



ROCKEFELLER ANSWERS PROTESTING TV NEWSMEN — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York tells protesting television newsmen Thursday he intends to adhere to his plan to hold a press conference in Los Angeles in two parts — the first for newspaper reporters and the second for radio-TV newsmen. Grant Holcomb, right, of KNXT and Cleve Roberts, second from left, of KTLA, told Rockefeller they would not tolerate "separate but equal facilities." When Rockefeller, who started a four-day tour of the West Thursday, refused to relent they walked out on him. — AP Wirephoto

Rocky's Spirits Buoyed By Trip To West Coast

Editor's Note: Continuing on-the-spot coverage of presidential hopefuls by The Associated Press, Pulitzer Prize-winner Reiman Morin sizes up Nelson A. Rockefeller's position after covering the governor's Far West swing.

By REIMAN MORIN

NEW YORK (AP) — Is Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller going to take the big plunge for the 1960 Republican presidential nomination?

He says he hasn't made up his mind.

But he returned to New York Monday from a four-day swing through the Far West, obviously buoyed by what he found there. As a result, he looks much more like a potential candidate today than he did a week ago.

Information he received on the trip has given him a new insight into the political picture in the West.

Rockefeller spent two days in Vice President Richard M. Nixon's home state, California, and one in Oregon, where Nixon appears equally as strong. He stopped briefly in Washington and Idaho.

In California and Oregon, the governor expected to find, and did find, blocs of Nixon backers as solid as anywhere in the United States.

But people close to him say he also found a certain amount of uneasiness among West Coast Republicans as to whether Nixon, if nominated, could win the election next year.

Rockefeller won't discuss that.

Conforming to political tradition, he merely says, "Whoever the Republicans nominate will be elected."

He concedes that, to win in 1960, the GOP nominee will have to pull votes from the independent voters and the Democrats. But he says, "It's a well known political fact that more and more people are moving back and forth across party lines."

Whether he believes he can pull more of this floating vote than Nixon is another question he sides with.

In the West, he made a number of speeches. Sprinkled through the audiences, except at the strictly Republican party shindigs, were numerous people who identified themselves as Democrats and independents.

Some said they liked him. Some were noncommittal.

He tried hard to erase any image of himself as a political glamor boy, equipped only with charm and good looks.

In one instance, he succeeded almost too well. A San Francisco woman asked: "Where's all this

charm I've been hearing about? I'm disappointed."

This was after one of the governor's more serious speeches.

At every point, Rockefeller talked privately and semi-privately with scores of Republican party leaders of all echelons, as well as grassroots party workers.

He says he doesn't believe the Republican nomination is in anybody's pocket.

"I haven't seen any evidence of what I presume you would call political commitments," he said.

"I would assume that the delegates would not put their votes today in an envelope and seal them and then just take them out on the day of the convention."

Rockefeller said he thought most of the Republican delegates would weigh their decision carefully at the convention.

However, in Southern California perhaps the strongest point in Nixon-land, he ran into a reception that was something less than enthusiastic.

Looking out across the banquet room at a Republican conclave, Rockefeller said to his dinner companion: "I would think the only people in this room who might be for me are the waiters."

He indicates now that his next move will be a foray into the Midwest, probably in late December. It may take him into Wisconsin, scene of one of the nation's most important weather-vane primary elections.

Rockefeller says he is going to spell out his views on the problem of agriculture. Either Wisconsin or Minnesota could be the arena for this speech.

Then, sometime in January or early February, he says he will announce his decision on trying for the nomination.

At the moment, he appears to be edging toward the plunge.

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Average Cuban Citizen Takes Turmoil In Stride

HAVANA (AP)—Weaned on political turmoil over the last half century, the average Cuban appears to be taking the present unrest in stride.

Jails are filled with "counter-revolutionaries" awaiting trial or investigation.

The atmosphere is thick as pro-government radio commentators spew anti-Americanism and hate for vested interests, for imperialist exploiters, for the large landholder.

Military tribunals and their firing squads have been restored. But like a cork at sea, the aver-

age Cuban seems to sail well through storm and calm.

Movie houses are filled. Dance pads do a brisk business. The seawall drive is crowded every night by Cubans seeking respite from heat. Attending them is any army of peddlers of coffee and refreshments.

The casino belt and luxury hotels are hurting, but Joe Cuban doesn't go there anyway. He can be found in the East Havana bistros, dark, gay and jumpy. The city's two biggest department stores report "business slightly better than last year."

Medal Given Harry Truman

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The AFL-CIO gave Harry Truman a medal Monday night and got some advice in return.

The former president received the union's annual community service award—a bronze medallion and a \$5,000 check.

