

Rockefeller Has Two Big Hurdles

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Republican leaders will tell you privately there are just two hurdles Gov. Nelson Rockefeller has to overcome to get the GOP nomination. One of them is a hurdle never before faced by a presidential candidate. They are:

Episode No. 1 — Eisenhower's health. As long as Nixon remains Vice President of the United States, and in a position to become President tomorrow through death, no political boss wants to be caught pushing Rockefeller. A political boss will stand in with Rockefeller in power.

There have been other Vice Presidents who aspired to be President, but none who were elected since Millard Fillmore in 1850. That was 110 years ago. The Vice Presidents who have aspired since then and failed did not have the same hold on the country as he has. Of course the health of the President was more certain. This is the first time in history that a President has been as old as Eisenhower and the first time in history that a President has suffered three major illnesses in the White House.

While these are not pleasant matters to review, politicians are prone to take a hard-boiled look at them, and the fear of alienating a man who could be President tomorrow is the biggest hurdle facing Rockefeller. It diminishes, of course, as the convention date approaches.

Episode No. 2—Rockefeller's liberalism. Many GOP bosses regard Nelson as a Republican New Dealer. His forthright statement urging medical help for the aged, Federal aid for education, and more money for defense, confirmed this. To GOP bosses, most of them conservative, this means higher taxes. And a lot of them would rather take a chance with a Democrat whom they can oppose and budget than with a liberal Republican President whom they would have to support.

Pro-Nazi Selved

A mystery man suspected of being implicated in the bombing of American synagogues has just been picked up in San Francisco. He was arrested through the pure happenstance that his suitcase, not lost, ended up in North, Texas, where airline officials opened it for purposes of identification and found three passports, seven birth certificates, \$2,300 in cash and \$350 in traveler's checks. They called the FBI.

The man in question is Francis Yockey, and when San Francisco's suburban Crime Commission at New-

York checked their records they found a clipping from this column, March 31, 1954, describing Yockey's background.

He has two aliases, Ulick Varange and Frank Healy, and according to earlier publication in this column, was the agent of Dr. Rudolph Aschenauer, a German ex-Nazi who was reported in 1954 to be working with Communists; also was mailing speech material to Sen. Joe McCarthy from Frankfurt, Germany.

In Yockey's suitcase were found one British passport under the name of Michael Joseph Taylor, one U. S. passport under the name of Edward Har Ericoman, and another U. S. passport under the name of Edward Max Fagan. His suitcase was also a list of 17 names, some of them deceased.

When convicted, he tried to break away from the FBI, and slammed the door so hard on the head of a G-man that 20 stitches were taken in his hand. Yockey is being held for making false statements and receiving a Federal official's seal.

Yockey was born in Michigan in August, 1917, graduated cum laude from Notre Dame in 1941, attended Georgetown University in Washington, D. C., and the University of Arizona, served briefly in 1945 with the War

enbergh. He was discharged for pro-Nazi sentiments.

This column reported in March, 1954, that Yockey was involved in a new alliance between unrepentant Nazis and Communists in a worldwide underground network.

"The evidence is conclusive that the network has used none other than Sen. Joe McCarthy as a propaganda mouthpiece. When McCarthy charged the U. S. Army with torturing German war criminals . . . Senate investigators traced the charges to Dr. Rudolph Aschenauer, an ex-Nazi working with the Communists.

"Aschenauer had three known agents in this country — Frederick Weiss, H. Keith Thompson, and Ulick Varange — who also represented the Socialist Reich Party . . . such a flagrant pro-Nazi party that it was outlawed by the West German government . . .

"Weiss masterminds the National Renaissance Party, a group of fanatical anti-Semites with headquarters in Yorkville, New York City . . . The FBI is most interested, however, in Varange, a mystery man who also goes by the names of Francis Yockey and Frank Healy. He is known to be the author of a book on Fascist strategy, urging anti-American but not anti-Soviet activity."

The above was written in March, 1954. The mystery man is now under arrest by the FBI in San Francisco.

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