GOP Governors Form To Defeat Democrats

DENVER (UPI)— Twelve Republican governors, marshalling their forces with a cautious optimism about the 1964 elections, gathered Saturday to form an organization dedicated to Democratic defeat.

The state executives — Nelson Rockefeller of New York among them—went behind closed doors at the Brown Palace Hotel to organize the Republican Governors Association and hear strategies by party leaders. There was little indication what was going on, but a spokesman assured newsmen it was a "very friendly" session.

Rep. William E. Miller, N.Y., the Republican national chairman, said some policy statements might be issued later in the day.

Gov. William Scranton of Pennsylvania, talking to newsmen at a recess, said no personalities were discussed at the meeting. Both Scranton and Rockefeller have been mentioned frequently as potential candidates for President, but Scranton made an effort to dismiss such rumors about himself.

'Not Interested'

"I've made it very clear I'm not interested," he said.

In response to a question, he said he believed a governor could win the nomination. "At least one is interested," he said in an apparent reference to Rockefeller.

The New York governor, considered very likely to be in the thick of the race, has refused to confirm or deny the reports.

Another Republican governor considered a potential candidate, George Romney of Michigan, was one of four governors who did not attend Saturday's meeting.

Miller, who also held a news conference, declined to comment about a possible convention battle between Rockefeller and Sen. Barry Goldwater, Ariz. "It is a decision I would leave up to them," he said.

Miller said he advised the governors Saturday to tell residents of their states the background of reclamation projects President Kennedy will dedicate on a trip to the West late this month. The GOP chairman said many of the projects Kennedy will visit were started during the Eisenhower Administration.

Denies 'Non-Political'

He said the trip has been called "non-political" but Kennedy "just happens to be visiting states he lost in 1960 and where there are Senate races in 1964."

Sen. Thruston Morton, Ky., the Republican senatorial campaign chairman, also was at the meeting and is another potential candidate. But Morton laughed at the reports about him and called them "mild echoes from the hills, I suppose, very mild, which I continue to disavow."

Morton outlined for the governors the senatorial races in their states for next year. He said there are eight states with Republican incumbent governors where the party faces difficult Senate races—Maine, Michigan, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah and Wyoming.

ACCESS ROAD BEING CUT — This power shovel and bulldozer are cutting a short road adjacent to the "A" Canal near the intake at Link River so that crews from the Klamath Irrigation District may have easy access to the canal for repair jobs. They have found in the past that access is difficult because of the steep canal banks. The road will be about 500 yards long.

Young Sailor Survives 15-Hour Ordeal In Sea

NEW YORK (UPI) — "Something white" in the waves, Frans Maria Starcharczyk's waving undershirt, caught the eye of a searcher on the Coast Guard cutter Absecon. The German sailor had spent 15 hours, most of them nude, in the stormy mid-Atlantic.

The survival was termed "miraculous" in itself, but the plucky 26-year-old seaman, third engineer of the freighter Freiburg, still had enough energy to clamber up a cargo net of the Absecon. Then he collapsed.

It was 10 p.m. EDT Thursday, and the Freiburg was 810 miles northeast of Bermuda, when Starcharczyk strolled on deck to take a breather from a poker game. He was clad only in the shirt and undershorts.

The ship suddenly pitched in heavy seas and Starcharczyk plummeted overboard in the darkness. No one knew he was gone, and his freighter steamed on.

Saturday he said: "I think the 12th was my unlucky day because I lost all my money playing poker and fell over the side, but Friday the 13th was my lucky day because you (the Coast Guard) picked me up."

Credits Stamina

Cmdr. Jack E. Forrester, commanding officer of the Absecon, discounted luck. Starcharczyk's "stamina and presence of mind" were mainly responsible, he said. The sailor had no life preserver.

The husky bachelor, an excellent swimmer, told his rescuers he conserved energy by doing "very little swimming." Aside from sunburn and salt exposure, his condition was described as "excellent."

But harrowing moments filled the 15 hour ordeal, lasting through Thursday night and part of Friday. Turbulent waves and 30-mile-an-hour winds lashed the man. He became frightened and, he told rescuers, prayed liberally.

"The pilot fish began to snap at my underwear," he said, "So I took it off. This gave them only bare skin to snap at." He kept the undershirt, to signal.

Thought Of Suicide

"I was afraid the pilot fish would bring sharks, and I thought about suicide. I thought about choking myself with the underwear but this would be too slow. Then I thought maybe I would bite my wrist vein . . . but then I just swam and swam . . .

"I thought the sharks would come any time."

Starcharczyk's absence was discovered on the Freiburg at midnight Thursday, when he was scheduled to go on a work shift. The "man overboard" signal went out on the radio and the freighter reversed its course to search for him.

About 2 a.m. the Freiburg passed Starcharczyk in the darkness. "I shouted and shouted but she went away," he said. The Absecon, 120 miles away, steamed to the scene and arrived at 7 a.m. The Freiburg then left.

