

NIXON

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Vice-President Nixon is at the bedside - of his stricken father, tonight. Flying from the San Francisco Convention to the home of the seventy-seven year old elder Nixon, at LaHabra, California. ~~Where the report of the doctors was - unfavorable.~~ *P* In the middle of the Republican Convention <sup>-as you know -</sup> <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ Vice-President got/word about his aged father, ~~was~~ in a critical condition - because of an abdominal hemorrhage. So he left San Francisco immediately, and it seemed - he wouldn't be there, when they renominated him for second place on the Eisenhower ticket. Yesterday, however, the doctors reported the elder Nixon - "very much improved." And the patient urged his son, to return to San Francisco - for his renomination and speech of acceptance. So that's how it came about that Dick Noxon played his part in the finale', <sup>and made an impressive speech</sup> *1* last night.

*His* ~~the~~ father took it all in on the television.

Then, later, suffered a mild relapse. His son - hurrying back to the sick-bed at LaHabra. ~~where the medical news~~

~~is - bad -~~

L T EISENHOWER

Except for Chairman Joe Martin, and the few other convention officials on the platform, no one had any better chance to study President Eisenhower, than I did. When he entered, he and Mamie passed within arm's length of me. And throughout his speech, I was not more than twenty five feet away.

Although there were more than four thousand press, radio and television people at this convention, just as there were in Chicago, I happened to be lucky ~~xx~~ because a Texas editor whose seat in the press section was tight against the platform runway rail, asked me to share his space with him. It was the perfect spot ~~xxx~~ for studying the President. And of course, like every other American I was interested in seeing how he looked, how he acted, how vigorous and alert.

The Dallas, Texas editor sitting next to me, Felix McKnight, turned to me and said: "He seems to be in perfect health!" How could a man be more rugged

than that?"

And so he seemed to me. Not quite as heavy as when I had last seen him at the White House in March. Yes, as you have heard he has lost a little weight. But not much. His stride was as springy as that of a young man. He was laughing, and apparently in rare form.

My neighbor, Dallas editor McKnight, ~~xxx~~ also remarked: "I never saw him put more fire into a speech". And then he added: "And he's ad-libbing all over the place."

You don't often hear a more forceful political convention speech than the one delivered by President Eisenhower. If anything he even put more fire into it than his fighting number two, Vice President Nixon.

## KIDNAP

The body of the kidnapped Weinberger child was found, today - in a patch of Long Island woods. The police - following directions given by the kidnapper, Angelo John Lamarca, a thirty-one year old mechanic. Who was run down by a long, patient study of handwriting. The script in the kidnap note - ~~matching his own.~~ Matched against thousands of records - in the files of schools, license bureaus and the police.

The abductor confesses that he was badly in debt, and was ready to hand over the baby in return for the two thousand dollars he demanded. But was frightened by signs that the kidnap had been made public, and the police were on the alert. So he drove off to a wooded section, and placed the child under a bush - not far from the main highway.

There, today, the police found the pitiful bundle - about seventy-five feet off the Northern State Parkway, a little more than a block from the nearest house. The police explaining - that the cries of the infant were unlikely to be heard over the noise of heavy traffic along the highway.

## SUEZ

The "Suez Committee" will invite Egyptian President Nasser to a meeting at Geneva, or Rome, to discuss the Canal situation. The Committee - a five-nation group, supporting a Dulles compromise plan for internationalizing the Suez Canal. Following the London conference, <sup>this group has</sup> ~~they've~~ taken over, <sup>to</sup> attempting to reach an agreement with Nasser. On the Committee - *I mentioned last night,* Australia, the United States, Sweden, Iran and Ethiopia. The Chairman - Prime Minister Menzies of Australia.

The Russian delegation has been in opposition, and so <sup>has</sup> ~~is~~ India - but there was a surprise, today, from Indian Delegate Krishna Menon. He wished the Suez Committee good-luck -- in its dealings with Nasser.

