

Sen. Knowland Backs Nixon For 1960 Race

Vows Support If He Doesn't Run Himself

Senator Expects To Serve Full Term If Named Governor

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP) — Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) today said that if he is not himself a candidate he will support Vice President Nixon for the 1960 Republican presidential nomination.

Knowland, the Senate Republican leader, is running for governor of California in this year's election. He has said that if nominated and elected to that office he anticipates serving a full four-year term.

Without foreclosing the possibility that he might seek the GOP presidential nomination two years from now, Knowland said in a radio interview that if he does not he will back Nixon's expected bid as the Republicans' 1960 standard bearer.

CAMPAIGN CITED
Speaking of his gubernatorial campaign, Knowland said:

"If I am elected I expect to serve out a four-year term—possibly two four-year terms. Assuming that I do serve out the first four-year term I think Nixon would be the nominee of the party for President in 1960.

"I am not making any Sherman statement and I am not foreclosing myself against any of the developments that might occur."

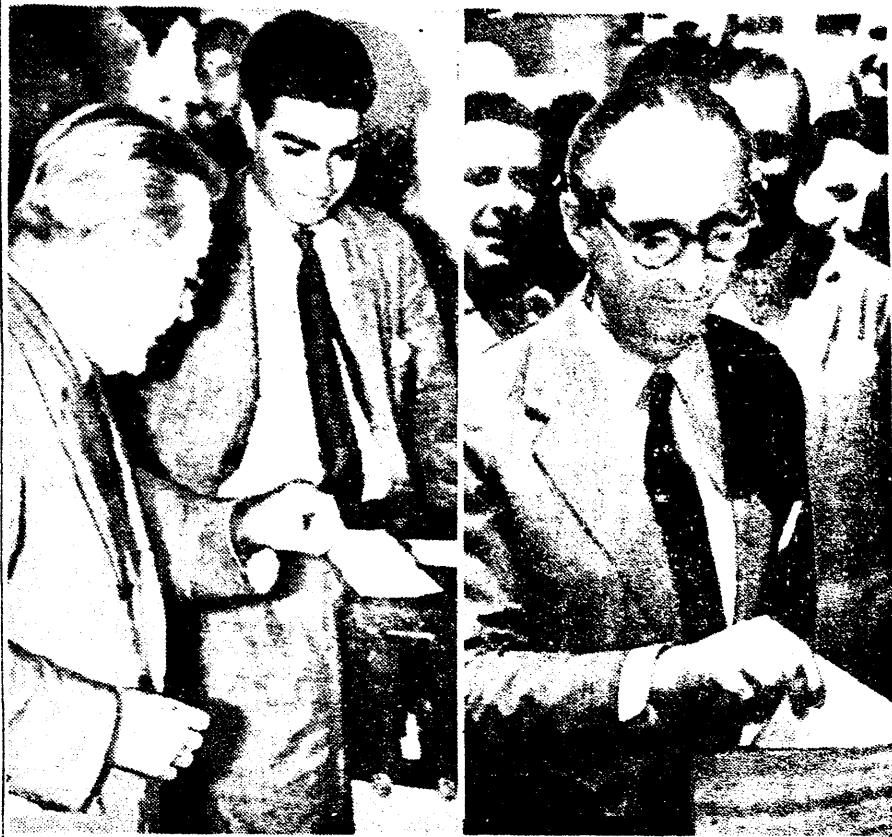
Civil War Gen. Tecumseh Sherman once said that if he were nominated for president he would not accept it and if he were elected he would not serve. The finality of this sort of statement has generally been avoided by politicians since that time.

NIXON LEAD SEEN

Although Knowland did not say so in as many words, he conveyed the impression he believes Nixon has a long lead for the party nomination and is not likely to be beaten out by any other candidate. Knowland made it clear that Nixon is his preference over any other likely opponent.

On the other hand, Knowland obviously wished to leave the way open for seeking the nomination himself if any development should eliminate Nixon from the race.

Several months ago, when Knowland announced he would seek the Republican nomination for governor of California, Gov. Knight announced that he intended to remain in the race for re-nomination. In the period before Knight decided to quit the contest and seek the senatorial seat Knowland will vacate next January, Nixon announced that in a contest between Knowland and Knight the Vice President would support Knowland.



Argentine presidential candidates, Ricardo Balbin, left photo, and Arturo Frondizi, at right, cast votes in nation's first free election.

Peronist Candidate Wins Argentine Presidential Race

By WILLIAM GIANDONI
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BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 23 — Arturo Frondizi, a leftist lawyer, today won the six-year presidential term in Argentina's first free election since Juan D. Peron's dictatorship.

Shortly before midnight, unofficial tallies gave Frondizi, who ran with Peron's blessing, 662,552 to 392,505 for his moderate opponent, Ricardo Balbin.

FRONDIZI'S TRIUMPH
Frondizi's triumph was indicated when he took an early lead in the federal capital and in Buenos Aires province, Balbin's home province.

His lead widened as the counting continued.

Argentines took the day off to hold the elections, the biggest and most important in the nation's history.

