

RICHARD NIXON

For a young man in politics, Richard Milhous Nixon has gone far. His rise, duplicated by few Americans, has been meteoric. Just six years after being elected to Congress in the first quest for office, he was chosen Vice President of the United States, when only 39 years old. An able speaker, Nixon increased in stature as he understudied the President, traveled widely and tried to bridge the differences in his own party between "old guard" and "modern" republicans. On occasion his opponents have accused him of deviousness and unfair tactics.

Nixon was born January 9, 1913, in Yerba Linda, Calif., of Quaker stock. The family soon moved to Whittier, where his father operated a general store and filling station. As a youth, Richard liked to help out in his father's store and at the gas station. He enrolled as a liberal arts student at Whittier College, later went to Duke University Law School on a scholarship. After graduating, he practiced law in Whittier. In 1940 he married Patricia Ryan. They have two daughters, Patricia and Julie. In World War II, he served in the Navy for nearly four years.

Nixon is an accomplished pianist. He likes to golf, fish, and engage in water sports.



Richard Nixon at the age of four, a shy and solemn youngster.



At 18, a student at Whittier College. He is elected senior president.



In World War II, he serves in Navy, becomes lieutenant commander.



At 33, Nixon is on his political way. He is elected U. S. Congressman.



President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon during solemn moment at inauguration, 1953.



1948: He gains attention as member House committee investigating Hiss. Here he views films of famed Pumpkin papers.



1950: He runs for Senate and is elected by a wide margin over Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas. Here he watches returns.

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1952: During famous TV appearance in Los Angeles, he explains circumstances of his political expense fund and bares his personal financial status.



1952: Heartened by public response to his TV talk, Nixon digs furiously into campaign, makes country-wide tour. Here is gala reception in San Francisco.



1957: Second swearing-in for Nixon as Vice President. Sen. Knowland administers oath.



1957: He has traveled through Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. Here he gets chief's outfit in Liberia.



Diversion. He is fair golfer, now scores in the 80's after playing only a few years.



With his wife and daughters, Nixon relaxes on lawn of their Washington home. On his lap is cocker spaniel, "Checkers."

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