

### ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY SEPTEMBER 24



Presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower at Wheeling, September 24, 1952 (Chapman Revercomb Collection)

Republican presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower and vice presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon met in Wheeling on September 24, 1952, to determine whether Nixon would remain on the ticket.

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#### Investigate the Document: (*Wheeling Intelligencer, September 24, 1952*)

1. What was Eisenhower presented by the Mayor of Wheeling?
2. Why did Eisenhower ask to meet Richard Nixon “face-to-face?” What was Nixon being accused of?

**Think Critically:** This article serves as a bit of foreshadowing, regarding Nixon’s future. Two decades later, during Nixon’s term as President, he was forced to resign in the face of certain impeachment stemming from his improprieties in the Watergate Scandal. A testament to checks-and-balances, what branch of government holds the power to impeach? Who holds the power to try the accused?

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### Ike Asks Nixon To Meet Him Here; Nixon Leaves Fate Up To People

#### Wheeling Ready To Receive Ike At 7:10 Tonight

**GOP Dignitaries Converge on City To Greet Leader**

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The stage is set and tonight at 7:10 o'clock, the principal actor, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, arrives in Wheeling for a major political address at the Wheeling Island stadium, swinging the spotlight of the nation on West Virginia's power city.

Split-second timing will feature the GOP presidential nominee's seven-hour visit, and Chief of Police M. A. Baumann has made all necessary arrangements to follow the time schedule of Eisenhower's motorcade from the station to the McLure hotel, and thence to the stadium.

Chief Bauman will have 60 patrolmen in uniform tonight at various points of the tour and his force will be augmented by sergeants, detectives, 20 off-duty firemen and railroad police, who will be stationed at the train when it pulls in.

A number of West Virginia state police will arrive with the train from Parkersburg, and three or four deputy sheriffs will be on duty at the hotel and the stadium.

The general and his wife will disembark from the train promptly on arrival at the station, and Mayor Charles J. Schuck will present the GOP presidential hopeful with a huge gold-tinted key to the city. Mrs. Eisenhower will be presented with a bouquet of flowers by Mrs. Maude Murrin of the Ohio County Republican Women's club.

The general will then descend to the main part of the passenger

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#### Nixon Praised By Hallanan

CHARLESTON, W. Va. Sept. 23 (U.P.)—Republican National Committeeman Walter S. Hallanan tonight congratulated GOP vice presidential candidate Sen. Richard Nixon upon his stand to let his political future in the hands of the National committee.

Nixon asked the committee to decide whether he should remain on the Republican ticket as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's running mate. Nixon made the decision in a half-hour speech in which he defended his right to use an \$18,000 political expense fund contributed by wealthy Californians.

Eisenhower said in a speech later tonight at Cleveland that he was solidly behind Nixon, whom he called a brave man.

"The Republican party is proud of your record and proud of your fearlessness and courageous stand against the evil influence in our national government," Hallanan said in a telegram sent to Nixon. Hallanan, who is a member of the GOP National committee, said Nixon had issued a "four square ringing challenge" and added that "may you continue your fight for honesty and decency in our government."

#### Nixon Denies Guilt Of Wrong-Doing In Dramatic Radio Talk

**GOP Vice Presidential Nominee Says He Doesn't Think He Should Quit; Senator Dares Adlai, Sparkman to Come Before People**

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23 (U.P.)—Richard M. Nixon left it squarely up to Republican party leaders and the American people tonight to decide if he should quit the GOP ticket as its vice-presidential nominee.

In a dramatic speech to the nation over a combined television-radio network, Nixon denied he was guilty of wrong-doing in using during his two years in the U. S. Senate an \$18,000 fund contributed by his California constituents.

His aides said the speech, delivered without a prepared text, was an "emotional ordeal" for the 36-year-old Californian. Both Nixon and his comely blonde wife, Pat, had tears in their eyes as they walked out of the TV studio.

"I don't believe I ought to quit because I am not a quitter," Nixon said, shaking his fist to emphasize the point.

"But the decision, my friends, is not mine."

"I would do nothing that would harm the possibilities of Dwight Eisenhower to become President of the United States and for that reason I am submitting to the Republican National committee tonight . . . the decision which it is theirs to make."

"Let them decide whether my position on the ticket will help or hurt; and I am going to ask you to help them decide. Wire and write the Republican National committee whether you think I should stay or whether I should get off; and whatever their decision is, I will abide by it."

Nixon defended his right to use the \$18,000 fund for political expenses and hurled a challenge at Democratic presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson and his running mate, John Sparkman to "come before the people as I have" and make public their financial status.