But it was not a holiday. All bars, restaurants, theaters in fact every place but bakeries and churches—were required to close until 9 p.m. three hours after the polls shut.

A record 10 million registered voters were legally obliged to cast ballots to elect everything from the local school board members to the president of the republic.

The polls closed at 6 p.m. without reports of serious incidents here or elsewhere in Argentina.

CLEAR, WARM DAY
Rifle and burp gun armed sailors, soldiers and airmen guarded all 41,361 voting places throughout the nation. Guards were posted to insure there would be no difficulties with the provisional government, which overthrew Peron's dictatorship in September, 1955.

fulfilled its promise to hold democratic elections.

The day was warm and bright in Buenos Aires when the polls opened at 8 a.m. and stayed clear all day long.

Reports from the interior indicated heavy rains falling in many places. In Santiago del Estero, the army used helicopters to move election officials because of near flood conditions.

In Buenos Aires, there was little noticeable enthusiasm among the voters. This was the result of an Argentine law which halted campaigning Friday at midnight and closed bars, coffee shops and other public places Saturday at midnight.

Hence, Argentines could only vote, attend church and walk in the Buenos Aires sun throughout the day.

Although a dozen parties were running, presidential candidates, only Balbin of the Popular Radical Party and Frondizi of the Intransigent Radical Party were considered seriously in the running.

Actually, the presidential voting today was only for members of electoral colleges which will meet March 17 in 23 provincial capitals. Their decisions will be combined.

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Truman Assailed By Aroused GOP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP) — The Republicans today began a massive counterattack against former President Truman. They said Truman's assault last night on the Eisenhower-GOP record was irresponsible, cynical, demagogic, reckless, untrue "dime-a-dance oratory."

In an outpouring of state-ments apparently coordinated by the Republican National Committee, GOP Congress-ional members assailed the former President for his televised Democratic pep talk in much the same strong style Truman employed.

Most of the statements dwelt at length on the record of Truman's own administration and accused him of having a short memory.

For sheer volume, it was one of the greatest floods of mimeographed reaction to a political speech seen here in years.

The Truman speech which aroused Republican ire was delivered to a \$100-a-plate Democratic dinner here last night. In it the former President accused the Eisenhower administration of producing a "Republican recession" at home and a "crisis of confidence" abroad.

It was in effect the kickoff of the Democratic campaign for the November congressional election.

In a statement from GOP headquarters, National Chairman Alcorn said Truman "trod the same low road of abuse and invective to which he is so accustomed."

"This was Harry Truman's weakest speech and one of his (Continued on a-3, Col. 4)

Sumatra City Braces For New Bomb Attacks

Women, Children Flee Rebel Center As Tension Mounts

Compiled from The San Diego Union's Wire Services
PADANG, Sumatra, Feb. 23 — A number of women and children today fled this rebel Indonesian city in fear of further air raids and possible troop landings by the central government in Jakarta.

Rebel military ground units braced for further onslaughts in President Sukarno's campaign to crush the revolutionary regime set up in central Sumatra Feb. 15 for the purpose of forcing Sukarno to oust Communists from his government.

RADIOS SMASHED
Today, for the first time in three days, there was no report of government air force fighters or bombers over central Sumatra.

Yesterday's attack by nine World War II vintage P51 fighters and two B25 Mitchell bombers, all U.S.-built, smashed the rebel radios at Padang and Bukittinggi, the seats of the rebel government.

One 60-year-old man was reported killed in an attack at Pasar Baru, 60 miles south of Padang.

It was the first casualty in the central government's action against the rebel regime.

ATTACK AN ERROR
One bomb was dropped on the town of Djambi. It was reported here that the Djambi attack was an error since Djambi is under south-Sumatran command and Jakarta was said to be sending a mission to apologize to Col. Barlian, south Sumatran commander.

Barlian is reported here to have issued a new warning to Jakarta against using south Sumatra as a base for attacks against central Sumatra.

Although most of the 150,000 residents of Padang were calm after yesterday's bombing some families were sending women and children to outlying towns for safety. Soldier's families also were being moved to remote villages.

Meanwhile, in Jakarta, former Vice President Mohammad Hatta moved to throw (Continued on a-2, Col. 4)

Cuban Rebels Kidnap Racer

HAVANA, Feb. 23 (AP) — Cuban rebels tonight kidnaped Argentina's Juan Manuel Fangio, 46, world champion racing driver, from his hotel in downtown Havana at gunpoint.

Two unmasked men entered the lobby of the Hotel Lincoln while Fangio was talking with three racing associates.

One man guarded the doorway. The other walked up and stuck a pistol in Fangio's back and ordered him out.

The five-time winner of the world's automobile racing championship was forced into a waiting automobile, which moved off at high speed.

Rebel leader Fidel Castro's 26th of July revolutionary movement announced its responsibility for the kidnaping.

Rebel spokesmen telephoned the Associated Press and said Fangio had been kidnaped by Castro forces. They refused to say what would be done with him.

Police launched an intensive hunt for the kidnapers. They assigned special squads to guard all of the other 24 internationally known racing drivers here for Cuba's Gran Premio auto races tomorrow.

