



Platform Could Link Nixon, Rockefeller

CHICAGO (AP) — Bigwigs of the GOP pulled backstage strings yesterday in hopes that somehow they still can tie together a powerful Nixon-Rockefeller ticket for the Republican Convention.

The chances are thin. But the pressure will grow to harness Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York in the strongest team the GOP could enter against the Democrats in the great election contest of 1960.

Sen. Thruston B. Morton of Kentucky, the Republican national chairman, told a news conference:

"Of course there is always the possibility the platform could be the catalyst to draw them together."

Each, he said, is being consulted on the drafting of the party platform.

The Nixon camp called the vice president's choice of a running mate "still a wide open proposition," with Rockefeller by no means barred.

So Nixon kept a foot in the door, holding it open in case Rockefeller should show even the slightest sign of being persuaded to change his mind and accept a vice-presidential nomination.

He also tapped a Rockefeller admirer to place the Nixon name in nomination for the presidency at next week's convention. Nixon's choice was Gov. Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, who once had ideas about a Republican ticket of Rockefeller and Hatfield.

Nixon has the nomination nailed down as much as any man in American political history making his first bid for the honor. But Rockefeller still is flirting with the idea that maybe Nixon's strength is something of a filmy mirage, that it might begin to evaporate, and that the convention might start looking in another direction for its candidate.

Thus Rockefeller still is willing to yield to a draft that he himself concedes is unlikely to blow his way.

As for the vice-presidential nomination, Rockefeller has taken an absolute, positive stand against accepting it himself. Morton and the men speaking here for Nixon and practically everybody else on the convention scene say they take him at his word.

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Pittman's Students Plan Art Auction

Summer Sessions students in Hobson Pittman's oil painting class will offer examples of their summer work at an art auction to be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in White Hall.

The paintings will be exhibited from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday prior to the auction. The selection will be varied

with paintings exhibiting all trends from representational to abstract and non-objective.

A portion of the proceeds will be used to purchase a painting which will then be given to the University.

The art auction, which meets a popular demand for original paintings, was begun last summer by Pittman, who is an instructor of painting at the Philadelphia Museum School and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. He has been teaching summer courses at the University for 28 years.

Pittman and William Sington, instructor in speech, will handle the auctioneer's duties.

The week following the auc-

Bard's Play Will Open At Mateer

William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" will "go modern" next week in the hands of members of the Mateer Playhouse at Standing Stone.

The play, under the direction of Max Fischer, will open at 8:40 Monday night and run through August 6.

Shakespeare's pert and saucy comedy will be translated into modern terms with the aid of up-to-date costumes and settings done by Ann Keely.

The play tells the story of the happy mis-adventures of a twin brother and sister, Sebastian and Viola, and of the warm and comic people that they meet.

The confusion arising from Viola's passing as a man added to a host of other comic complications and romantic misunderstandings make "Twelfth Night" one of the most enjoyable of Shakespeare's comedies.

Patricia Thompson will be featured in the role of Viola along with David Frank in the role of the roistering Sir Toby Belch. Ronald Bishop will play the pompous Malvolio, the crafty and sly servant of Lady Olivia who will be played by Leslie Preston.

Others appearing will be Ann Driscoll as Olivia's mischievous maid, Maria; Scott Webster as Sebastian and Peter Duell as the Duke of Illyria, erstwhile suitor of Lady Olivia. William Mooney will play Sir Andrew Aquecheek.

This is the final week for the presentation at the Boal Barn of "Love Rides the Rails."

Education Problems Cited By Christie

School district reorganization, financing, and curriculum are three major problems facing education in Pennsylvania, according to Dr. Robert A. Christie, executive director of the Governor's Committee on Education.

Speaking in Schwab Tuesday before 400 persons attending the 38th annual School Administration Conference, Christie said that school district reorganization is the bedrock on which further educational progress in Pennsylvania must be based.

"Pennsylvania simply has too many small school districts," he said. "Were Pennsylvania to produce even the most reasonable minimum adequate curriculum program tomorrow, many, if not most of our school districts, would not be able to offer most of the courses prescribed for want of a sufficiently broad tax base."

Admitting that Pennsylvania has economic problems, Christie contended that the money to pay for education is available.

"I submit that where we get the money is no great problem. The money is there. Presently it exists in the form of fishing rods, that extra touch of chrome on that extra big tailfin of the car, in lawnmowers upon which one can sit, and in five to one martinis."