"You have read in the papers about other funds," he said. "Mr. Stevenson apparently had a couple."

"And as far as Mr. Sparkman is concerned, he has his wife on the payroll. I don't condemn him for that, but I think he should come before the American people and indicate what outside sources of income he has had."

"I would suggest that . . . both Mr. Sparkman and Mr. Stevenson should come before the American people as I have, and make a complete financial statement as to their financial history."

Outside the television studio after the broadcast was over a

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#### Ike Uses Lumber To Illustrate Cost-of-Living

ABOARD THE EISENHOWER SPECIAL, Sept. 23—(INS)—Gen. Eisenhower came up with a new gimmick today to illustrate the high cost of living.

The general showed his rear-plant audiences in Ohio a 36-inch piece of white pine. He explained that this was "how much you could buy for 15 cents—in 1945."

Then he snapped the yard of wood across the train's railing and held up a 12-inch length. This was what "you can buy today for 15 cents." And then he whacked it across the railing once more.

The seven-inch splinter that remained, Eisenhower said, will be "what you can buy four years from now for 15 cents—unless inflation is halted."

#### Ike Asks Nixon To Meet Him In Wheeling Today

**Ike Delays Verdict Until Face-to-Face Meeting With Nixon**

Dwight D. Eisenhower last night asked Richard M. Nixon to meet with him "face-to-face" in Wheeling tonight before making any decision on keeping the Californian as his vice presidential running mate.

The general wired Nixon that he would be in Wheeling tonight and "would be most appreciative if you could fly to see me at once." Eisenhower is due here at 7:10 (DST) from Parkersburg and will address a huge gathering at the Island stadium.

Eisenhower told a wildly cheering crowd of 15,000 in Cleveland's vast Public Hall last night that "I have seen many brave men in

#### Nixon Accepts Invitation

Early this morning Nixon announced through his press secretary, James Basset, that he will break off his scheduled western tour to meet with the general. "As soon as it can be arranged we will break off our schedule and fulfill that meeting," Basset said.

"That is one of the toughest situations, but I have never seen any come through in better fashion than Senator Nixon did tonight."

Eisenhower, who had just seen and heard Nixon on television, said that he had yet to make up his mind on his running mate.

"That shall be done as soon as I have a chance to meet Senator Nixon face-to-face and talk to him."

Eisenhower said he had already sent Nixon a message between hearing his broadcast and his own speech. The message was:

"Your presentation was magnificent. While technically no decision rests with me, yet you and I know that the realities of the situation will require a personal pronouncement which so far as the public is concerned will be considered decisive."

"In view of your comprehensive presentation, my personal decision is going to be based on a personal conclusion. To complete the formulation of that personal decision, I feel the need of talk-

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#### Audit Reveals Outlay Correct

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23 (U.P.)—An independent audit of the controversial \$18,235 Sen. Richard M. Nixon trust fund by the firm of Price Waterhouse and Co. "shows that the statement of the expenditures of the fund were correct."

The auditing firm was hired at the request of Nixon to check the audit presented by Dana C. Smith, Pasadena, Calif., attorney and trustee of the fund; by the Dwight D. Eisenhower headquarters in New York, and addressed to Eisenhower's chief of staff, Sherman Adams.

The Los Angeles auditing firm said the contributions, given by supporters of Nixon following his election to the Senate two years ago, were traced to bank statements and copies of deposit slips. Check of the Memorandum—including checks, approved invoices and other supporting documents—showed that payments made directly to persons other than Richard M. Nixon totaled \$12,876.72.

The auditing firm also examined statements and correspond

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SEN. RICHARD NIXON  
Bares Soul For Principle

#### Hundreds Here Rally to Back Senator Nixon

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Hundreds of Wheeling area residents last night and early this morning rallied to the support of Sen. Richard M. Nixon by responding to his plea to send wires expressing their attitude toward his financial status to the Republican National Committee by telegram.

It was only minutes after the GOP vice presidential candidate had ended his nation-wide radio talk explaining his entire financial history that the telephones started to ring in the office of the Western Union offices on 12th street.

At first there was a mere trickle, but the momentum grew at a rapid pace with the result that manager D. W. Hopwood was forced to call in four extra employees to augment the normal two in order to handle the deluge of calls.

Significantly, none of the staff recalled having received a message requesting that the California Senator withdraw from the present heated campaign.

Hopwood said just before midnight: "We were unprepared for such a rush and had to call in extra

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