

# Democratic Leaders Set Sights On Cutting Down Richard Nixon

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 WASHINGTON (UP)—The Democratic high command is honoring Vice President Richard M. Nixon as the Republican they are most anxious to cut down.  
 Democratic political strategy is in obvious acknowledgment of a belief that Nixon is the man most likely to be nominated by the Republican Party for president in 1960. As the Democrats see him, Nixon is the man to beat.  
 If they can beat him before 1960, so much the better for the Democrats. He probably would be the strongest man the Republicans could put up to succeed President Eisenhower.  
 The Democratic estimate of Nixon's political potential is indicated by the sustained attack on

his public record underway in the pages of the Democratic Digest. The Digest is a monthly publication of the Democratic National Committee.  
 Claimed Shrinkage  
 Back in November, the Digest observed that Nixon apparently had decided to abandon the "Eisenhower personality" because, it said, the President's popularity had been shrinking since last spring.  
 "Nixon has been acting," the Digest reported, "like a man who has decided to abandon a slowly sinking ship but in such a way as to suggest that he merely is going for a swim."  
 Until last spring, according to the Digest, Nixon had identified himself with the "Eisenhower personality" to build up his own

chances for the 1960 nomination. The January issue of the Digest accuses Nixon of joining the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and others in destroying the morale of the United States scientific community.  
 Debates Blamed  
 Hence, the Communist triumphs with sputniks? That's the way it looks to the Democrats who contend the nation is paying today, in terms of a lag in defense science, for Nixon's actions during the national debate relating to Communists and internal security.  
 If such charges against Nixon can be made to stick, his availability for the Republican presidential nomination will decrease and, perhaps, disappear. That seems to be what the Democrats have in mind.  
 Nixon unquestionably is front-runner as of today in the race for the 1960 nomination. The disadvantage of that position is that it invites, even demands, attack not only by the Democrats but by any Republican who may, also, covet his party's presidential nod.  
 Can't Use Advantage  
 The next 18 months promise to be rough ones for the vice president. The nominating conventions will take place after that period. Meantime, the going will be especially rough for Nixon because he probably cannot cash in on the greatest advantage which normally can be claimed by a Republican politician who has a good early lead toward his party's presidential nomination.  
 That advantage is the windfall support of the Republican organizations in the Southern states. These largely are ghost organizations of little substance but they send substantial and often controlling delegations to nominating conventions. More than anything else, the Southern Republicans want to line up with the probable winner.  
 Nixon will not get much or any of that windfall support at the 1960 Republican National Convention. His bold stand for Negro civil rights and his association with NAACP forbid it.

# Business of Missing El Paso Couple Placed in Receivership

EL PASO (UP)—The prospering business of a mysteriously missing El Paso couple was placed in receivership Thursday by El Paso 34th Dist. Court Judge William E. Ward.  
 Herbert Roth, business advisor and accountant for Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson, missing for the past nine months, was named receiver for the \$250,000 a year Patterson Photo Supply Co.  
 The suit was brought by the Eastman Kodak Co. and was

termed a "friendly action" to unfreeze funds held by an El Paso bank. More than \$30,000 in Patterson company funds has been tied up since the disappearance of the couple.  
 The Pattersons left El Paso last March 9, supposedly to attend a Photo processors convention in Atlantic City, N. J. They never arrived there.  
 Roth received a telegram from Dallas shortly after the couple left, signed Pat and telling him to run the business. The same telegram gave him instructions to sell a house trailer and rent the Patterson home and attend to other business matters.  
 The telegram said the home was to be rented for about nine months.  
 Patterson has been described as being in the habit of taking sudden unexpected trips without notifying anyone. However, the fact that no one has heard from the couple and no checks have been written on their bank account has led officials here to fear foul play.

# Freight Train Is Derailed In City of Abilene

ABILENE, Tex., Jan. 10 (UP)—A Texas and Pacific Railway freight train, heavily loaded with construction materials and tar and propane, plunged off the tracks late Thursday night at an underpass on the east edge of Abilene.  
 One man was known injured and approximately 25 freight cars and tankers badly damaged.  
 The cars were thrown into a broken jumble of wreckage that extended for 100 yards along the side of the tracks. Automobile passage under the underpass was blocked by a number of cars which sprawled over onto the road.  
 Eugene Cockrell, about 30, from Russellville, Ky., was discovered in one of the derailed freight cars. The car's load of sheetrock had fallen on Cockrell, pinning him inside. He was taken to an Abilene hospital and doctors said he probably had a broken back.  
 Cause of the derailment, which happened just as the train was entering the Abilene city limits, has not been determined. Railroad officials said they would have to wait until they could examine both tracks and cars before being able to attempt a guess.  
 Clearing of the wreckage was postponed until early today when it became light enough to see. Heavy cranes were ordered to Abilene to assist in clearance work.  
 This was the second train wreck in Abilene within the past two years. Two years ago another train was derailed and wrecked about two miles west of the scene of last night's wreck.

