

Supporters of a draft movement for New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller gather outside a Chicago hotel to boost him for the Republican presidential nomination.—AP Wirephoto.

## Rockefeller Feeling No Draft in Windy City

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CHICAGO, July 20.—Fans of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller have stirred up the breeziest pre-convention performance thus far at their Win-With-Rockefeller headquarters in a theater here.

Despite their puffing and petitioning, however, their favorite feels no strong draft. In fact, he did not walk, much less run, to the Draft Rockefeller Committee center in the Blackstone Theater when he left the Republican Platform Committee hearing in the adjacent Blackstone Hotel yesterday.

He explained he was "touched and appreciative" of such faith in him. But he insisted he was not a candidate and had no connection with groups eager to make him one.

However, the head of the national Draft Rockefeller Committee said today he is absolutely confident the name of Gov. Rockefeller will be placed in nomination for President at next week's Republican national convention.

William Briston, chairman of the group, also told newsmen that a recent survey by a polling organization shows Vice President Nixon—the apparent GOP nominee-to-be—is running far behind Senator Kennedy, the Democratic nominee, in five key states.

Mr. Briston, 40, a crocheted, bespectacled San Francisco lawyer, thus tried to derail the Nixon bandwagon at a news conference.

A Nixon news headquarters opened about the same time but the whole attitude there was that the draft-Rockefeller movement was a minor matter.

Gov. Rockefeller's most enthusiastic supporters were talking in terms of collecting upwards of 300 votes on the first ballot. This claim had Vice President Nixon's backers shaking their heads in incredulous amazement.

Leonard W. Hall, Mr. Nixon's campaign manager without title, said that as a result of

Analysis Associates Inc., of Princeton, N. J. He said it showed public opinion split up as follows:

New York—Kennedy 51 per cent, Nixon 26, undecided 23; California—Kennedy 49 per cent, Nixon 32, undecided 19; Pennsylvania—Kennedy 50 per cent, Nixon 29, undecided 21; Illinois—Kennedy 48 per cent, Nixon 27, undecided 25, and Texas—Kennedy 50, Nixon 27, undecided 23.

The "Win With Rockefeller" organization does not occupy the center of the stage, even at the Blackstone. It has taken over the premises while the theater is "at liberty" but it uses only the lobby and a few offices upstairs.

### Switch Urged

Its principal purpose is to persuade thousands of people not merely to sign petitions for presentation to convention delegates and party leaders but to "call, contact and convince" individual delegates to switch from Vice President Nixon to Gov. Rockefeller.

"This is not an impractical or impossible job," said C. R. Mann of Chicago, one of the approximately 200 volunteer lobbyists, who hope to put the Rockefeller show really on the road.

"We might as well admit that the Democratic coalition ticket is going to be hard to beat. We are convinced Gov. Rockefeller is the man to beat it—and I mean Rockefeller for President."

### "Pick a Winner"

The big and bold lettering on the theater marquee proclaims: "Pick a Winner." It names Gov. Rockefeller as the indispensable Republican to beat the Kennedy-Johnson Democratic ticket. It was practically the first advertised attraction to greet early arrivals for the Republican National Convention opening next Monday.

It nevertheless caused something of a this-is-where-I-came-in reaction among recent visitors to Los Angeles. They were still mindful of the huge "Win-With-Stevenson" banner that flapped all last week in the breeze across from the headquarters hotel but had little effect on the delegates.

Mr. Briston said that a survey of five states had been made after the Democratic national convention. He reported it was conducted by Political

## Lodge, Morton Believed Leading for No. 2 Spot

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CHICAGO, July 20.—Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts and Senator Thurston Morton of Kentucky appear to be the leading prospects for the Republican vice presidential nomination if G. O. P. leaders are unable to prevail upon Gov. Rockefeller of New York to become Richard Nixon's running mate.

For the moment Mr. Nixon's spokesmen, here to get ready for the nominating convention next week, are saying that they have no choice but to accept Gov. Rockefeller's repeated assertion that he will not accept second place on the ticket.

This is taken to mean they will not urge him to change his mind. But observers here are convinced that party leaders still see a Nixon-Rockefeller ticket as the strongest they could put together.

It is also felt that these leaders would be delighted by a spontaneous demand for Gov. Rockefeller for Vice President at the convention.

No one doubts that Mr. Nixon would welcome him as a running mate if Gov. Rockefeller were to respond favorably to such a demand.

### Others Weighed

But in the meantime, the Nixon lieutenants are weighing the assets of other potential running mates.

And, according to reliable sources, in so doing they have placed the names of Mr. Lodge and Senator Morton at the top of the list.

The question of who is best qualified to stand up to Premier Khrushchev is seen as a key issue in the coming campaign, and this weighs heavily in Mr. Lodge's favor, particularly if the Republicans should decide to build their whole campaign around it.

