

briefs Rockefeller abandons '76 Republican ticket

From the wires of United Press International

WASHINGTON — Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, without offering any explanation, told President Ford Monday he did not want to be considered as his 1976 running mate.

The White House said the move was "at the initiative of the vice president" and had not been suggested by Ford.

Many Republican leaders said Rockefeller's unexpected move should strengthen Ford's hand against a presidential bid by former Gov. Ronald Reagan of California.

Rockefeller's announcement took the nation by surprise, although Press Secretary Ron Nesson said the vice president and Ford had discussed the matter over the past two days.

Rockefeller's announcement threw the race for the GOP vice presidential nomination wide open. In addition to Reagan, among those who have been mentioned are Elliott Richardson, now ambassador to England, Sens. Howard Baker and William Brock of Tennessee, Donald Rumsfeld, the White House chief of staff, Gov. Robert Ray of Iowa, former Gov. John Connally of Texas and Robert Finch of California, the former HEW secretary.

Rockefeller's letter gave no explanation for the move, and gave no hint as to the vice president's plans beyond serving out the balance of his term. He refused requests to meet with reporters.

In Florida, Reagan said he was "astounded" by the announcement and added that he felt the American people "would refuse to accept Rockefeller" as Ford's running mate.

Senate GOP leader Hugh Scott, a long time Rockefeller backer, seemed upset by the announcement and said, "I do think we damn well better have a balanced ticket."

Ford backs Kissinger, fires Schlesinger

WASHINGTON — President Ford threw his weight behind Henry A. Kissinger Monday in an apparent major showdown over national security policy that resulted in Ford's dismissal of Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger and CIA Director William E. Colby.

The White House refused comment on the firings until the President could hold a Monday night news conference on nationwide television and radio.

But after speaking to Ford by telephone, Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield confirmed that Schlesinger would be succeeded at the Pentagon by White House chief of staff Donald Rumsfeld, and that ambassador George Bush would become the new CIA director.

Mansfield said Ford told him in an early morning phone call that "he did what he did on his own, without any pressures or outside advice. He has said that he wants to set up his own team."

Kissinger, as secretary of state, appeared to have triumphed over administration critics of his policy of détente with the Soviet Union — and consolidated his own position of power within the administration — in the biggest high-level shakeup in Washington since the "Saturday Night Massacre" of Watergate two years ago.

Kissinger was reported to have relinquished his companion post as the President's national security affairs adviser and head of the National Security Council staff, to be succeeded by Air Force Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, a Kissinger loyalist.

Schlesinger, who was harshly critical of Kissinger in at least one recent private conversation, has been publicly skeptical of Soviet intentions and has argued strongly for increased U.S. military spending.

Colby had been expected to leave the CIA early next year, after completion of critical congressional investigations into the intelligence agency. Kissinger was reported to have felt that Colby, who succeeded Schlesinger at the CIA, was too candid and cooperative in his testimony at legislative hearings.

Spain's Franco suffers another setback

MADRID, Spain — Generalissimo Francisco Franco suffered a massive hemorrhage Monday and a government source said he was sinking slowly.

Franco was wracked by internal bleeding that required 1½ gallons of blood transfusions and emergency surgery to prolong his life.

Palace aides said the 82-year-old Spanish leader was moved to a hospital in his El Pardo palace complex and came through the operation, the first of his two-week crisis, in "most grave" condition.

Franco's successor, Prince Juan Carlos de Borbon, family and top military and government aides watched through a glass door partition as his team of surgeons made their frantic effort to save Franco.

The aides had said earlier that both the transfusions and surgery had been ruled out because Franco could survive the shock of neither.

Six hours after "sudden and large gastro-intestinal hemorrhage" hit, the aides said the bleeding had been controlled, at least temporarily.

They said doctors had patched a burst artery and also removed an ulcer from Franco's stomach.

Franco was moved from his palace bedroom to the hospital of his 2,000 horse guards, 200 yards from his apartments, in an ambulance for the operation.

His successor, Prince Juan Carlos de Borbon, his family, and top military and government aides rushed to the El Pardo palace at the first announcement of a setback at 4 p.m.