# 3 AWOL Sailors Are Charged With Armed Robbery

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 10 (UP)—Three AWOL sailors from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station were in jail here today charged with armed robbery after being arrested Thursday by Arlington police.  
 The Arlington authorities, acting on a tip from Fort Worth police, stopped the suspects' car Thursday night following an armed robbery at a Fort Worth grocery store where they slugged a clerk. The men admitted the robbery, police said.  
 They were identified as Gerald Flowers, 20, of Cayce, S. C., Leroy Davis, 22, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Jack Warmstey, 19, of Denver, Colo. With the men when they were arrested were a 20-year-old Wave, also AWOL from Great Lakes, and an 19-year-old civilian woman.  
 Police said the men told them they had stolen a car at Great Lakes and driven to Denver, where they stole another car and drove to Amarillo, Tex.  
 They said they committed a series of burglaries in Amarillo, then left to go to Mexico, where Warmstey was to marry the WAVE.

# Calvary Baptist WMS Circles Meet For Bible Study

The WMS circles of the Calvary Baptist Church met Tuesday morning for Bible study.  
 The Bonham Circle met with Mrs. Walter Leach, 1705 Ave. D. Mrs. Jesse Smith opened the session with a prayer, and Ruth Myrick directed the business conference.  
 Mrs. Hilton Gilliam taught the Bible study, "Lord Teach Us to Pray." The "Lord's Prayer" was quoted in unison for the dismissal.  
 Refreshments were served to seven members and a guest, Mrs. Steve Canon.  
 Mrs. George Peek was hostess to the Stover Circle as they met in her home, 2305 Dartmore. Mrs. Mary Clarke presided over the business session, and Mrs. Walter Smith read the minutes and treasurer's report.  
 Mrs. Mary Connell opened the meeting with a prayer after which Mrs. Frank Marx taught the Bible study.  
 Mrs. Jo Ann Wells closed the meeting with prayer. Refreshments were served to seven members and a new member.

# Belle Plain Baptist WMU Meets In Chittenden Home

Mrs. W. J. Chittenden entertained members of the WMU of Belle Plain Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon in her home, 206 Maple St.  
 Mrs. Chittenden was in charge of the Bible study, and Mrs. R. L. Crutsinger and Mrs. Jimmie Cooper voiced prayers.  
 The next meeting will be held Jan. 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. W. C. Shoffner, 1610 Belle Plain.  
 Members present were Mmes. Will Smith, F. T. Holt, W. C. Shoffner, R. L. Crutsinger, J. M. Orr, Jimmie Cooper, Odus Stokes, Mary Kimbrell, DeWitt Welch, Chittenden and Edwin Wooten and Brenda Stokes.

# Meeting Set Today In Attempt To Stop Threatened Strike

DALLAS (UP)—Southwest transportation leaders and Teamsters Union officials were to meet again today to try to reach a settlement of union wage-welfare demands and prevent a threatened Feb. 1 strike.  
 The original union demand of 55 cents per hour increase, spread out over a three-year period, has been adjusted, according to a union official, but he refused to say what the new union demands were.  
 M. R. Dixon, the union's Southern Conference secretary, said the union would also negotiate for "other benefits" in today's meeting.  
 The union membership has voted to strike Feb. 1 unless employers meet demands on wages, health-welfare benefits and pensions.



The teen-ager who's planning to have fun at holiday parties should get her clothes lined up now. She should remember that the best way to look pretty and thus have a good time is to look her age. This teen-ager (left) is sitting out her first formal dance in borrowed finery that's all wrong. The dress is too fussy and too old for her. She couldn't dance in those shoes even if someone asked her. Her make-up is heavy and her hairdo unbecoming. We show the same teen-ager transformed (center), wearing her hair in a soft, natural style and using a pink plastic date case at intermission to touch up her light make-up. She looks entirely different (right) in a simple dress of rich red silk faced with satin and printed with an all-over rose pattern. She's pretty, comfortable and she's having a good time. And all because she looks her age.

KADAR TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA  
 BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (UP)—Premier Janos Kadar of Communist Hungary will head an official delegation to Yugoslavia, it was reported unofficially here today. The reports said he date of the proposed visit has not yet been set. Official Yugoslav spokesmen refused comment on the reports.

AIRMAN SUCKED INTO JET  
 LAKE CHARLES, La. (UP)—T-Sgt. Robert W. Pemberton, 28, of Clovis, N. M., was sucked into one of the jet engines of a big B-47 bomber Wednesday and killed. Officials said his death resulted from head and internal injuries.

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# Social Calendar

**FRIDAY:**  
 Winnie Davis Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet at 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs. H. A. Stephens, 1900 Vincent. Co-hostesses will be Mmes. J. A. Massee, Willie Odom, Warren Thomas, Lula Byrd and Miss Cora Posey. Charles Pitts' "Chaplains in Gray" will be reviewed by Mrs. Marlon L. Wetzel. St. Elizabeth Guild of St. John's

Episcopal Church will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House for Bible study and business session. Mmes. Barbara Dickey and Joe Hair will be hostesses.  
**SATURDAY:**  
 The Stephens Music Makers will meet at 2 p.m. in the home of Mrs. H. A. Stephens, 1900 Vincent. Hostesses will be Linda Titte, Barbara Ritchie and Vern Cleveland. Brownwood Art Association will meet at 2 p.m. in the art studio for a business meeting. Mrs. Martha Hudson of Dyess Air Force Base will be guest speaker.

Home Talent  
 WESTBROOK, Conn. (UP)—Dog Warden Vaughn Renninger received a complaint that a dog was messing up a flower garden. Renninger investigated and discovered it was his dog.  
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