"It is simply a matter of diverting the flow of resources from such luxuries and into the necessity of education."

But he warned that the Commonwealth also has financial problems in the education field because local units fail to tax as they should, depending too much on the state.

Christie warned that there is the possibility of state control of education if it pays a heavier share than it does now.

Russians Aid Congo Airlift

LEOPOLDVILLE, the Congo (AP)—Three Soviet planes landed in Leopoldville yesterday with 450 Ghana soldiers and two tons of food, largely sugar and milk. This was the Soviet Union's first positive contribution to the UN mission in the Congo.

The Soviet craft—Ilyushin 18s of the Soviet air line Aeroflot — skimmed into the Lusy airport as Congolese Premier Patrice Lumumba packed for a trip to New York.

French Visitors To Visit U.S. Campus, Homes

Ten students from France will arrive at the University tomorrow evening for a two-week look at American university life.

Their stop here will be the first of three in this country for the seven women and three men who will also spend a month in an American home and two weeks in Washington, D.C., before returning to their native country in October.

Traveling under the auspices of the Experiment in International Living, the group will go to Clarksburg, W. Va., August 6 where each will live with a typical American family for a month.

Following this, they will live with city families in Washington, D.C., for two weeks and then have two weeks free time for visiting, traveling or sightseeing in this country.

While on campus the French students will attend any classes they desire and participate in the social and recreational programs.

The visitors, who are eager to meet American students, will be housed in Simmons and Runkle Halls and will eat in the Hetzel Union Building.

They will be the main participants in the Workshop for International Understanding at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in 104 White Hall.

Lumumba, who complains that his three-week old nation is menaced by United Nations inertia and continued "Belgian aggression," wants to put his case personally before the United Nations Security Council.

A spokesman for the Premier said Lumumba is having difficulty finding a suitable aircraft, but hopes to leave this morning.

There was some speculation that one of the Soviet planes might be his choice of transportation for the trip.

Lumumba would not travel by Belgian aircraft, but any one of the scores of American transports landing at the airport could give him a lift to Europe if not to the United States.

The bearded Premier will leave behind him a country gripped in the convulsions caused by mutinous elements in its army, a determined Belgian military effort to protect Belgian citizens and an unstable government which is still based more on Lumumba's aggressive personality than on any unity of purpose.

Some Western sources say they feel Lumumba may even be risking his position as head of the government to satisfy his flair for the spectacular gesture.

Although peace has finally come to Leopoldville, other areas of the country are still held by Congolese army units acting independently of the Congo command.

And one entire province — the rich mining center of Katanga — is trying to establish itself as a separate state with strong assistance from Belgium.

A dissident wing of Lumumba's National Congolese Movement headed by Albert Katondji took sharp issue yesterday with the Premier's threat to call in Soviet forces.

Fletcher Named to Post

Dr. Peter W. Fletcher, director of the school of forestry, has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association.

University Broadens Continuing Ed Plan

Instituted just two years ago, the program of studies offered by the University's Center for Continuing Liberal Education, a new dimension in adult post-college education, has grown to one of the biggest programs of its type in the country.

"People ought to be stimulated to continue their education in liberal arts after college," said Dr. Ralph W. Condee, assistant director for the Center, "and that's what we try to do."

There are two basic ways in which opportunities for continuing study is offered through CCLE—the Alumni College and home study-discussion courses.

Over 3300 persons have availed themselves of these opportunities since the program started in September 1958.

The regular Alumni College program consists of three sessions on campus each year, in the spring, summer and fall, offering selected courses in fields of contemporary art, humanities, political and social studies.

The most recent innovation in the program is the Alumni College Abroad, scheduled for the first time this fall. This program includes a three-week tour in Western Europe to observe varieties of western democracies after pre-tour study and a seminar on campus.

CCLE also reaches persons in 60 communities across the state offering courses specially designed for home-study and discussion in groups without a teacher.

Wherever a group of 12 or more persons bands together with a common interest in one of the courses offered by CCLE, the materials are sent.

Alumni members of the study group are encouraged to attend one of the Alumni College sessions on campus for training as a discussion leader, so he in turn can lead the study group in his own community.

Condee stressed the need for continuing education and some of the problems encountered.

"We consider TV our major competitor," he quipped philosophically.

"This program works well in small communities of about 10,000," he said.

"The big cities have better adult educational systems to begin with while the small communities need something. Usually the TV reception is bad, and the movies lousy," he chuckled.