

McCarthy, RFK . . . Poli sci professors predict dog fight after LBJ's retreat

by Mark Gordon
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President Johnson's decision not to seek renomination throws the Democratic presidential nomination into a dog fight between Senators Eugene McCarthy (Minn.) and Robert Kennedy (N.Y.), three University political science professors said Tuesday.

The political scientists disagreed concerning the possibility of Johnson's open endorsement of another Democrat, possibly Vice President Hubert Humphrey in an effort to dislodge both McCarthy and Kennedy.

"This should be encouraging to both McCarthy and Kennedy since it would have been an uphill battle to take the nomination from the incumbent president," said Robert Sittig, associate professor of political science.

Sittig said if Johnson's calling for a bombing halt except in restricted areas of North Vietnam results in peace or near peace, Johnson could conceivably have a great deal to say about who receives the Democratic nomination.

"I think he's going to back someone, and the only person I can possible think of is Humphrey," he added.

McCarthy supporter Alan Reed, assistant professor of political science, said Johnson's withdrawal from the race increases both candidates' chances although it makes their relations personally and between supporters difficult.

"I don't think Johnson will endorse or work with anyone either now or after the convention (in August)," the

member of Nebraska's McCarthy for President Committee said. "He doesn't want to play politics."

Ivan Volgyes, assistant professor of political science, said he was unable to predict if Johnson would throw his support behind another candidate.

Volgyes, a member of the Kennedy for President Committee, felt the issues would now have to appear in the open since Johnson is out of the race.

Johnson's announcement to halt bombing drew varied reactions from the three professors.

"I don't favor stopping bombing in just 90 per cent of North Vietnam but in all the country," Volgyes said in speculating that Hanoi would not respond to the peace maneuver.

"Bombing will possibly stop for four or more weeks, but then Johnson will say we tried and may go all out by bringing up all the reserves," Volgyes explained.

He speculated if Hanoi fails to conduct negotiation efforts with the United States, further escalation of troops will result.

Disagreeing with Volgyes, Reed called the President's move a "hopeful and reasonable first step" to deescalate, although the President is apparently contemplating further steps.

Sittig, a task force member of the Republican Coordinating Committee, said he felt the move might be the most important event in the last two or three years if there is a reciprocal deescalation on

the part of North Vietnam.

He added that most of the recent proposals have hinged on scaled down stages rather than a complete cease fire.

Opinions differed considerably as to the eventual winners of both the Democratic convention and the November election.

Volgyes felt with Johnson out of the race, most LBJ supporters will back Kennedy "at this stage as will all the professional politicians."

"Kennedy can now get the nomination but he will have to grapple with the real issues such as domestic affairs," the Kennedy backer explained.

Volgyes said either Johnson or Kennedy could defeat the likely Republican presidential nominee Richard Nixon.

Nixon, Volgyes asserted, could defeat McCarthy easily.

In predicting that the Democratic race would revolve around Kennedy and an administration-backed man, Sittig said he could not imagine a Democratic candidate bridging all the gaps in the party although "there is now a better chance than before."

He added that if Kennedy receives the nomination, both Nixon and to a lesser extent former Alabama Gov. George Wallace would do better in the Southern states.

Assuming the wide spread dissatisfaction would have continued, Nixon would have been in a better position to defeat Johnson, but now it will be considerably harder if Kennedy is the candidate.

Those persons who have been dissatisfied with Johnson's leadership, will be en-

thused with this, but it will also make their responsibility greater since they must come up with substitute policies," he said.

Although he conceded that Kennedy was the definite potential presidential nominee, Reed felt that McCarthy still had a fighting chance.

"I don't think McCarthy will withdraw from the primaries now unless all the primaries he enters with Kennedy are disastrous," Reed said.

All three said the first real showdown between the two leading candidates would come at the May 7 Indiana presidential primary and the following week in Nebraska's all-star primary.

Although it is a foregone conclusion that Nixon will easily receive the Republican nomination, the trio felt that New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller would receive considerably more support than would the former vice president.

Reed said that since Wallace would presumably carry a few Southern states, the Republican candidate would be forced to compete with the Democrats for support in both the northern and Western sections.

"I think the Republicans need to draft Rocky so they can carry the Northern and Western states," Reed said, although he felt Nixon had no chance to win the November race.

Volgyes said the Republicans should draft Rockefeller since Kennedy could defeat Nixon, although it is difficult to draft a candidate who is not campaigning.



Five finalists await the final selection of Miss University of Nebraska at the pageant held Sunday night. They are (left to right): Nancy Aronson, Susan Baird (second runner-up), Nancy Griffin, Debbie Johnston, and Sandy Phillips (first runner-up).

Nancy Aronson crowned queen

With a bolt of lightning and a crash of thunder, a leprechaun jumps from slumber and runs the length of the stage runway and exclaims to a captivated audience, "Ah now that's a wee bit better."

The beginning of a vocal solo, "Look to the Rainbow" which won the talent award, was sung by Nancy Aronson who was named Miss University of Nebraska March 31.

Crowned at the Miss University of Nebraska pageant Sunday evening, the sophomore queen will compete for the Miss Nebraska title in York, June 24-29.

The recipient of a superior vocal rating by the Nebraska Federation of Music, Miss Aronson has played the lead part in "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Wild Cat" at Omaha Westside and "The King and I" at the Omaha Community Play House.