Fangio had just returned to the hotel after making the fastest trial run on the Malecon racing course. He was kidnaped at 8:55 p.m. EST.

Nello Ugolini, director of the Maserati automobile manufacturing plant, said he and two other men were talking with Fangio at the time.

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Wilbur (Pete) Harold, 42, left, in state of shock, is aided by officers after being rescued from well where he was trapped eight hours by cave-in.

CAUGHT IN HOLE Well Victim Spooned Out By Rescuers

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Feb. 23 (AP) — Wilbur (Pete) Harold, 42, was lifted alive from a caved-in well in his basement early today in an eight-hour rescue operation so delicate that workmen dug with kitchen spoons.

He appeared uninjured, but suffered shock.

Harold was trapped 20 feet below the basement floor of his home in East Germantown near where when he and two other men attempted to remove a broken water pipe.

Shale and gravel buried him to his shoulders and threatened to engulf him.

Edward Wicks of Cambridge City, a contractor, rigged a barrel-like enclosure and lowered it over Harold's head. State police routed traffic away from nearby U.S. Highway 40 to reduce vibration.

Police and civil defense units piped oxygen to the trapped man while rescuers spooned the shale and gravel into a five-gallon milk can, which was hoisted to the surface each time it was filled.

Eisenhower Ends Vacation

PHOENIX, Feb. 23 (AP) — President Eisenhower flew back to Washington and the affairs of state tonight at the end of a 10-day vacation in Georgia and a quick pleasure trip to Arizona.

The President took off from Sky Harbor Airport in the Columbine III at 9:32 p.m. (MST). He expected to arrive at the nation's capital at 6:30 a.m. (EST).

Mr. Eisenhower flew to Phoenix from Georgia primarily to bring his wife for a two-week vacation, but he managed to get in a round of golf while here.

Mrs. Eisenhower accompanied her husband to the airport for his departure. They found another large crowd (Continued on a-3, Col. 3)

Favorite of Favorites

The saxophone has been preferred by many of America's top entertainers... instruments like the Martin B-Flat tenor sax which appeared recently in the Want Ads.

"Sold quickly," reported the advertiser.

UNION AND EVENING TRIBUNE WANT ADS

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3 Californians Die On Mexico Flight

Lompoc City Attorney, 2 Businessmen Killed In Plane Crash At San Felipe

Three prominent residents of Lompoc, Calif., were killed Saturday afternoon in an airplane crash in San Felipe, Baja California, the Imperial County coroner's office reported yesterday.

Arthur Wilson, a deputy coroner, identified the dead as Carl Kapper, 45, Lompoc city attorney; Lloyd Moore, 50, owner of a lumber company, and Leonard Clayton, 59, field foreman for the Union Oil Co. in the Santa Barbara County city.

Wilson said Moore was the co-owner and pilot of the single-engine Navion plane which crashed and exploded near an airstrip at the Gulf of California fishing port.

The bodies were taken to a mortuary in Mexicali, where police asked Wilson to help identify the victims. Wilson said two of the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

Wilson quoted Mexican officials as saying the plane was about to land when it crashed. Cause of the accident and other details of the flight were not learned.

The men were believed to have been flying to San Felipe for a weekend fishing trip.

WHILE RIGGING ANTENNA Housewife, 27, Is Electrocuted

A San Diego woman was electrocuted at Poway yesterday when a guy wire of a television antenna she was helping to erect came in contact with a 12,000-volt power line.

The victim was Mrs. Wanda Mansker, 27, of 1905 Moore St. She was assisting relatives in putting up the antenna at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Long.

Long, 32, suffered burns on his hands. The power line was broken and burned through feeder lines to the Long residence. Portions of a clothesline and the antenna were seized.

Mrs. Mansker was standing on the ground and backed up to take up the slack in one of the guy wires. Witnesses said the tightened wire touched the overhead power line.

WRAPPED ON PIPE
A San Diego Gas & Electric Co. emergency crewman said two other persons also would have been killed if another guy wire for the 40-foot antenna had not been wrapped around a pipe in the ground.

These were Long and Debris Strickland of 2318 State St., who had wound her end of the guy wire on the pipe. An estimated three-quarters of the current was grounded through the pipe. The remainder passed through Mrs. Mansker.

Mrs. Mansker died on the seventh birthday of her son, Richard. She was pronounced dead at Palomar Memorial Hospital in Escondido at 12:30 p.m.

WORKING ON ROOF
Jesse C. Canale, chief deputy coroner, said Mrs. Mansker accompanied her husband, Clarence, 29, and the Albert Stricklands to the Long residence to erect a free-standing antenna. The Manskers and Stricklands are relatives.

At the time of the accident, the antenna was up-rigged on a ground stand and guy wires had been attached by Mansker and Strickland, who were working on the roof of the house.

Mrs. Mansker, Long and Mrs. Strickland were holding guy wires on the ground.

One half of the power line fell in a field near the house. An automatic relay at a power substation serving the area cut off the flow of electricity.

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