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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At this moment, Republican National Headquarters is being flooded with telephone calls from all over the country. They started coming in, the moment Nixon got off the air.

LEAD

As so many of us have just heard, an hour ago, Senator Nixon leaves the question - open. My guess is that the response to his public accounting will be - overwhelmingly favorable. On radio-television in Los Angeles, Senator Nixon left it to the Republican National Committee to decide - whether he will remain on the ticket, or step out of the picture. But the decision was also left up to the people - Richard Nixon asking them to send message giving their opinion.

His financial explanation was persuasive - showing a young man in political life, without any resources of wealth, trying to make a go of it, accepting help from people backing his cause. His tone was simple, affecting. He spoke with emotion, as why wouldn't he - considering his dilemma. All of which will draw, I think, a favorable public response. Which could dictate the decision by the Republican leadership, and convince them that Nixon should stay on the ticket with General Eisenhower.

That's one quick impression, a snap judgment after a climax of political drama.

It all was heard with profound interest at Cleveland, Ohio, tonight. There, General Eisenhower (continue with original story headed POLITICS from the second sentence on.)

Eisenhower made one of his most important campaign speeches scheduled weeks ahead, the exact hour set. But this, as it turned out, conflicted with Senator Nixon's headline accounting tonight, when he appeared on television and radio, to explain - that fund. The General scheduled to begin his address at exactly the same hour as Nixon, talking to the nation. That coincidence provided the dramatic situation.

General Ike is making his bid in the home state of Senator Taft, whom he defeated for the nomination. The Senator - joining him in a rally of the Taft forces in Ohio. Today, the General received a huge ovation at the State Capital, Columbus. Crowds of a hundred thousand cheered him as he rode through the streets with Mrs. Eisenhower and Senator Taft. There were thirty thousand at the State Capitol, where Ike made a brief address. Tonight Senator Taft is with him on the platform - for

that address, the time which of conflicts with the Nixon television-radio explanation.

The answer to the dilemma of timing made it a great political show.

In Cleveland Ike delayed his own speech until his running mate has had his say. During the Nixon explanation, he was in a nearby room, watching and listening - at a television set. All accounts were that the General would make up his mind after Senator Nixon had spoken. What to do? Retain him on the ticket? Or - have Nixon retire, with another nominee taking his place? A dispatch from Los Angeles stated that, while more than fifty million Americans would be listening, Senator Nixon would be really talking to one man - General Dwight Eisenhower.

Meanwhile, the audience in Cleveland was waiting - and they heard a broadcast of the Nixon address. Today,

arrangements were made - to pipe this into the big hall tonight.

Well, after the Nixon explanation was over, General Ike came out - for his own speech. You can imagine the electricity in the air, when he appeared. Would he say anything about what he had just heard, and what the audience had just heard? It seemed sure that he would - say something. He might even give a hint of his own decision. All of which produced that suspense, which is the essence of dramatic action.

Today, speaking briefly in Ohio, General Ike went in for some phrase-making. He gave Adlai Stevenson a new name, the nickname - Humorous. Which the Governor, however, does not deserve today. He makes an address in Baltimore tonight - in which, apparently, there will be no reference to the fact that Adlai Stevenson also had a fund. ~~XXXXXX~~
Somewhat like - the Nixon fund.

Add this in POLITICS following the paragraph ending

"The essence of dramatic action"

"General Eisenhower told the crowd: "I have seen many brave men in tough situations but I have never seen any come through in better fashion than Senator Nixon did tonight."

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No, no reference to that - and there are no jokes or witty phrases. In Baltimore, Stevenson concentrates on inflation - all dead serious.

So it's General Ike who waxes sarcastic. Today, he described the Truman administration in these words - "what Humorous calls a Fair Deal." Sounds as if the General were beginning to be nettled by the Stevenson quips.

He got off a line of his own, saying: "Our job is not one of face-lifting, but is one of a top-to-bottom, clean-out and clean-up."

FOLLOW POLITICS

The White House denies

~~It was disclosed today~~ that President Truman ^{asked} ordered the Department of Justice to look into the Nixon fund - to see if any law was violated. There ^{is} a statute which forbids ^{certain} Federal employees to receive ^{ing} ~~tax~~ salaries or other earnings from the outside - though ^{the belief is that this does not} ~~whether this could~~ apply to the members of Congress. ~~is doubtful.~~

Meanwhile, it is disclosed - that the ~~Treasurer~~ of the Nixon expense fund, Dana Smith of Los Angeles, was aided by Nixon's former Administrative assistant, John Erwin - in obtaining an interview with a lawyer at the Department of Justice in Washington. This, in connection with a tax refund claim of half a million dollars. Both Smith and Erwin declare that the only thing Erwin did was to phone Washington and make an appointment.

(The Republicans, on their side, are ^{now} attacking -- concentrating on that Illinois fund, promoted by Governor Stevenson - where by the salaries of State

officials were augmented by contributions from the outside. They jeer - that Stevenson was letting Nixon be crucified for the same thing that Stevenson had practiced in Illinois, in behalf of officials he had appointed to office.)

Moreover, Illinois Republicans are charging "payroll padding" during the Stevenson administration. They say that, in the State Welfare Department the number of employees increased from one-hundred-and-eighty-six to two-hundred-and-fifty-eight in three years. And ^{they} tell of welfare department employees who do little or no work, while drawing salaries ^{of} more than five hundred dollars a month.