Truman expressed his gratitude. Then, in an obvious reference to evidence of corruption in some unions, he said: "There is always trouble when people get too much money or too much power. The great thing about this country is that we are able to correct these situations and I know you are going to do it among yourselves."

"You know what I am talking about."

More than 600 persons at the dinner stood and cheered Truman when Joseph A. Beirne, president of the Communications Workers of America, presented the award.

Beirne called Truman "a forceful guide of the American people on their bright march to a better world."

Truman called it "a perverse and contrary to our established standards of justice and fair play in tax policy."

He described it as "an equitable way to distribute the tax so that everyone will pay his fair share."

Meek said the current income tax system puts too heavy a share of the burden on the middle-income groups.

He said imposition of a sales levy would make possible a reduction of property taxes.

Rep. Joe Rogers (R-Independence) suggested the possibility of a ballot measure that would allow voters to choose between a sales and an income tax system. He said he would like to find out if such a measure could be legally submitted.

The chairman, Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), said the sales tax matter will be discussed further at the next committee meeting in December.

FAT TRAGEDY **LONDON (UPI)**—Denise Robbins, president of the Romantic Writers' Association, Monday night said her latest book is about "the tragedy of being a fat girl."

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lined by a Florida racing syndicate headed by lawyer Dan Chappello of Miami, Fla., has been launched.

Challenging Castro for top video ratings are two boxing heroes: welterweights Luis Manuel Rodriguez and Florentino Fernandez.

A bond selling scheme on a lottery basis which replaced the national lottery after Castro came to power is gaining momentum. It is operated by the National Institute of Housing and Savings.

The lottery director, Pastorita Nunez, says the institute has under construction 3,591 apartments and 522 houses in low-cost projects in Havana. An applicant pays what he can afford over a 20-year period at a declining rate of interest. He pays nothing down.

The average Cuban seems to be for Fidel Castro. He makes \$85 a month, his wife works for somewhat less. They have a one or two-bedroom apartment costing unfurnished, \$35-50 a month.

He sums it up this way: the rent reduction law, which is blamed for paralyzing the private construction business, gave him what amounted to a healthy wage boost. Cuts in gas and electricity rates added to his savings.

Does this "average man" think there is any justification for Castro's attacks on the United States?

"There was a basis for complaint," one said. "However, I think the matter could have been handled quietly, at the diplomatic level."

With hardly a break at the end of the International League season, the winter baseball league went into action. League officials report increased attendance.

Although not heavy bettors, Cubans love horse racing. The local plant is undergoing a face lifting. A vastly improved program out-

How about communism in Cuba? years ago. They'll get out of hand one of these days and Fidel will slap them down."

"There are some and they are agitating. But they were never a success even at their peak 20 view."

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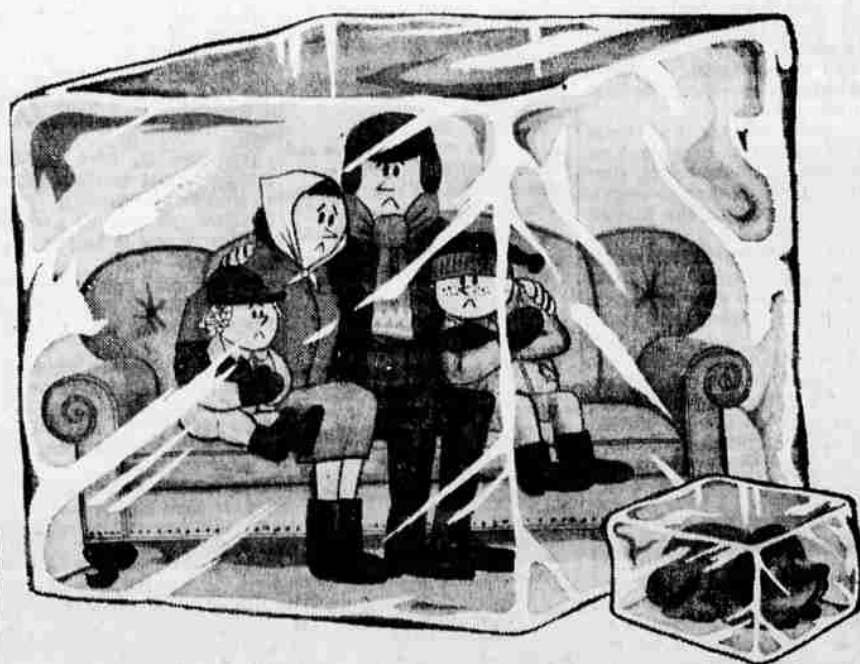
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