It was 12:04 p.m. Friday when the Absecond sighted the frantically waved undershirt in the waves. Two minutes later Starcharczyk was aboard. Early today the Absecon rendezvouzed with the Freiburg and returned its man.

The freighter, a Hamburg-American Line ship, then resumed its journey, from Tampico, Mexico to Antwerp, Belgium.

Engle Still Critically Ill In Hospital

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The brother of Sen. Clair B. Engle flew here Saturday to join a round-the-clock vigil at the bedside of the critically ill California Democrat.

Fred Engle Jr., a Sacramento, Calif., state official, arrived early Saturday and went almost immediately to nearby Bethesda, Md., Naval hospital.

The Senator is there suffering a malignant brain tumor that has resulted in partial loss of speech and partial paralysis, it was learned.

Sources said there appeared to be no change in Engle's condition Saturday. They said Friday he was in "very bad shape" although the Senator's office said his condition was not critical and that he was slowly improving.

Engle underwent brain surgery Aug. 24 after extensive hospital tests. There was no disclosure of the operation until three days later. On Aug. 27, in response to queries, the senator's aides confirmed that the operation had taken place and said it was to correct a circulatory ailment.

A statement by Engle's doctor the same day said "there was no tumor and no indication of malignancy." The doctor also said at the time that Engle probably would be allowed to go home in a week to 10 days to convalesce.

However, Engle's condition apparently worsened and sources close to the Senator said Friday that subsequent examinations showed he was suffering from an inoperable malignant brain tumor.

A terse statement issued Friday by Engle's office following numerous queries said he was not in critical condition" and was improving slowly. It said the complex nature of his condition makes it impossible for the consulting doctors to make a definite prognosis at this time."

Hoffa Announces Drive For Nationwide Contract

CHICAGO (UPI) — Teamsters President James R. Hoffa has announced a drive for a nationwide trucking contract under the threat of spreading "pickets across the country."

"There'll be no more local, state or area level contracts," Hoffa told the ninth meeting of the Teamsters' general executive board.

Hoffa ordered notices sent to 16,000 trucking companies and asked for new contract talks covering 450,000 members of the union's central and southern conferences. Contracts with these firms expire Feb. 1.

A Hoffa aide said trucking firms that have dealt with the Teamsters' Eastern and Western conferences would be asked to participate in the bargaining and accept any terms reached with the Central and Southern conferences.

Hoffa called on local unions to cooperate in demanding one agreement in over-the-road trucking, city drivers, dock workers, mechanics and clerks.

Hoffa told the 600 applauding delegates the lead toward a national agreement was taken by the trucking industry itself, which he said had tended to form national work practices and rates and to increase consolidations of companies.

The trend, he said, has made it increasingly difficult for local unions to deal effectively with the industry.

American labor faces "the fight of its life" against a government "which controls you from birth to death," Hoffa said.

The Teamsters head called for more political action within the union than ever before and renewed his plea for the defeat of anti-labor congressmen.

Hoffa singled out Sen. Pat McNamara, D-Mich., as "a man who cares less about labor than any other senator there."

Hoffa unleashed a podium pounding attack on Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy. The two have been feuding ever since Kennedy launched an intensive investigation — much of it here in Chicago — when he was chief counsel of the Senate Rackets Committee in the late 1950s.

Hoffa said the United States was being run by "a police force directed by Bobby Kennedy and if you disagree with him you are in trouble."

Planes Hit, Three Lost

TRAVIS AFB, Calif. (UPI)—A wing-tank was recovered from the Pacific where a search was centered for two Air Force aircraft believed to have collided in flight. The planes carried a total of three men.

The Coast Guard said the tank, found 100 miles northwest of San Francisco, apparently was from a T33 trainer that was flying in close formation with an F102 jet when it disappeared from radar screens shortly before midnight Friday night.

The trainer carried two men, the F102 one.

Shortly after the planes disappeared, flares were reported over the water. An official said all but one or two of these flares were dropped by Coast Guard search planes seeking to illuminate the area.

About a dozen Coast Guard, Air Force and Navy planes, four Coast Guard vessels and eight merchant ships participated in the search. Dense fog cleared during the morning.

Plan First Meet

MALIN—Malin Parent and Patrons will hold its first fall meeting on Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. in the elementary school. A teachers' reception and brief business session is planned. Refreshments will be served before the meeting by high school room mothers. The public is invited.

Surf riding has been a popular sport in Hawaii for more than 1,000 years.

Thieves Get $150,000 In Jewelry

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (UPI)—A band of precision bandits vanished among thousands of weekend boaters Saturday with "a million places to go" and an estimated $150,000 in jewels stolen commando - style from a store here.

Behind them, the men—believed to number four—left few clues for police and the FBI, and a woman clerk who still gasped: "I thought they were from outer space."

The men made their getaway from the clockwork-smooth robbery in a stolen car and a speedboat. They were believed last seen roaring under a causeway in Miami, about 20 miles south of here.

No Trace

An all - night search of boat-launching ramps turned up only the first of thousands of early-rising weekend fishermen.

