

For Kidnap Ransom Brings Arrest

S. C. MAN CAUGHT IN FBI'S NET

Roofer Sought
Weinberger Cash
Through Mails

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — The FBI announced today that a 35-year-old Greenville man had been arrested on a charge of using the mails in attempting to collect a ransom in New York's Weinberger kidnaping case.

The FBI said a ransom note was sent to Mrs. Morris Weinberger of Westbury, Long Island, N. Y., demanding \$10,000 for the release of Peter Howard Weinberger. The child was four weeks old when he disappeared from his home last July 4.

Ray J. Abbatichio Jr., in charge of the FBI's Charlotte, N. C., office, identified the man as John Harvey Wiggins, an unemployed roofer and tree surgeon who is married and has three children.

Wiggins was arrested last night near his home. Abbatichio said the note addressed to Mrs. Weinberger told her to register at a Greenville hotel as "Mrs. Jane White" and to await further instructions. Following a contact here, Abbatichio said, arrangements were made for Wiggins to pick up money at 10 p. m. last night.

The FBI said the note specified that the money was to be in small bills. The full contents of the note were not disclosed. Abbatichio described the note as an abortive attempt to catalyze on the kidnaping.

Wiggins was charged in a complaint filed with U.S. Commissioner Harry L. Hinson with knowingly depositing in the mail a communication demanding money for the release of the Weinberger child.

'Talk,' Adlai Says Of GOP Tax Promise

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
LIBERTYVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Adlai Stevenson today labeled a Republican promise of tax cuts as just "so much election talk."

The Democratic presidential nominee, completing plans for a flying tour of the country next week to lay the groundwork for a strenuous campaign, said the tax cut promise was a "contradiction" of President Eisenhower's own position that he is "against tax cuts, and favors applying any surplus revenue toward retirement of the public debt."

"I am perplexed that the Republican National convention should make this promise, when President Eisenhower has said repeatedly he is against a tax cut," Stevenson said.

In a separate statement, Stevenson, meeting reporters in the recreation room of his farm home near here, criticized the Republican Platform Committee Chairman Prescott Bush's emphasis on a balanced budget.

"The Republican convention applauded loudest when Sen. Bush said 'We have balanced the budget.'"

"This was certainly an accurate reflection of what interests the Republican leaders most — the education of our children, the fair break for farmers, not the growing menace of communism in the world, not America's waning influence — but a balanced budget."

"And Sen. Bush did not say that we succeeded in balancing the budget this year only by postponing necessary defense expenditures until after next year — after the election."

"Nor did he say that under Truman the national debt was reduced by 12 billion, while under Eisenhower it has been increased by 13 billion in four years."

Stevenson met with newsmen as he prepared for a meeting with his campaign manager, James A. Finnegan, and Chairman Paul Butler of the Democratic National Committee to go over details for the trip he will make next week with his running mate, Sen. Estes Kefauver, starting Monday at Santa Fe, N.M.

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Women, Wives Share Spot With Hoover and Hot Rods

By JULIAN SCHIER
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"We've been working on the problem for more than a year, and," he said, "we've got the money, too."

"I hate to have money and not spend it," said Mrs. Evans. "That lady," said Herbert Baxter, "is all woman's privileges."

On hot rods and Hoover: Mr. Baxter noted the "unprecedented" growth of our community.

"In 1948 we had 37,000 cars," he said, "and last year we had 60,000. Mr. Herbert Hoover is the man who said we ought to have two chickens in every pot, wasn't he?"

"Well, now we've got two cars in every garage and a hot rod in every driveway!"

Plane Vanishes Over Atlantic

LONDON (AP) — A medium bomber with two Americans aboard vanished today on a flight from Iceland to Scotland.

An alert was broadcast to all ships on the route in the belief the plane had crashed in the sea.

The missing plane took off 20 minutes before another aircraft being ferried to France piloted by Capt. A. H. Keyes and navigator D. R. Cairns, both of Burbank, Calif.

"Capt. Gray's plane took off ahead of us and out of sight," said Keyes. "A short time after we were airborne the Icelandic control asked us to try to get in touch with the first plane."

