

Late Senator Blamed Loss On Press

NEW YORK (AP)—A confidential analysis left by the late Sen. Robert A. Taft blamed his loss of the 1952 GOP presidential nomination on New York financial interests and a majority of the press.

The New York Times today published the complete text of the 2,300-word memorandum written a year before Taft died of cancer in 1953.

The newspaper said in a Washington dispatch that the Taft analysis dismissed the long-held political thesis that Dwight D. Eisenhower's nomination resulted from a series of tactical errors by Taft forces at the Republican convention dealing with rules changes and contested delegations.

Taft gave these causes of his defeat:

"First, it was the power of the New York financial interests and a large number of business men subject to New York influence, who had selected Gen. Eisenhower as their candidate at least a year ago.

"Second, four-fifths of the influential newspapers in the country were opposed to me continuously and vociferously, and many turned themselves into propaganda sheets for my opponent."

In Cincinnati, Robert A. Taft Jr. said, "There has never been any attempt to suppress this memo. My father wanted those who backed him for the presidential nomination in 1952 to know that he did not blame them for the loss of the nomination."

He said all his father's papers, including the memo, are in the Library of Congress.

The Washington Evening Star said in a story Tuesday that the appearance of the memo became the subject of discussion in some GOP circles because of a prospective battle between Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York for the Republican presidential nomination next year.

"In some respects," the Star story said, "Mr. Nixon's position at this time is regarded as somewhat similar to that of Sen. Taft at a comparable period before the 1952 convention. Now, as then, there is a challenger having powerful but so far unrevealed support among the Eastern interests. It was such a challenger — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower — who blocked the Taft nomination."

The Times story said Taft stated the underlying causes of his defeat had been operating steadily for eight months before the convention met in Chicago in July 1952.

The Times said Taft noted that the newspapers that were exceptions to the pro-Eisenhower tone of most of the press were the Chicago Tribune, the Wall Street Journal, the Omaha World-Herald, and the Los Angeles Times. The Philadelphia Inquirer, the Hearst papers and the Knight papers remained neutral, he said.

"The truth is that we were up against a tremendous publicity blitz led by four-fifths of the newspapers of the country and all the magazines," Taft wrote.

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Demo Charges Supported Says Senator From Ohio

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Stephen M. Young (D-Ohio) said today the late Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) has supported Democratic charges that powerful financial interests dominate the Republican party.

Young said in an interview he drew that conclusion from Taft's analysis of the reasons he lost the 1952 GOP presidential nomination. Taft's memorandum to his campaign strategists, written in 1952, came to light this week.

In it, Taft said that the power of the New York financial community and a "tremendous publicity blitz" by much of the nation's press were responsible for his convention defeat by Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Sen. Philip A. Hart (D-Mich.) added, in a separate interview, that the document demonstrates "it isn't just political campaign talk when politicians express fear that elections can be manipulated in a dangerous degree."

Taft wrote the memo in an effort to clear his supporters of allegations that bungling had cost him the nomination. He recorded his own feeling in retrospect that his battle was lost long before the convention started.

Thomas E. Coleman, Taft's 1952 convention floor manager, said in Madison, Wis., that "all of us understood it at the time" as a move by Taft to remove any blame from

his supporters.

But others wondered why the long-secret memorandum came to public attention at this time. The Washington Evening Star, in reporting its existence, said Vice President Richard M. Nixon may be in much the same position this year as Taft was in 1952 if New York's Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller opposes him for the nomination.

Nixon himself declined comment, but one of his top strategists said he didn't consider the 1952 and 1960 situations comparable. He said polls show Nixon's popularity is high and getting higher.

A longtime Taft supporter said he could see no significance to the document now "except the significance it has as to showing Dick Nixon what he may be up against." But Sen. Young, from Taft's own state, said Taft's "analysis of powerful forces that nominate and finance the election of Republican candidates for president simply corroborates convictions Democratic leaders have held for many years."

Sen. Hart said that as he read the memo, "Sen. Taft was saying that public relations experts could have manufactured issues on order for their candidate."

He said it proved that Adlai Stevenson was right in pleading, during the 1952 election campaign, that candidates "talk sense."

Chief Will Decide Soon How Much Aid Is Needed

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower will decide within the next few days how much to ask from Congress for military and economic aid overseas.

Authoritative officials say Eisenhower personally will make the final decision on the size of the program before he leaves next Thursday for his 20,000-mile goodwill journey into 11 nations.

Top State Department officials appear confident the President will approve a figure slightly below four billion dollars—about the amount the administration asked Congress to provide for last year's program. Congress, however, cut that request to \$3,200,000,000.