The State Welfare Director replies by saying - they are engaged in special projects. One project - having to do with emergency evacuation in case of an atom bomb attack. That atom bomb angle provokes the mockery ~~is~~ of Illinois Republicans.

The whole thing has turned into one grand free-for-all, a battle royal all over the lot. The

dizzy climax comes in a statement tonight by Democratic chairman Stephen Mitchell - concerning a suggestion that Governor Stevenson should retire from the Democratic ticket. If Nixon is to be cast off because of a California fund, So, by correct logic, Stevenson should retire as Presidential candidate - because of that Illinois fund. The Democratic Chairman calls this - ridiculous. Well, it would be something of a farce - if the Republican number two man were ousted. Also - the Democratic number one man. Logic would seem to be turning somersaults in this political campaign.

POLITICS-FEDERATION

The American Federation of Labor this afternoon endorsed Governor Adlai Stevenson. This is no surprise. It had been forecast all along.

~~In a military campaign, were to find out that his own
Second-in-Command had been keeping from him a secret
with all the potentialities of dynamite. You can see
that Second-in-Command sent off on garrison duty
somewhere.~~

In the case of Governor Stevenson, he says that
that Illinois fund, sponsored by himself, was a matter
of public knowledge all the time, no secret. But, he
didn't say anything about it, in all the storm raised
over the Nixon fund. ^{Stevenson} He admitted the existence of the
fund, only when a Chicago business executive made the
whole thing public in a telegram to ^{the Democratic candidate} Stevenson last
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In fact, Kent Chandler says he sent the wire -
only because, for four days, the Presidential candidate
failed to speak up. And all the while, Nixon was the
target for the brickbats, many of them hurled by
Democrats.

It would seem that a lot of leading Democrats
didn't know about Stevenson's Illinois fund. Last

It's an irony of politics that Senator Nixon and Governor Stevenson should both appear in the business of - funds. The Republican Vice-Presidential candidate and the Democratic Presidential candidate - in the same boat, more or less.

There are differences, of course. Nixon - having political expenses paid from a fund put up by prominent California citizens. Governor Stevenson received nothing, personally, from that Illinois fund. He wouldn't have to - he's independently wealthy. The fund - used to provide added income for State officials, who needed more than their official salary.

But the principle is much the same - the old story that public office doesn't pay so well. Actually, the tricky point would seem to be - the secrecy.

Nixon, when nominated for the Vice-Presidency, did not reveal anything about his fund. He certainly did not tell his Chief, General Eisenhower, anything about it. The disclosure must have startled Ike no end, ~~after his long career as a soldier. Suppose a General,~~

night, we noted that, his address before the American Federation of Labor, Stevenson did not mention Nixon. *Nor did he join in any way*
~~He didn't join~~ in the Democratic thunder hurled against the number two man on the opposing ticket, *all of* which, now, is understandable.

Well, on both the Nixon and the Stevenson side, we may find reason to believe that silence is not always so golden. ~~There can be hills in secrecy~~ the failure to speak up.

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~~Later - could state they were on the phone.~~

(In Washington - more testimony given by F. Lamar Caudle, the ousted Assistant Attorney General. He has been naming names of White House aides and members of Congress - who, he claims, intervened in tax fraud cases.) Today he named - White House appointment Secretary Matthew Connolley. Previously, he had mentioned David Niles who, until last spring, was White House adviser on minority problems.

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~~Later, Caudle stated that, four months before~~

PACIFIC COUNCIL

London gives us a picture of British diplomats officials - astonished and annoyed. They have just received a rejection - which they've sent along to Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, both on the continent. Churchill - vacationing on the Riviera. Eden - returning from conferences with Marshal Tito in Jugoslavia.

(London wanted to have a British representative at the meetings of the Pacific Council in Honolulu. The request - rejected by the members of the Council, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.)

The council is discussing the defense of the Pacific, and Britain has plenty of possessions in the Pacific. But the reply is that, if Britain were allowed to sit in, other countries would be entitled to the same right. Which would make -- too many.

London is particularly irked, because Australia and New Zealand joined in the turn-down of the mother country. London believing - that the two dominions

have been high-pressures^d by Washington. The refusal rankles all the more - because it shows Australia and New Zealand looking to America, not Britain, for leadership.

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LEBANON

The Lebanon has a New President - Camille Chamoun, who was the chief political rival of the deposed President Al Koury. This follows the coup d'etat last week, when Al Koury was overthrown by political demonstrations - and a refusal of the Lebanese army to support him.

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SPORTS

Tonight was a high spot, not only in Politics, but ~~also~~ also in /the world of sports. The Brooklyn Dodgers clinched the Pennant beating Philadelphia five to four. They won the first game of a double-header - and the Brooklyn fans went wild. The Dodgers - now going to the World Series.

In the bout for the heavyweight championship staged in Philadelphia - - -

Here's an example of an effective way to begin a news dispatch. Nothing like a good lead, smart and snappy. From London, a story filed by Robert Musel, correspondent of the United Press, and the first paragraph reads as follows:

"London, September Twenty-third. Charlie Chaplin moved into a one-hundred-and-thirty-two dollar a day suite at the Hotel Savoy today, and told newsmen with a sob in his voice, 'I am not a Communist'."

Maybe a little Nelson that would be/ too much, - Communism in a one-hundred-and-thirty-two dollar a day hotel suite.