

POLITICS

LT. - Olds. Mon. Apr. 11th '60.

Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York -- took prompt action, today. Disowning -- a "stop Nixon" movement, ~~which was~~ launched -- by four New York Republicans, who are known to ex favor -- Nelson Rockefeller as the Republican candidate for President.

They wrote a letter to the G.O.P. National Committee, expressing what they called "serious" doubt that ^{Nixon} ~~he~~ would be elected -- or that he would make a good President.

Disavowal of this -- comes from the Rockefeller office. ~~It~~ A declaration stating: "Governor Rockefeller deplores this personal attack upon the Vice President." And adds -- that the Rockefeller people had nothing whatever to do with the attack.

This, of course, will discourage a good deal of talk recently -- about reviving the Rockefeller boom. Talk -- urging the possibility of a draft-Rockefeller move at the National Convention.

Talking about a draft, Adlai Stevenson, returning - from a trip abroad, was asked - would he accept a draft for the Democratic presidential nomination? So what's the reply? Well, it's neatly worded. Adlai replying - that, if he said he would accept a draft, he would appear to be courting a draft. But, if he said he would not accept a draft, he would appear to be - a "draft evader."

So quipped Adlai - and who wants to be a "draft evader?" Why, you could be put in jail for that.

The New York Times, today, reported - a "stop Kennedy" coalition in West Virginia. Supporters of other candidates - urged to back Humphrey. The coalition leader - Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia. Not - Virginia Senator Byrd. This is West Virginia - another Byrd.

Later in the day, however, the West Virginian denied - that he has been urging a "stop Kennedy"

combination. Explaining - that he's merely been telling the West Virginia voters that the Primary may be their "last chance" to vote for somebody else - than Senator Kennedy. In effect - warning the supporters of Symington, Johnson and Stevenson that, if Kennedy wins the West Virginia Primary - he may run away with the nomination.

The Times also reports - a "whispering campaign" against Kennedy in West Virginia. Trying - to stir up religious prejudice against him, a thing most Americans deplore.

SATELLITE

The U.S. Weather Bureau announces - a discovery made by Tiros. Something alarming - spotted by that weather observation satellite.

Tiros, in its orbit around the globe, sent back a television photograph, showing a huge typhoon - eight hundred miles east of Australia. The storm - raging on the spaces of the South Pacific. The normal course of a typhoon would, probably, take it in the direction of Australia.

Today, Dr. F.W. Reichelderfer, Chief of the U.S. Weather Bureau, sent a telegram to Dr. L.J. Dyer, Weather Director in Australia, notifying him - of the typhoon spotted by Tiros.

Later news -- the existence of the tropical storm -- confirmed.

ROME

The new Premier of Italy -- didn't last long.
In office over the weekend -- resigning today; ~~On~~ the
insistence -- of his own political party -- the Christian
Democrats.

Premier Tambroni won a vote of confidence -- by
a narrow margin ~~Only~~ because -- twenty-four neo-Fascists
voted for him. He didn't want their support -- and neither
did the Christian Democratic party, ~~which~~ urged him
to resign -- rather than stay in office with the help of
neo-Fascists.

So Italy is again -- without a Cabinet.

SOUTH AFRICA

There are contradictory reports -- on the condition of Prime Minister Verwoerd of South Africa, following -- the assassination attempt on Saturday. One report -- that the head wounds from bullets may have ~~and~~ damaged his hearing and speech permanently. But that is denied. The Premier ^{Lia said to be} -- recovering in good style.

The would-be assassin -- kept incommunicado. A wealthy British rancher -- said to have suffered from mental disturbances. No motive suggested -- except psychopathic reasons.

~~(^{is} Acting Premier -- to be named. Most likely -- Paul Sauer, Minister of Lands. ^{who is} Regarded -- as a Moderate in the matter of racial policies.)~~

MOROCCO

In Morocco - an astonishing criminal trial.

Twenty-four defendants - facing the court at Rabat, charged - with a fantastic, tragic swindle. ~~4~~ Last autumn, there was an epidemic of paralysis. In which - ten thousand victims were stricken with a malady that seemed to resemble polio. Most of them recovered, but six hundred remained paralyzed.

An investigation revealed the truth. The epidemic - tracing to an American batch of poisonous oil, used - for cleaning jet engines of U.S. Air Force jet planes. The oil - declared surplus, and sold. Clearly marked - "not for human consumption." The ~~U.S.~~ ^(Moroccan) government - finding the Air Force not at all responsible.

The jet airplane oil got into the hands of a bunch of Moroccan swindlers, who used it - in adulteration of olive oil, which was then sold in shops - to hundreds of Moroccan housewives, who used it in cooking. The epidemic of paralysis - following.

Today's trial, with twenty-four defendants - is the biggest in Moroccan history. With King Mohammed the Fifth demanding - that the death penalty be imposed on the criminals who mixed - poisonous jet plane oil with olive oil.

There aren't so many monarchs in Europe any more - Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and Greece. Only one royal family of which - has accepted the invitation. Queen Ingrid of Denmark - will attend. King Olav of Norway says he'll come to be present at the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Royal Norwegian Society. In Holland, the word - that Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard have a tight schedule of appointments, the week - of the wedding. Crown Princess Beatrix will not be there - because she'll be paying a long planned visit to the city of Geneva, which sounds like - chess. Today, Belgian reports said - it's unlikely that any of the Belgian royal family will attend.

PRINCESS

British newspapers are complaining angrily - that royalty in continental Europe is cold-shouldering the marriage of Princess Margaret. Kings, Queens, and Princes on the continent - snubbing the wedding. Receiving invitations to attend, they reply - that they have other engagements.

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The London papers give their own reasons - for the royal refusals. The bridegroom - a commoner. Anthony Armstrong-Jones -- a former photographer. In addition to which, the continental newspapers have been printing - lurid accounts of the bachelor life of Armstrong-Jones.

~~Today the London Daily Express printed~~

At Clarence House, residence of Princess Margaret, the word is - that they don't regard the royal refusals - as a "boycott".

There seems to be no end of hullabaloo - about the marriage of the Princess. Maybe she ought to go off and have a quiet wedding - like the typewriter heiress.

- Dick -

BATS

Ladies, you can now be sure -- if a bat flies into your hair, it won't get so tangled that you can't get it out. You have this -- in word from London. The Earl of Cranbrook -- giving you the good news. [†]His Grace -- a student of bats. So he made -- an experiment at his country house. Using six kinds of bat, and two kinds of lady. Three blondes -- and two brunettes.
. The Earl persuaded them -- to let him thrust the bats in their hair -- although they didn't enjoy it. So what happened? [†]Well, the bats merely walked around on each head, blonde and brunette -- and then flew off.

So says the Earl of Cranbrook, -- and now, ^{Dick}

bat. And s-l-u-t-m.