Administration foreign aid advocates are banking on Eisenhower to reject moves to slash foreign aid spending despite official concern over the record four-billion-dollar deficit in overseas earnings this year.

For the past week, the Budget Bureau has been steadily whittling away at a proposed five-billion-dollar foreign aid program which the State Department recommended for military, economic and technical assistance.

This annual item-by-item review is expected to be completed this weekend. The Budget Bureau approved version of the program

will then go to the White House along with any conflicting advice that Secretary of State Christian A. Herter may decide to pass along.

Architects of this year's program are somewhat unhappy at cuts already made by Budget Bureau experts. They are reported confident, however, that the final budget bureau cut will be no more than a billion dollars.

This confidence is based on what foreign aid officials consider the clearly recognizable need to step up military aid to both the Far East and Western Europe. Weapons shipments to Asian allies dropped to about \$1,800,000,000 in this fiscal year, compared to a 2½-billion-dollar average in the previous five years. The new program would increase this flow to about \$2,100,000,000.

Additional military assistance funds are also included for Atlantic Pact countries in keeping with a recommendation made by a White House study panel.

The proposed new program maintains the increasing emphasis on aid to Asian nations including India. In making long-range plans, foreign aid authorities look upon this vast region as the increasingly critical arena of the East-West struggle.

Fraud Termed 'Old Stuff' By Banker

NEW YORK (AP)—State Atty. Gen. Louis J. Lefkowitz' accusation that some 100 million dollars in savings deposits are imperiled by fraud is described by a savings and loan official as a recital of old information.

Norman Strunk, executive vice president of the United States Savings and Loan League, said in Chicago Tuesday that the California insurance commissioner more than a year ago had seized the California assets of the International Guaranty and Insurance Co. of Tangier, Morocco.

Lefkowitz said jeopardy to the deposits in eight different savings and loan associations not insured by the federal government stemmed from the fact that they were insured by the Tangier firm. The New York attorney general said the International Guaranty and Insurance Co. operates out of a one-room office in Tangier and does not have adequate assets to guarantee the deposits.

In San Francisco Tuesday, Superior Court Judge Preston Devine approved a settlement to complete International Guaranty's liquidation in California. Under the agreement, International will put up cash to pay off all claims in the state.

A statement issued in San Francisco by Henry McGurran, who identified himself as American counsel for International Guaranty said: "International's solvency is demonstrated by its deposit of \$177,000 in cash in California to insure prompt payment of all possible claims."

The National League of Insured Savings Assn. issued a statement in Washington today commending Lefkowitz "for bringing public attention to . . . advertising by some five or six small savings and loan associations."

It added: "Unfortunately, however, his comments have created some confusion over the safety of accounts in all savings and loan associations."

"More than 23 million Americans have savings of 48 billion dollars in nearly 4,000 savings and loan associations whose accounts are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., an agency of the U.S. government. "It should be noted that Mr. Lefkowitz is concerned with accounts totaling less than 2-1000ths of one per cent of those insured by the FSLIC."

Old Ammunition Being Detonated

MARYSVILLE, Calif. (AP)—The folks in the Marysville-Yuba City area ran into the streets Wednesday night when a series of explosions boomed.

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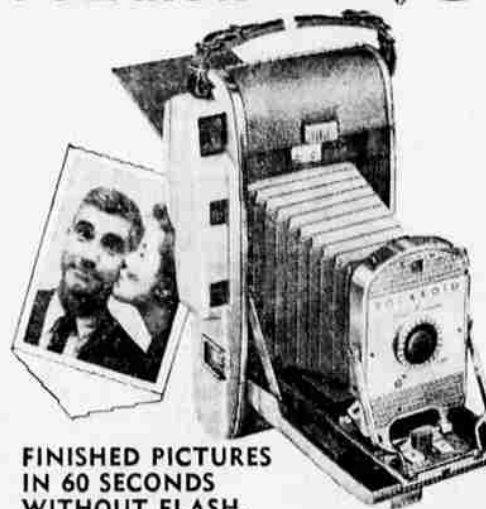
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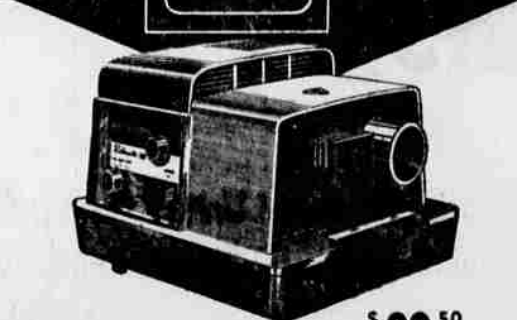
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