Mr. Nixon himself laid the groundwork for that theme, when millions of Americans saw him on their television sets, trading verbal blows with Premier Khrushchev, when the Vice President visited Moscow last year.

Former Senator Lodge likewise has made a name for himself as a defender of the free world against Communism in his present post as United States Ambassador to the U. N. Mr. Lodge also demonstrated his ability to deal with Mr. Khrushchev directly when he served as the official escort when the Soviet Premier visited the United States last fall.

### Right Geographically

The fact that he is a New Englander also makes him right geographically to be teamed up with Mr. Nixon, a Californian.

On the debit side of the ledger is the fact that the last time Mr. Lodge ran for elective office in 1952, he was defeated for another term in the Senate by the man who now heads the Democratic ticket, Senator Kennedy.

Those who propose Mr. Lodge, however, are not counting on

his ability to neutralize the Kennedy strength in New England, but to strengthen the ticket nationally on the foreign policy issue.

If the Republicans turn to Senator Morton, it will be for two reasons: First, because he comes from a border State and might neutralize the appeal of the Kennedy-Johnson ticket in the South. And second, because he has an attractive personality and would be a good campaigner.

### Anderson a Prospect

Secretary of the Treasury Robert B. Anderson also is still in the picture for second place, if Gov. Rockefeller finally convinces the G. O. P. leaders he has no intention of running for Vice President.

Although Mr. Anderson now lists himself as a resident of Greenwich, Conn., he was born and reared in Texas and has had many important connections in the Lone Star State, as a public official, lawyer and businessman.

His selection would be designed to offset the strength Senator Lyndon Johnson added to the Democratic ticket when he agreed to be Senator Kennedy's running mate.

Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton and Senators Keating of New York and Scott of Pennsylvania are others whose names are mentioned in connection with the vice presidential nomination.

But old-timers, in scanning the list, always come back to the conclusion that Gov. Rockefeller would be the ideal choice, not only because of his national following but also because he could do more than anyone else to deliver New York's 45 electoral votes. Senator Kennedy is likely to prove a strong opponent in New York, in view of the chance he has of being endorsed by the Liberal Party there.

### Viet Nam Delegation Leaves on U. S. Tour

SAIGON, July 20 (AP)—Six members of South Viet Nam's National Assembly (Parliament) left today for a six-week tour of the United States, including a visit to the Republican convention in Chicago.

The delegation, including two women, was led by Assembly President Truong Vinh Le. They will take a look at American industry, agriculture, education and politics and will visit defense projects, the Tennessee Valley Authority and "Operation Bootstrap" in Puerto Rico before talks in Washington.

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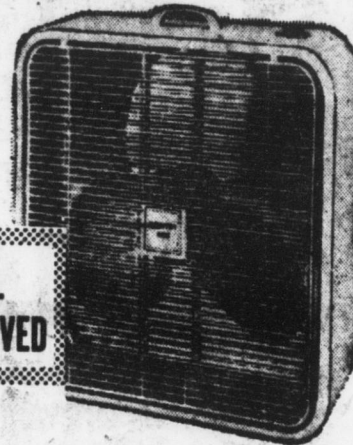
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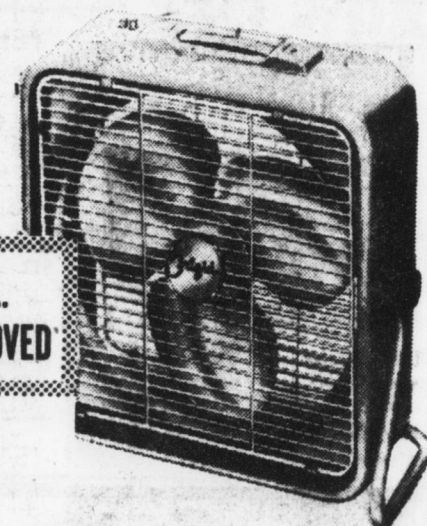
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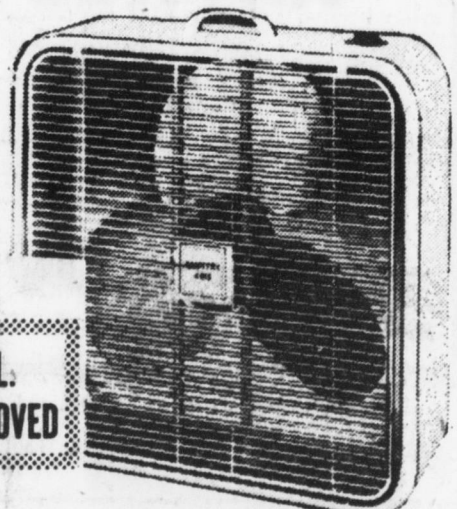
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