

World and Nation

Documents reveal aide advised Nixon against visit to King widow

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Richard M. Nixon was counseled by a top aide in 1969 to avoid a visit to Mrs. Martin Luther King on the first anniversary of her husband's assassination because "it would outrage many, many people who believe Dr. King was a fraud."

The aide, Patrick Buchanan, was a speechwriter in the Nixon White House. He is the director of communications for President Reagan. Buchanan's memo was among 1.5 million documents from the Nixon administration made public Monday by the National Archives.

It was the first release of textual material from the more than 40 million documents Nixon left behind when he resigned Aug. 9, 1974.

Missing from the newly released documents are the most sensitive of the Nixon files — those relating to the Watergate scandal that drove him from office. The National Archives once before tried to release those but was stopped by 29 lawsuits filed by former Nixon associates.

The Archives, which has custody of the Nixon materials, is expected to try again next month to open the papers to public scrutiny.

The law requires that a notice of such release

be published in the Federal Register and that any persons who object have 60 days to do so.

Buchanan's memo, written on April 1, 1969, said Nixon should observe the first anniversary of the civil rights leader's death by doing no more than issuing a statement.

"There are no long-run gains, and considerable long-run risks in making a public visit to the Widow King," Buchanan wrote. "Initially, the visit would get an excellent press but... it would outrage many, many people who believe Dr. King was a fraud and a demagogue, and perhaps worse. It does not seem to be in the interests of national unity for the president to lend his national prestige to the argument that this divisive figure is a modern saint."

There had been considerable discussion in the White House about how Nixon was to observe the assassination anniversary, which was April 4, 1969. A March 31 staff discussion, in which Buchanan took part, had recommended that Nixon stop in Atlanta on a trip from Abilene, Tex., to Key Biscayne, Fla., and have a private meeting with King's widow. Neither action was followed.

Throughout his administration, Nixon's aides

often were careful about how the president portrayed blacks.

On July 20, 1971, Jeb Stuart Magruder, then with the Committee to Re-elect the President, suggested that the president make plans to attend the baseball game when Oakland's pitcher Vida Blue would go for his 30th victory.

"As you know, of course, he is black," Magruder said in a memo to Dwight Chapin, the pointments secretary. "The president's attendance... could strike a very positive note, particularly among young blacks."

Blue finished the season without winning games and it was unclear whether Magruder's suggestion would have been followed if he had gone for a 30th victory.

In February of 1970 V. L. Nicholson, director of information for the President's Council on Physical Fitness in Sports, advised Magruder against Nixon sending a message of congratulation to the Harlem Globetrotters because, "black people... feel they help perpetuate the image of the Negro which is highly unfavorable

Hindus riot in India after 24 killed by Sikh terrorists on hijacked bus

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Hindus rioted and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi pledged "tough and strong action" against Sikh terrorists Monday, the day after four gunmen pulled Hindus off a bus in Punjab and killed 24 of them.

Police said Sikh militants killed eight more people in Punjab state Monday.

Sikh extremists, who want independence for Punjab, killed 14 Hindus in a similar bus hijacking July 25.

Paramilitary troops were ordered to patrol New Delhi during a general strike called for Tuesday by an opposition Hindu political party.

Strikes also were scheduled in the Hindu-dominated states of Haryana and Kashmir next to Punjab, which has a Sikh majority.

Shops were closed Monday by general strikes in towns and cities throughout Punjab. Clashes between Sikh and Hindu youths were reported in Jallundhar, but police said no serious injuries resulted.

About 3,000 Hindus rioted and threw stones on the edge of New Delhi. Police fired shots into the air and lobbed tear gas to scatter the crowds.

Officers said they arrested 100 people for trying to block traffic on the main road around the capital.

"There is a lot of tension in the city, but we are keeping a watch on things," said Police Commissioner Ved Marwah, who prohibited public gatherings for four days.

Near Parliament, police hauled away 300 supporters of the opposition Janata Party who held a non-violent protest in violation of the ban. They were released later.

Eight Hindus were wounded in the Sunday bus massacre and the death toll of 24 was the largest in a single attack since Sikh extremists began agitation for an independent Punjab in 1982. The northern state, India's main agricultural area, is the only one with a Sikh majority.

Jim Jones follower convicted in 2nd trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Larry Layton, the only former Peoples Temple member to be tried in this country, was convicted Monday of conspiring in the murder of Rep. Leo Ryan, an act that triggered the mass murder-suicide by the Rev. Jim Jones' followers in a South American jungle eight years ago.

A federal jury also convicted Layton, 40, of assisting in the murder of Ryan and of conspiracy and assisting

in the attempted murder of Richard Dwyer, a U.S. diplomat wounded in the attack.

Layton's first trial, in 1981, ended with a hung jury. He has been free on bail and has been working in a local community under an alias.

Chief U.S. District Judge Robert Peckham scheduled sentencing for Jan. 23. The conspiracy charges and the charge of aiding and abetting in

Ryan's murder carry maximum penalties of life in prison.

Layton, who admitted shooting and wounding two dissident temple members who were trying to leave with Ryan, was convicted of taking part in a plot by Jones to keep Ryan and his party from reaching the outside world with news of conditions at the cult's settlement of Jonestown in Guyana.

Budget

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conducted by Texas A&M professors and researchers into educational programs that tell farmers, ranchers and their families how to use technology to improve their lives.

When the cuts begin to take effect, Jackson says, counties may lose an agent or program which has no visible short-term effects, but possible serious long-term effects.

"When you lose these programs, you see the effects now but five years down the road when X number of farmers drop out or more farm families break up because of stress," he says.

He says the TAEX budget can be linked to the farm crisis.

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