant ship—was the British mine-layer Apollo. It had raced out of the Kattegat Straits between Denmark and Sweden, presumably impersonating a Russian surface vessel breaking out of the Baltic Sea.

Shore-based aircraft shadowed the speeding ship until the Quincy brought it under the "fire" of her guns about 140 miles east of British Orkney Islands.

The last major operation of the 200-ship fleet under the command of U. S. Vice Adm. Felix B. Stump was to refuel today off the sheltering coast of Norway near the entrance to Oslo Fjord.

After refueling was completed, the fleet was to break up.

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Sen. Duff Raps False Prosperity

PORTLAND (AP) — Sen. James H. Duff (R-Or.) told a meeting of Oregon Republican party officials Tuesday that "false prosperity" was a threat to a Republican party victory this November.

"We are having difficulty selling the inflation danger because of our false prosperity. We have to appeal to the highest motives. If we let it get down to the pocketbooks, we're sunk," he said.

He predicted that Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, the GOP presidential candidate, would receive many labor votes, despite the endorsement by labor leaders of Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois.

Rita Lands in France

LE HAVRE, France (AP) — American film star Rita Hayworth arrived in France Wednesday aboard the liner Paris and was driven to Paris by Prince Aly Khan's chauffeur.

Rita refused, however, to say whether she had come for a reconciliation with her estranged husband.

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