

EDITORIALS

ELECTION 1968: AN ANALYSIS

VISIT TO A REPUBLICAN RALLY

by Terry Tickle

Tuesday was cloudy and driving from Winston the gray of the Highway Patrol cars made them barely visible as they guarded each overpass from the regional airport to the Greensboro Coliseum. Along the road and in the parking area were a variety of station wagons and chartered buses carrying Gardner, Mizell, Osteen and Nixon-Agnew signs. High school girls distributed buttons, hats and wore white dresses with red and blue "Nixon's the one" lettering. It was a well-dressed, very white group of middle class people that nearly filled the auditorium. On the floor there were three bands, a row of cameras and some press tables, and another well-located group of Nixon pom-pom girls holding signs clearly visible to the cameras.

The first "highlight" of the rally was the introduction of numerous local candidates who are clinging to Nixon's coattails in hopes of being elected-judge, county commissioner, legislator, prosecutor, farmer-of-the-month, etc., etc., etc. The master of ceremonies then disclosed in confidential whispers that Nixon was in the building. A quiet murmur arose from the audience. Nixon appeared and received about three minutes of not-too-enthusiastic applause. Jim
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by Dennis Williamson

Hubert Horatio Humphrey, Democratic Presidential nominee, is a prime example of what this country neither wants nor needs as its President. Since his dubious victory in Chicago, Humphrey, because of the lack of organization and money within his party, has felt his prominence as a Presidential candidate to drop to an all-time low. The polls consistently show that Humphrey now trails Wallace in electoral vote strength; a fact which indicates that people want a change from Democratic Party rule. As an unfortunate victim of circumstance, Humphrey is taking the rap for his predecessors. Until Hubert executes a break in affiliating with LBJ, he stands little chance of being elected.

The exponent of "Old Johnsonian Politics" was born to a druggist of South Dakota in 1911. He attended The University of Minnesota and L.S.U. before embarking on a teaching career. After being rejected from the Army and Navy during World War II for physical reasons, Humphrey entered politics as Mayor of Minneapolis in 1945. He was elected to Congress in 1948 as (believe it or not) a hot-shot, big mouth liberal. After being viturally ostracized for nearly two years by a conservative Congress, however, Humphrey took on a more moderate tone. He formed a friendship with LBJ which paid off when JFK was assassinated in 1963, as Humphrey received the Vice-Presidency. HHH has up to the present dutifully performed the thankless task of being an exponent of Johnson.

Who is this unpopular man run-

ning for President? Actually, because of his profession, such an enigmatic aura surrounds him that it is very difficult to tell. Humphrey stands as a moderate liberal, but his views are so nebulous that no one knows what to expect from him if he were President. Here we see a man who delivers speeches with strong emotional overtones, and who with virtue said that at the risk of being called a hypocrite, he would never break politically with LBJ. Yet HHH has run, to date, a bigger two-faced, unethical campaign than either Wallace or Nixon.

If there exists an enigma surrounding the man Humphrey, there certainly is no mystery as to how he operates. An astute politician Humphrey is second to none in being able to accomplish such seemingly impossible tasks as: appeasing both Liberal and Conservative Democrats at the same time; gaining control of the party machine; and unifying the wildly split party. These accomplishments seem even more incredible when one considers that a year ago, Humphrey was the last person on the list of possible candidates. How did he win the nomination? Well, here are two examples of Humphrey's methods.

1. Since people listen to only what they want to hear, Humphrey can take contradictory stands on the issues and through good, ambiguous speeches appeal to voters on the left and right. Once Hubert gave a war hawk speech to a supposedly Foreign Wars convention, and on the same night gave a dove speech to a group of students. It is no small coincidence therefore that Humphrey became violently angry when he dis-

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