

POLITICS NIXON L.J. - Olds Thurs, Apr. 21 - '60.

Here's that religious issue, again. But this time the shoe is on the other foot - the Nixon foot. The Vice President is challenged - would his ~~in~~ religion ^{make} ~~made~~ him _{^ ^ ^} incapable of carrying out his constitutional oath as President of the United States. Nixon - a Quaker. And, historically, the creed of the society of Friends - includes ~~the~~ Pacifism. The Quakers - against war.

The challenge emanates from Albert Levitt - G O P candidate for the Senate in New Hampshire. Levitt - a Republican opponent of Nixon.

Today he sent a wire to the Vice President asking the following question: "If you^{re} are elected President, and during your term of office - Congress declared war on a foreign nation, ~~Would~~ you perform your constitutional duties as commander in chief?"

Levitt points out that Senator Kennedy has answered similar questions about his attitude - as a Catholic. So

Vice President Nixon should also respond - as a Quaker.

(Well, we have already had a Quaker President - Herbert Hoover. (Whose part in the first World War was, to be sure - that of humanitarian relief. So far as I know, the question was never raised - how his religion might affect him as President.)

KENNEDY HUMPHREY

Senators Kennedy and Humphrey, today, agreed on one point. They don't want any votes - based on religious differences.

The two contestants took time out from the West Virginia primary - to address the American Society of newspaper editors, in Washington. Kennedy, followed several hours later - by Humphrey.

To the editors, Kennedy stated ^{that} he wants nobody to vote for him, just because he is a Catholic. Nor, he added - does the ~~the~~ Democratic party have to nominate him, ~~To~~ escape - a Catholic revolt.

Humphrey declared: "I would not want to receive the vote of any American, because my opponent worships in a particular church - ~~not~~ whatever that church may be."

He took up the charge - that he's being supported by backers of other candidates, ~~Merely~~ - to stop Kennedy. Saying ~~as~~ he doesn't want their votes either, if they really

prefer some other contender, like Johnson, Symington or
Stevenson, ^{Then} - let them cast write-in votes for their favorites.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The final passage of the civil rights bill. The House of Representatives - voting its okay today. By a lopsided majority. The bill had already been passed by the Senate. So now it goes to the President - who will sign it.

The new law, primarily, provides new voting guarantees for negroes in the South. Court appointed referees - to pass on the qualifications of negroes. If these ~~had been~~ ^{are} denied voting privileges - by local authorities.

KOREA

Word in Korea is - that the United States is ~~is~~
~~beginning~~ bringing pressure to bear on Syngman Rhee; Urging
him - to dismiss his Vice President, Lee Ki-Poong. And call
another election - to select a Vice President.

Lee Ki-Poong - the focus of the discontent, which
has brought about so much violence.

In the ~~last~~ last election, March Sixteenth, Syngman
Rhee and Lee Ki-Poong won by a landslide. Syngman Rhee,
running for another term as President - had no opposition.
His rival - having died shortly ~~before~~ before the date of the
voting.

But Lee Ki-Poong ~~is~~ did have opposition. His
opponent - the previous Vice President, John M. Chang;
who had won the office previously - by a large majority.
Nevertheless, on March sixteenth John M. Chang was snowed
under by Lee Ki-Poong. Which led to a storm of charges of
rigging, terrorism, fraud.

~~(In Seoul, it is pointed out that Syngman Rhee would~~

BERLIN

The Communist police of East Berlin - invaded the western sector of the city, today, checking passengers - traveling on the Berlin elevated railway. Their purpose - to stop a rush of refugees from the realm of the Reds.

The police of West Berlin got word of this - and came hurrying. The Communist cops - getting out, and going back to their own bailiwick, except for two - who were arrested.

The influx of ~~RED~~ refugees - the greatest since the anti-Communist revolt in Communist East Germany, ~~RED~~ seven years ago. Sixty-five hundred people - seeking sanctuary in West Berlin, since last Friday. ^{-- 6500 --} Five-hundred-and-fifty refugees - getting through, today.

The reason? The Communist program of seizing the farms. Also - the properties of ~~RED~~ small business men.

(The boast of the Reds is - that all the agricultural lands of East Germany have now been turned into collective farms. ^{Now we hear} The farmers ~~are~~ fleeing to the West, rather than become

laborers ~~✓~~ on the fields that once were theirs.

The Reds, now turning their attention - to small
business men. Collectivizing - their shops and factories. *and*

this
~~which~~ is causing so great an exodus that the Communists

have announced a slow-down, Halting, temporarily - the

take over of small business.)

VENEZUELA

The revolt in Venezuela - seems to have been suppressed in a hurry. The news today - telling of the capture of San Cristobal, ^{which was} Seized - by a force of rebels, yesterday. The government at Caracas reporting - that the main insurgent forces have surrendered, after a twenty-four hour uprising. Others - fleeing to the nearby border of Colombia.

CUBA

Here a question with an interesting answer - about the expulsion of CBS correspondent Richard Bate. Tossed out of Cuba - along with CBS cameraman ~~Mario~~ Mario Biasetti.

Back in New York, Richard Bate says he thinks the reason was - Ramon Castro. An elder brother of the fire-eating Fidel. Ramon - not to be confused with Castro's younger brother, Raul. The two - thoroughly different. Raul - a leftist. ~~Rm~~ While Ramon is described - as being ^{out} of sympathy with the radical policies of the Castro regime.

He has disappeared from public view, and Richard Bate of CBS - was planning to find him, and get an interview with him. ^{But - he} ~~So he and~~ and the CBS cameraman - were ousted from Cuba.

BRAZIL

Brazil, today - has its new capital. The new city built deep in the interior - on a high plateau above the tropical wilderness. Today, officially, Brasilia became the seat of the government. Seven-hundred-and-fifty miles inland from the old capital, Rio.

At Brasilia, stately ceremonies of inauguration.

But what about Rio - abandoned as the capital? Losing - its political status. Well, Rio took the demotion - in its famous old way. Rio - staging a carnival. People - dancing in the streets. Anything - for a lot of noisy fun.

That's Rio, and it's one reason why they moved the capital away. Saying, the frivolity does not encourage hard work. So Rio laughs and dances. And how about you, Dick?

HIKERS

That cross country bunion derby running into an argument. Dr. Barbara Moore charged with hitchhiking. The allegation - made by those two British sergeants, who are out in front of her - trudging across the continent.

They had a one-day start - and are still fifty miles ahead of her. But they ~~are~~ were ninety miles ahead. The fifty-six year old woman - gaining ~~sixty~~ forty miles on them yesterday when she trudged - one-hundred-and-seven miles in seventeen hours.

So that's what makes them intimate that - she must have been riding part of the way, yesterday.

When informed ^{of} this, she snapped: "I will slap their faces. If I am a crackpot, they are - scoundrels," she says:- they must be hitch-hiking.

(Dr. Barbara Moore started out - with a truck following her. Carrying provisions. The vegetarian fare - that's her diet. Fruit juices- and the juice of grass. But she had a row - with the driver of the truck. Which was

provided - by a health food company. ~~To~~ What's the trouble?

Well, she refused to endorse the products, which the firm

sells. "It just wouldn't be ethical" said the British

lady pedestrian.

So now, she's carrying - her own provisions.)