

Nixon Whirls Through Computer Center

Republican Nominee Given Cordial Welcome At UNC

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Richard M. Nixon, the man the Republican party thinks should be the next president, made a whirlwind visit to Chapel Hill last Wednesday.

The purpose of Nixon's visit, which was billed as non-political, was to tour the North Carolina Manpower Development (MDC) computer complex in Phillips Hall.

After arriving on the University campus some 30 minutes behind schedule, accompanied by his wife Pat and Sen. Thurston Morton of Kentucky, the former Vice President spoke briefly to the awaiting crowd of about 300.

After the speech he then received a briefing on the computer complex from Luther H. Hodges Jr., chairman of the board for MDC and A. Wright Elliott, vice president, Urban Affairs Division of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Following the briefing, Nixon went to Phillips Hall where he was treated to a first hand look at the computer in action.

The stopover in Chapel Hill



RICHARD NIXON

was the first leg in his visit to North Carolina which took him to Charlotte Wednesday night for a political visit including a speech and enthusiastic reception.

Nixon's motorcade pulled into the parking lot beside Carroll Hall shortly after 2 p.m. Wednesday. Surrounded by security men and besieged by curious and sometimes enthusiastic Nixon supporters, the Republican nominee moved through the crowd briefly then leaped to the trunk of his black and white Lincoln Continental to speak to the sparsely assembled group.

While on the rear deck of the automobile, Nixon spoke briefly but was able to be heard by only a few of those assembled. After his brief talk, the former vice president moved to the door of Carroll Hall where an amplification system was set up.

"It looks like the candidate himself almost messed this one up," Nixon noted with a smile, his dark curly hair shining in the September sun.

"As you know, this is a non-political visit," Nixon said. This brought a slight tremor of laughter. "I want you to know that I am truly delighted to finally make it to the UNC campus after having gone to school at Duke."

Nixon received his law degree from the Duke University School of Law which he attended for three years.

The unsuccessful candidate for president in 1960 continued in the characteristic Nixon style with a rising voice and waving hands to emphasize important points. "According to our campaign strategy, North Carolina is a crucial state for us to carry this year. We almost did it in 1960 and we want to carry it this time."

Nixon then expounded on

the reasons for his visit to Chapel Hill. "I felt fortunate to be able to go to school at Duke. North Carolina is noted for its fine educational facilities and rivalries between the schools.

"That's the reason we came here today—to get a little more education on this computer complex which greatly signifies the progress the state has made through its many universities."

Despite the fact that the visit was supposed to be non-political, a bit of partisan rhetoric had to creep into Nixon's speech.

"I know there are people in this crowd who support other candidates besides myself," Nixon told the assemblage which featured a smattering of signs endorsing Humphrey and even some McCarthy carry-overs.

"As I travel through this country I realize what is happening all over the nation. The people now want the type of leadership I offer."



Avid Nixon Supporters At Chapel Hill Reception ... Greet The Republican Nominee On His Arrival At UNC Last Week

May Spread Nationwide

MDC Computer Is Unique Effort

The Manpower Development Corporation's computer program that Richard Nixon observed last Wednesday is a unique experiment which may soon become the model for similar programs across the country.

The Manpower Development Corporation (MDC) is using the computers in UNC's computation center to match unemployed persons in the state with job openings within the state.

The program, in operation for the last six months, has done "remarkably well," A. Wright Elliott, a vice president of the National Association of Manufacturers, told Nixon in a briefing session Wednesday.

"The system is not simply, nor can it be simply, a matching process," Elliott explained. It also represents an attempt to examine the qualifications and needs of the unemployed and to find out realistically what requirements should be set for jobs, he explained.

The MDC computer operation is the only one fully tested and running in the U.S. currently, Elliott told Nixon. Similar experiments have been started in California and New York City recently, he said.

The program will be

invaluable, Elliot explained, in showing why people were not able to be matched with a job so that in the future public administrators will have a sound guide for telling them when, where and how to spend money for training.

The form which the unemployed fill out goes beyond the usual employment questions to ask what kind of problems he or she might have medically, financially, psychologically, legally, socially or educationally which might be cleared up so he or she could take and hold a job.

The computer, in the first experiment, dealing with 360 unemployed persons in

Greensboro, was able to make 716 job matches, some of them matches of individuals to several jobs.

The MDC, which is sponsoring the experiment, is a private, nonprofit corporation with a board of directors drawn from industry, state, and federal government, and representatives of the disadvantaged.

It was started by the National Association of Manufacturers, the Office of Economic Opportunity, and the North Carolina Fund.

Besides the computer project, MDC is also involved in a training program for the unemployed and in an effort to move unemployed individuals from job-scarce areas to job-surplus areas in the state.



Ex-Anarchist Candidate Michael Hollis Believes Nixon Should Be Vice President

Dick Nixon For Veep?

"Nixon for Vice President" was the inscription on one lone sign sticking up out of the crowd of Nixon for President supporters in Chapel Hill.

Waving the sign high so Nixon would be sure and see it was UNC graduate Michael Hollis, who for a short while last spring was a candidate for president of the student body on the Anarchist ticket.

Why the sign? "I support Richard Nixon for vice

president," Hollis explains, "because he has experience and that is the one office he is qualified to hold."

"Who do you support for president?" someone asked.

"The button on my lapel clearly answers that," Hollis replied, pointing to a "Grover Cleveland for President" button on his coat.

"But isn't he dead?" someone objected.

"Yes, but why should that keep him from running?" Hollis answered. "In asking whether Cleveland is alive," he explained, "they are implying that Nixon is alive, but I don't think he is. He has a very dead personality."

Humphrey is no better, according to Hollis. While Nixon never had his time, Humphrey's time has come and gone, he said.

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