

Romney Bows To Nixon, Rockefeller

Republican backers of Gov. George Romney were thrown for a spin last week after the governor announced his abrupt decision not to run for the Presidency.

Romney had apparently take the advice of four aides who laid the losing facts on the line.

Private polls in New Hampshire had indicated that Romney would have taken a beating from Richard Nixon and would have even lost to a write-in vote for Nelson Rockefeller.

By pulling out early Romney could save face now for a possible return in 1972.

But the most important factor was that it would deprive Nixon of the opportunity to prove that he could be a winner through a big victory in the primary.

According to the latest Gallup poll Nixon is still the front-running favorite among Republicans with Rockefeller a close second without formally announcing his candidacy.

Rockefeller had been committed to campaign for Romney, but no one can deny that his speeches for Romney also gave him exposure.

Within the past week, since Romney pulled out of the race, Rockefeller has been besieged and badgered for a definitive statement on his plans for candidacy.

At first, the answer was a strong "no," then Rockefeller said he would consider running if there was and honest draft by Republicans.

Romney's early exit will give enough time for a meaningful draft-Rockefeller movement to build.

The quest for the Presidency is one office which few politicians could refuse if they thought there was a good chance for victory.

Nixon is the proof. After the 1960 elections, Nixon bitterly told the press that they wouldn't have Richard Nixon to kick around anymore, yet he has returned to the arena.

When interviewed last week, Nixon left the distinct impression that he was trying to challenge Rockefeller or goad him into a primary and remarked that no man would be chosen by the Republicans without first having competed in the primaries.

Nixon needs a big win in order to lose the image as a loser. But he is like a five-year-old horse trying to race with three-year-olds.

He has no more and probably less to offer than he did eight years ago. His present lead will likely dwindle now that the fancy footwork of Romney and Rockefeller has narrowed to the more than probable candidacy of Rockefeller.

Waiting in the wings for action should the two men in center ring falter, are such experienced and unbiased leaders as Ronald Reagan and George Wallace.

The Democrats has a record to rest on, and the almost certain candidacy of President Johnson for re-election, while the Republicans are playing coy with each other and waving a flag of indecision and competition.



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"I don't know why it makes everybody nervous—it's a name tag and it tells who I am!"

Schriever Blasts U.S. Missile Policy

WASHINGTON (AP)—A retired general who formerly headed the Air Force Systems Command, Bernard A. Schriever, said Monday night that while the United States has been concentrating on Vietnam, "the Soviet Union has moved forward steadily with a new and more diversified strategic threat to the United States and the free world."

Schriever is a 1931 graduate of Texas A&M.

Schriever, delivering the annual Goddard Memorial lecture of the National Space Club, said the most significant element in the new Russian strategic force has been the orbital missile, a space bombardment system, supported by an antiballistic missile system.

Schriever directed the development of U. S. ballistic missile and space systems during his career in the Air Force, and was frequently at odds with former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara over military aviation and space goals.

Schriever said the Soviet antiballistic missile system is based on considerable data about high-altitude X-ray and electromagnetic effects gathered in the 1961-

62 Soviet nuclear test "carried out in direct violation of the international moratorium on atmospheric nuclear testing."

And he said the Soviet Union is attempting again, as it did 10 years ago, to develop a strategic force superior to that of the United States, with the key emphasis on a space system.

"Every indication points toward the development by the Soviet Union of still more sophisticated space systems, including improved versions of orbital weapons," he said.

Schriever said the comparative strength of the U. S. missile force is declining steadily as the Soviet Union enlarges its force at a rate of about 200 missiles a year while the United States remains at a virtual standstill.

Let's Look At Education

Monday, March 4, brought an editorial on the condition of our present educational system.

Said the Houston Post on that occasion:

"If there is any place on earth where one would expect to find a community of civilized and mature human beings, rather than irresponsible juveniles and savages, it is here."

"HERE" REFERRED to the university campus.

I disagree both with this editorial and the idea from which it may be derived.