By daylight, the roads were crowded with sportsmen pulling boats on trailers, and scores of the craft matched the description of the blue and white outboard believed used by the robbers.

"They've got a million places to go. We're checking the waterways, but we don't have much to go on," a police spokesman said.

Police estimated the loot at "in the neighborhood of $150,000."

Madame Nhu Claims UN Check Welcome

BELGRADE (UPI)—South Viet Nam's Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu said Saturday she would personally welcome a United Nations investigation into her government's dispute with Buddhist leaders.

"Viet Nam has nothing to hide," she said. "It is in our interest to tell the truth."

But she said she doubts most U.N. members would support such an investigation because they do not want similar investigations of their own internal affairs.

Mme. Nhu said President Kennedy and the "whole American public" were misinformed about South Viet Nam.

Madame Nhu, whose husband is the controversial "strongman" of the Saigon government, spent almost two hours Friday explaining her country and her government to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., President Kennedy's youngest brother. They met at lunch.

Both are delegates to the 59-nation Inter - Parliamentary Union (IPU) conference now under way here.

The sister-in-law of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem repeated her claim that "false press reports" are to blame for American criticism of the Saigon regime.

"It is not only President Kennedy who is misinformed but the whole American public," Mme. Nhu told a news conference, cutting the air with her diamond and pearl ringed hand.

Asked about President Kennedy's statement expressing confidence in American representatives in South Viet Nam and his praise of Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Mme. Nhu said, "I think it was very adroit."

"Lodge, since he has reached Saigon, seems to have become more Asian than the Asians," she added.

"Why? Because Lodge has become terribly mysterious."

Her eyes flashed in anger when asked about suggestions in the U.S. Senate that aid to South Viet Nam be reduced or cut off.

"Why, why, why? Why now, of all times?" she said.

"We are so near to victory (over Communist guerilla forces). Do they not understand that?

"To stop their aid now — when victory is at hand—would seal the fate of the United States," she said.

She said "yes" when asked if she meant a stoppage of American aid now would mean a Communist victory in her Southeast Asian homeland.

Community Calendar

SUNDAY

WWI BARRACKS 925 and Ladies Aux., district meeting, Bend.

GEM AND ARTIFACTS SHOW 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., National Guard Armory, Shasta Way.

KLAMATH CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 2:30 p.m., no host luncheon, Satellite Restaurant. Kingsley Field tour.

MONDAY

NEIGHBORS OF WOODCRAFT 8 p.m., meeting, KC Hall.

BETHEL 61, Job's Daughters, 7:30 p.m., meeting, Scottish Rite Temple.

Y-NE-MA TWIRLERS, 7:30 p.m., beginning square dance instruction, YMCA, Pine St.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP, 7:30 p.m., City Library basement.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Klamath Auditorium with registration beginning at 8 a.m.

THETA THETA RHO GIRLS CLUB, 7 p.m., meeting, IOOF Hall.

Home Wine Law Noted

Persons intending to produce wine for family use must notify the federal government at least five days before beginning production; otherwise, such wine is subject to tax and seizure and the maker is liable to criminal action, the Internal Revenue Service at Portland disclosed today.

As much as 200 gallons of wine may be produced annually for family use without payment of tax, providing the wine-maker is the head of a family.

Forms for giving notice of home wine production may be obtained in this area from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, Room 225, U.S. Court House, Portland.

Truck Crash Claims Life

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (UPI)—A five-axle semi-truck and trailer apparently lost its brakes on a downhill grade on U.S. 395 and crashed into an abutment about 20 miles northwest of here, killing one of the two Alabama drivers aboard.

Clifford Martin, 35, Jopa, Ala., burned to death in the wreckage. The California Highway Patrol said he was in the sleeping compartment of the rig at the time of the accident.

Driver at the time, James Albright, 33, Jopa, was taken to San Bernardino hospital where his condition was listed as extremely critical.

Officers said the truck was loaded with cantaloupes that had been picked up at Mendota, Calif. They said the truck was bound for Cullman, Ala.

Owner of the truck was listed as the Cullman Bana Supply Co of Cullman.

Soviet Ambassador Visits With Rusk

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Soviet Ambassador Anatoly S. Dobrynin, in apparently jovial mood, met with Secretary of State Dean Rusk Saturday, as the United States prepared for a major new round of probing Soviet intentions during the coming weeks.

The Soviet envoy's 20-minute call to the State Department reflected the current relaxation of tension that has prevailed between Washington and Moscow since the signing of the nuclear test ban treaty a month ago.

How deep this mood of conciliation goes and whether it will lead to further concrete agreements is what the Kennedy administration hopes to find out in talks in New York during the United Nations General Assembly which opens this week and in later talks in Washington.

The two discussed briefly the timetable for meetings between Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko during the U.N. session that opens Tuesday.

President Kennedy, who will address the United Nations Friday also expects to meet with Gromyko probably in Washington.

Rusk, in a major policy speech in Miami Beach this week, listed seven broad areas in which he said the United States was ready to negotiate agreements with Russia to follow up the "first step"—the conclusion of the test ban.

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