An elementary education major, Miss Aronson plans to teach Kindergarten where she hopes to promote creativity in the areas of music, art and dramatics.

When interviewed by the judges prior to the pageant, Miss Aronson stated she did

not believe teachers had the right to strike.

According to Miss Aronson, it is the teachers' job to educate the children. By striking and refusing to instruct classes, the teacher is only cheating the child, she explained.

Although she believed teachers deserve to be paid adequately in order to encourage students to go into the profession, Miss Aronson said this should be done through negotiation, by formulating plans and not by walking out on classes.

In answer to an on-the-spot pageant question, "If you had the choice of being one other person who would you want to be?" Miss Aronson named Jacqueline Kennedy because of her beauty, poise, grace, and the way she has represented the ideal American woman both in the U.S. and internationally.

Active in campus affairs, Miss Aronson is past president and vice president of Panhellenic, vice president of her sorority, Sigma Delta Tau, past AWS worker, a finalist for Miss Frequency Modulation and a candidate for Miss Cornhusker Beauty queen.



Nancy Aronson, sophomore in elementary education from Omaha, was crowned Miss University of Nebraska Sunday night.

Stillman exchange students say experience is 'worthwhile'

by Jim Pedersen
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The experience as a student at Stillman College has been both broadening and worthwhile, Cheryl Bethel, a junior from McCook, said Tuesday of her participation in the Stillman Exchange Program.

The Stillman Exchange Program is a student exchange between the University of Nebraska and Stillman College, an all-Negro liberal arts college in Tuscaloosa, Alabama with an enrollment of approximately 700 students.

Getting to know people

"I am getting to know people as human beings rather than just as a race," Miss Bethel said in a telephone interview.

Miss Bethel is presently working with two Negro youths under the supervision of the Juvenile Court in Tuscaloosa as a part of a sociology class.

She is also a member of the girls softball team and the sociology club.

Miss Bethel described the

reception of her by Stillman students as very warm.

Labeled as enemy

She added that when a disciple of Black Power advocate Stokely Carmichael labeled her as an enemy of the Negro at a recent Carmichael speech in Tuscaloosa, Stillman students came to her defense.

Chuck Hodges, a sophomore from Columbus, is the other University of Nebraska representative in the two student exchange.

According to Hodges, as a white student he is accepted by everyone and accepted warmly by many.

Hodges tutoring classes

Hodges is tutoring English classes in all-Negro Druid High School in Tuscaloosa, and is a member of the Stillman a Repertoire Company which is producing "A Man for All Seasons" this semester.

Classes are much smaller, more informal, and more re-

warding than at the University, Hodges said.

According to Hodges a problem he faces is the failure of adult whites in Tuscaloosa to accept his attending Stillman College.

Better acceptance on campus

"I am accepted better on the Stillman campus than by other white townspeople," Hodges said.

"I think that this is an experience everyone needs, and I encourage everyone to apply," he added.

The program was instigated by Dr. Knute Broady, former head of the Extension Division at the University, in 1965 when he served as temporary president of Stillman College.

Broady supported by YWCA

Dr. Broady was supported by the YWCA which backed the program for two years before relinquishing control over the exchange to ASUN in 1967.

Tuition is waived for the participating students by each school leaving approximately \$430 for room, board, and books.

Although the college is all-Negro, students from the University of Nebraska need not be Negro. The only requirement for all applicants is that he or she have an accumulative grade average of 2.4.

Applications are due by April 12.

Hospitality Day planned by home ec students

East Campus will be swarming with about 3,000 high school girls and their parents April 6, when home economics students welcome the girls to the annual career opportunities day, or Hospitality Day.

The theme for this year's day at the College of Agriculture and Home Economics is "Color Me Home Economics." The purpose of Hospitality Day is to give high school students an opportunity to discover what college life is like and investigate the field of home economics as a career choice.

The day is entirely planned and executed by home economics students. An annual attraction is the gala fashion show, and this year's program will feature both college styles and a boutique of creations designed and made by the students. Bottle caps, fringe, vinyl and roofing discs are only a few of the materials used to create the unusual fashions.

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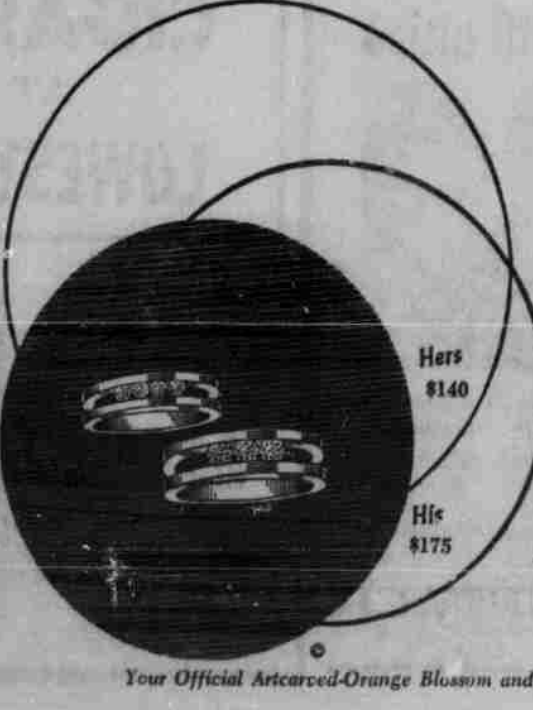
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