It was the third major crisis in the two-week fight for life of the man who has ruled Spain for 36 years. He was stricken with influenza Oct. 17 and suffered the first of three heart attacks Oct. 21.

House Banking Committee okays loan to N.Y.

WASHINGTON — The House Banking Committee voted 23-16 Monday to make \$7 billion in federally guaranteed loans available to New York City. An opponent conceded the bill had a 50-50 chance of passing.

Meanwhile, Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., told a news conference he believed the issue over whether the federal government should seek to avert New York's default may have been a catalyst in Vice President Rockefeller's decision to leave office when his term ends in 1977.

Ford has proposed that instead of advancing billions to permit New York City to avert default on its debts, the government should enact legislation making possible an orderly transition into bankruptcy under which a federal court would assume financial control of the city.

House Democrats planned to attach Ford's proposal to their own — giving the administration discretionary authority to provide up to \$7 billion in federally guaranteed loans either before or after default occurs.

Handling of comptroller bill could show factioning of CGC

A News Analysis by Chris Fuller Staff Writer

The Campus Governing Council has apparently split into two major factions which will become evident tonight when the council votes on a bill to establish the office of student body comptroller.

The CGC blocs began to form during the controversy created when former Student Body Treasurer Mike O'Neal was fired by Student Body President Bill Bates, Bates said Monday.

The two factions are divided in their reactions to O'Neal's influence. One group supports action endorsed by O'Neal and the other does not.

The platform of the O'Neal bloc is to center Student Government's power within the legislative body, CGC.

Such is the purpose of the comptroller bill, which would, in effect, combine the legislative and executive branches of Student Government.

The comptroller would perform many of the duties now performed by the student body treasurer.

Bates has offered a substitute bill establishing an assistant student body treasurer to act as an administrative aide to the treasurer and become acting treasurer if the treasurer cannot fulfill his duties.

After being shuffled between the three CGC committees, the Bates bill was tabled by the Administration Committee.

The bill was introduced by Bates at a Finance Committee meeting last week. This committee is headed by Bill Strickland, a recognized O'Neal ally. The bill was referred for consideration and referred to the Administration Committee, led by O'Neal ally Dave Rittenhouse, where it was tabled.

Both bills have clauses making the offices apolitical in that they prohibit the comptroller and assistant treasurer from holding any other office in Student Government or any Student Government-funded organization.

The primary difference between the two bills is the method of dismissal and hiring. Bates' bill allows for presidential appointment with CGC approval and for dismissal by the president or CGC impeachment.

The comptroller bill provides for CGC selection and dismissal of the comptroller.

The comptroller bill is, as many opponents of the bill have said, a reactionary measure initiated after the Student Supreme Court upheld Bates' dismissal of O'Neal.

Descriptions of the O'Neal bloc varies. Bates' estimate of the bloc includes Ben Steelman, Dick Pope, Rittenhouse and Zapp Jennings.

Steelman, self-proclaimed member of the O'Neal bloc, told the DTH Monday that Pope, Strickland, Rittenhouse, Jennings and Miguel de Valverde were solid bloc members.

"We agree consistently on issues," Steelman said.

He also said Sawyer and Doug Smith usually vote with the bloc, while Tal Lassiter sometimes agrees with them.

Observations of the council this year seem to, in fact, indicate the following structure: Pope, leader, and Steelman, whip, with the remainder of the bloc being Strickland, Rittenhouse, Jennings, Sawyer and Smith.

The O'Neal bloc is not the only faction in CGC.

Bates said O'Neal once told him he perceived a liberal faction on the council, containing Speaker Dan Besse, Speaker Pro Tem Laura Dickerson, Greg Reid, Sheri Parks, Humphrey Cummings and Mike Grissom. Recently, Bates could be added to that faction.

In addition, Reid, Parks and Cummings, the only black CGC members, tend to vote together on issues promoting the cause of the Black Student Movement or parties sympathetic to the BSM.

APO sponsors film festival

Campus service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega will sponsor its APO Fall Festival on Wednesday, November 5.

The festival will consist of four short feature films starring the Little Rascals, Charlie Chaplin, Abbott and Costello (featuring the Keystone Kops) and W.C. Fields.

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