Word in Cairo is, that the Egyptian Premier is willing to discuss the Suez question with the Committee. Provided - that Britain and France discontinue their build-up of military force in the eastern Mediterranean. However, the British and French are not represented in the five-nation group, and are still moving ships, planes and soldiers to the Suez Canal area.

PLANE

A U.S. Navy task force, today, found empty  
liferrafts <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ wreckage of a U.S. patrol plane,  
believed to have been shot down by the Reds - with  
sixteen Americans aboard. No sign of survivors. The  
discovery was made within sight of islands held by the  
Communists - about fifty miles from the China mainland,  
near Shanghai. Two hundred miles north of the point -  
where the plane disappeared early yesterday - After  
making a radio report - that it was being attacked.  
Presumably, the plane, after being hit - flew on, and  
then plunged into the sea.

Later, the Red Radio admitted that Communist  
fighters had attacked and damaged - a "Chaing Kai-shek  
plane." And it may be that the Reds <sup>were</sup> ~~may~~ not have been  
able to identify the American plane. The attack occurred  
at night - shortly after midnight.

The State Department in Washington has asked  
Britain to demand a full explanation from China - since  
we don't recognize the Red government. *7 On the Monterey*  
*peninsula,* near San Francisco, President Eisenhower was in

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communication with the State Department, receiving the latest reports on this incident. The newly renominated President - faced, promptly, with another affair of *an* American plane<sup>s</sup> attacked in the Far East.

OTTO JOHN

The West German government has brought a charge of treason against Dr. Otto John, the former chief of the West German counter-espionage organization - who made a double switch. Defecting, first - to the Communists. Then defecting - back to the free world.

During <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ year-and-a-half while behind the Iron Curtain. he did Communist propaganda work. His doings among the Reds, under investigation for eight months, ever since he came back to the free world. Investigation completed - Otto John accused of treason.



## HOLLAND

In Holland, Queen Juliana has broken with the faith healer, who had caused - both a political and a domestic crisis. The news having told - how the Queen had fallen under the influence of middle-aged Greet Hofmanns. Who promised that, by faith healing - she'd cure the impaired eyesight of Juliana's youngest daughter. The faith healing - not seeming to be of any benefit. But the Queen - retaining her belief in it.

The Queen's husband, Prince Bernhardt, disapproved, and there was talk of a rift in the royal household. Ministers of the government also disapproved, <sup>all of which</sup> produced political complications.

Today - a royal communique, saying - the Queen and Prince Bernhardt <sup>have</sup> ~~now~~ solved their "difficulties." The couple announcing: "We now look forward to the future with confidence."

Along with this, Dutch newspapers were given the information - that Queen Juliana has broken "permanently" with the faith healer.

I.V. To get back to our political conventions again -

In the television-radio coverage of the two, *Chicago and San Francisco,* ~~national conventions,~~ the networks took - a heavy loss.

So stated by Robert Sarnoff, President of N.B.C. Who, speaking in San Francisco today, declared - that N.B.C., alone, will drop a million or two. The entire industry, networks plus local stations - dropping between seventeen and eighteen million.

Of course, Radio and T.V. ran commercials - but had to cancel out a huge lot of their regular commercial programs. And the cost of covering the two conventions, ~~for~~ *with* the vast amount of technical elaboration, was fabulous.

So ~~a~~ General Sarnoff remarked that, in the future - the networks might reduce the amount of time given to those long drawn out affairs of oratory, and more oratory.

C.B.S. agrees. Sig Michelson, Vice-President, In Charge of News and Public Affairs, declaring: "It's pretty evident that we may have to cut back a little on the conventions of Nineteen Sixty. I don't know how much,

but it seems to be getting out of hand a bit," says he.

C.B.S. carried thirty-three hours of the Democratic National Convention - and twenty-two ~~hours-and-thirty~~ minutes of the Republican. In the two weeks, the conventions took up four days and seven hours of C.B.S. time. Much the same, with the other networks.