It has long been traditional to assume a growing responsibility for the educational system not to educate, but to teach our children courtesy, honesty, and moral uprightness.

This myth has become especially familiar to many conservative schools. It has been labeled "in loco parentis."

Under this concept, it is the duty of the school to take the place of parents when the children grow old enough to leave home.

THIS IS A FALLACY.

Today, we see mothers taking children to school, then leaving for their part-time or full-time job. The children come home from school and bid their time to themselves. Fathers come home, work in their workshop, play golf, or watch television. Mother arrives, fusses with Father, adds her paycheck so the family can have a new color television. With this comes more substantial arguments, in living color.

FATHER AND MOTHER put the kids to bed, and tell them to be sure they did their homework.

When Junior grows older and begins his college preparation, he is told by his parents that it is essential to make the best grades possible. He is assured by his draft board that his very best efforts should be placed towards good grades. Upon registration, he is reassured by 37 deans to make the best grades possible.

Then he comes to college, and sees the truth.

GRADES ARE a farce. The draft board is a bunch of mean old lechers. The President of the United States is responsible for the lousy condition of the world, so he should get hit in the head with a bottle.

Fortunately, many students are raised by responsible parents. They are taught honesty and courtesy before being shoved into the educational mud-holes. When they go to college, they are at least basically prepared to meet the obstacles, and to overcome them.

THEY DID NOT necessarily make high grades or low grades. They did, however, gain a real college education. They are the ones who learned that the world of the college student is a classroom in itself, and many subjects there are never touched by the chalked hands and horn-rimmed eyes of a college professor.

The Post editorial continues: "We could not agree more with Frank Erwin, chairman of the board of regents of the University of Texas, when he observed recently:

"WHEN 300 ARMED policemen are required to bring the President of the United States on a college campus, we need to re-examine the aims of higher education."

On this point I sincerely agree with the dean and the Post editorial writer. We do need much to re-examine the aims of higher education. We also need to re-examine the responsibility of parenthood.

A DECISION should be made whether the student should be taught how to live in the home or the university.

We must decide whether the educational system or the parent will assume the duty of teaching honesty and sincerity in a mode for living to young people.

Money Raised For Olympians Disappears, Probe Underway

DALLAS (AP)—An investigation was underway Monday into the apparent disappearance of \$72,000 raised in Texas for the U. S. Olympic Committee.

Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin sent an investigator from Austin at the request by the Olympic Committee in New York.

U. S. Post Office Department inspectors are looking into possible mail fraud involving the money, the Dallas Times Herald said.

Crawford's office said that a Dallas advertising firm, Dodson & Co., was in charge of solicitations throughout Texas for the Olympic Committee.

The manager of the Dallas office of Dodson & Co. said an employee, who is no longer with the firm, had been put in charge of

the solicitations and "did not comply with our wishes or those of the Olympic Committee."

The office manager said that when she discovered a discrepancy in the solicitations, she gathered information to Asst. U. S. Atty. Tim Timmins in Dallas.

The office manager said the firm was hoping to avoid publicity on the missing funds because 1968 is an Olympic year. She said the firm had hired private detectives, but had not contacted the ex-employee.

Atty. General Martin said his office "is not accusing anybody, but said the investigation "is one of the things we are doing in our new consumer protection division. The New York people said \$72,000 was raised in Texas and they did not receive it."

Sound Off

Editor, The Battalion:

It is said if one can't say something good about someone, then best to say nothing at all. I believe this should also apply to pictures appearing in a newspaper. If one can't get a good picture, then print none at all.

I am referring to many of the pictures which are being printed in the Battalion. Some of pictures are so dark that the people in them are not even identifiable.

Why not print better quality pictures or print none at all.

Jim Wyrick '67

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The American Marketing Society will hear Gary Rollins, Account executive for the McCann Erickson Advertising Agency in Houston, at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 2A and 2B of the Memorial Student Center.

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By Charles M. Schulz

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