"We tried repeatedly, without any luck. That was strange because on earlier stages of the trip from America we kept in almost constant contact. I can't understand what happened because the weather was perfect."

Nixon's Father Critically Ill

WHITTIER, Calif. (AP) — Vice President Nixon sped to his Los Angeles suburb by plane from the San Francisco Republican Convention today to be at the bedside of his critically ill father.

Frank A. Nixon, 77, was stricken at 4 a. m. with an abdominal ailment. His physician said it is very doubtful that he will survive.

Richard Nixon, expected to be nominated for a second term as Vice President at the GOP convention, arrived by plane at International Airport at 8:50 a. m.

He, his wife, his brother Donald and the latter's wife, left at once by Secret Service car for the elder Nixon's home.

"We won't know how long he will be going to stay until we see the doctor," the Vice President said.

STAY OVERNIGHT

"But we're going to stay through the day and overnight. If conditions will permit, we'll try to get back to the convention tomorrow afternoon."

Nixon said he couldn't say at this time whether he would be able to get back in time for his scheduled speech accepting his almost certain renomination.

"We'll probably have to charter a plane to go back," he added.

"But I won't know anything for sure until I talk to the doctor."

The Vice President, looking drawn and slightly nervous, expressed concern over his father's condition.

"The doctor has told us it is critical," he said. "It is the type of attack which could be fatal soon, or he could hang on for a few days."

Nixon said he received a telephone call notifying him of his father's attack about 6 a. m. He said:

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Madison Avenue? More Like 7th Grade

By SAIL PETT
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Don't accuse the Republican National Convention of being dominated by Madison Avenue might sue.

Certainly, the advertising and public relations experts who are helping can't be too happy with the way the convention has been going so far. As a production, the show needs more work, more polish, better timing. It just isn't ready yet for big-time television.

The women talked too long and the Cabinet members were practically talking to themselves while being upstaged by a fellow named Eisenhower. Somebody fell off the beam.

However, this reviewer liked the Herbert Hoover role.

He was greeted by five minutes of warm applause and dancing signs that said, "We Love You, Mr. Hoover." It was the first big emotional moment of the convention.

Four years ago, the ex-president told the Republicans it was probably the last time he'd address them in convention. And here he was, back again last night at 82, making quiet little jokes about the actress who made six tearful farewell appearances.

Hoover stood blinking under the lights, his thinning hair a yellow-white, his eyes lost under wispy white brows, a small very smile playing over his eyes. Made you think of a benign, blond Buddha?

He thanked the delegates but there were no tears, no break in his voice. He read from the teleprompter in his own slow, deliberate pace. He tolerated the applause but rarely looked up.

Hoover left and the women took over.

As each lady speaker came up, she was followed by a girl in white carrying a sign announcing the subject.

The emcee said, "And what word do you have for us, 'Peace'?"

"Peace," she said. "And what is your word, Mary?"

And Mary said, "This is the word I speak — unity." And the girl held up a unity sign.

Between appearances, George Murphy, the actor turned politician, was madly signaling the band for the appropriate music, and as each speech ended, the girl with the sign went down on the convention floor before the platform.

And when all the speeches were done, the girls suddenly flipped the signs over and, lo and behold, they were all "Peace." All the signs, using the first letter of each speaker's subject, now spelled "Republican women."

This definitely wasn't a slick Madison Avenue job. Reminded me of a jazy pageant we put on in the seventh grade. One boy came dressed as a book, symbolizing "knowledge." A girl dressed as a tree symbolized "nature," and I was a big black chunk of coal for "power." The reviewers named that one too.

AMMUNITION WASTED

The women were on television but the members of President Eisenhower's Cabinet weren't.

Convention Schedule

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Here is the program for the sessions of the Republican National Convention today and tomorrow.

Opens 3:30 p. m. (5:30 EST) with music, parade of Young Republicans, call to order, presentation of colors, pledge of allegiance, national anthem and invocation.

Election of national committee. Address—Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

Roll call of states to nominate pro president and to ballot.

Music.

Appointment of committees to notify nominees for president and vice president.

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