However, another slant is taken by Sylvester (Pat) Weaver, Chairman of the Board of N.B.C., who says: "There's no question that we will lose a lot of money by covering the conventions this year. But," he adds, "T.V. is so prosperous, there's no reason why we shouldn't cover the full conventions. Actually, I think we've learned something - the best place to watch a convention is on T.V. I think," he goes on, "people sitting at home have seen more than anyone in the hall - including me."

## FARLEY

The doctors report - that Jim Farley's eyesight will be okay. After <sup>an operation for</sup> the injury he sustained at the Democratic National Convention - when a placard flung by a Stevenson enthusiast hit the former Postmaster General in the eye. It was at the moment when Adlai clinched the nomination. The Stevenson adherent - so jubilant, he tossed the placard. Which smacked Jim Farley in the right eye, damaging the retina.

Returning to New York, Jim ~~consulted the~~ <sup>had to have</sup> ~~doctors. Who found he had a "detached" retina. And advised an emergency operation, as a precaution. Maybe the "detached" retina would heal itself - but an operation would make sure.~~

~~So the surgery was performed, and~~ Today the medical report ~~was,~~ Farley's eyesight would not be harmed - "barring complications."

There were a number of political casualties at Chicago, with Jim Farley - the only physical casualty needing surgery.

JOE SMITH

That new headliner, Joe Smith - is getting a good ~~xxx~~ deal of attention. Today, Governor Gary of Oklahoma, called - for a rally of all ~~the~~ Joe Smiths. ~~of the nation.~~

I suppose that, actually, there are quite a few - although the "Joe Smith" whose name made so strange an appearance at the Republican Convention - is a myth. A mere whim of Terry Carpenter, a Nebraska delegate with an original turn of mind. Who tried to nominate a figment of his own imagination, for Vice-President. ~~One of the few really entertaining moments of the two weeks of conventions.~~

The Governor of Oklahoma ~~wants to rally all the Joe Smiths - for Stevenson. He ~~is~~~~ proposes - a national "Joe Smith for Stevenson Club". ~~Governor Gary declaring he'll make the suggestion, in person, to the Democratic nominee. When Adlai meets with regional campaign workers at Santa Fe, New Mexico.~~

~~Seems like a paradoxical idea. The mythical Joe Smith - a Republican fiction.~~ Anyway, he's an imaginary character - and Adlai will need more than imaginary votes.

## MARILYN

The two national conventions eclipsed a lot of other news, and there were some favorite subjects - we haven't been hearing about for the past couple of weeks. Including - Marilyn Monroe. Today, however, the news wire gives us a dispatch from London - with a headline about the blond movie queen with all that shape.

Stating - that Marilyn's new husband, Playwright Arthur Miller, is coming home, leaving Marilyn in London, where <sup>with Sir Lawrence Olivier</sup> she's working on a picture. The separation - only temporary. Marilyn's husband - interrupting the honeymoon, only for a brief time. Merely intending - to see his children by a former marriage.

The honeymoon - otherwise unimpaired - ~~As~~ is shown - by what really is ~~in~~ the headline.

The London dispatch solemnly stating - that Marilyn and her hubby converse with each other in "baby talk". Hubby calling Marilyn - "Poopsie Woopsie". While Marilyn calls him - "Popsie Wopsie."

Well, it must be something to hear - the baby-talk of "Poopsie Woopsie" and "Popsie Wopsie."

*Now Henry*

SPY

A Russian employee of the Secretariat of the United Nations - has been fired for anti-American espionage. A translator named Petrov - who tried to get secret information concerning American military aircraft. He dealt with an American aircraft worker, who became suspicious, and informed the F.B.I. The evidence - turned over to the U.N. Secretary General, Dag Hammarskjold. Petrov fined - now out of the country.