

McGovern Campaign Leaps Ahead

George S. McGovern, who seems all this year to have followed his own sense of destiny rather than the political pundits who placed him as an also-ran, last week captured the biggest prize on the long road to the Democratic presidential nomination.

The South Dakota senator won California's winner-take-all primary, adding 271 votes from that state alone and placing himself far in the lead in the struggle for delegate votes. He also won the primaries in New Jersey, New Mexico and South Dakota.

For his principal opponent in the race, Minnesota Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, it was a major blow. With McGovern favored to pick up a majority of New York's delegates in that state's June 20 primary, all the South Dakotans would need for a first-ballot victory in Miami Beach would be an endorsement by a major political figure such as Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts or the support of a one-time front-runner, Sen. Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, whose block of delegates would presumably swing to McGovern should Muskie decide to drop out of the race.

Still a Candidate

Muskie, however, was refusing his support for the current front-runner, declaring that he is still a candidate for the presidency.

Muskie's hopes, and the hopes of Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington, for the Democratic nomination had been based on the possibility of a deadlock between McGovern and Humphrey at the convention. With McGovern's four wins last week, however, that possibility seemed to be very remote.

As Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana said, "At the rate he's going" he would not be surprised to see McGovern win on the first ballot.

McGovern himself said, "I realize there's nothing certain in politics, but I think these four victories probably set the stage for my victory in Miami Beach."

Nevertheless, Humphrey seemed determined to continue in the race.

'Did Much Better'

He told Democratic governors at the National Governors' Conference in Houston, "We did much better (in California) than people expected. We felt we mounted a good campaign."

He added that he didn't have a "shadow of a doubt" that he could mount a better campaign against President Nixon than McGovern could.

Some of the governors, particularly those from the South, were sympathetic listeners. They felt that McGovern was ignoring them, and some of them said that McGovern would

not only lose the South during the November election but would bring many Democratic candidates down with him.

Southern Democrats, led by Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter, were making it no secret that they were displeased at the prospect of having McGovern as the party's standard bearer.

They claimed that McGovern was wrecking party unity by instigating delegate challenges in several states and was leaving



himself wide open to defeat by his advocacy of amnesty for war resisters, liberalized laws on the use of marijuana and eased abortion regulations.

McGovern flew to Houston to try to allay those fears. He told the governors that many of his views had been distorted by Humphrey. He also told the Southern governors that he would not ask for the support of any delegates legally bound to vote for other candidates. Some delegates in Tennessee, Maryland and other states bound to Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace have openly declared their support for McGovern.

He also said that he wouldn't be opposed to having a Southerner — and he mentioned ex-Gov. Terry Sanford of North Carolina and Gov. Rubin Askew of Florida — as his running mate. (Humphrey himself brought up the possibility of sharing a ticket with Wallace, mentioning the fact that the Alabama governor had proven to be a good vote-getter.)

'Closest Cooperation'

As he left the state executives, McGovern told newsmen, "I assured every governor at that meeting that I wanted the closest possible cooperation with them if I become nominee, that I will consult them before coming into their states and that I would do everything to see that my campaign is one of cooperation and reconciliation rather than divisiveness."

The Republicans, for their part, were doing everything in their power to capitalize on the Democratic squabbling.

GOP Rep. John J. Rhodes of Arizona, envisioning McGovern as Nixon's opponent in November, said:

"We can look for a Democrat platform that will, in the words of Mr. Humphrey, 'scare the country half to death with billion-dollar schemes nobody will accept.'"

He added that a McGovern-

directed platform "will be a document loaded with false hopes and phony promises. In contrast, the Republican platform will be realistic — advocating programs and projects that won't strain the economy to the breaking point or endanger our country's national security."

Majority of Delegates

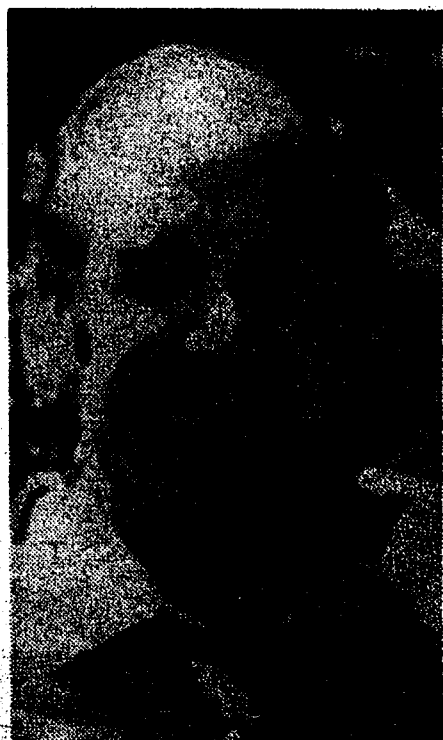
The GOP was having no problem finding who its leader would be in November. President Nixon, after having only a hint of opposition from liberal Rep. Paul McCloskey of California and conservative Congressman John Ashbrook of Ohio, emerged from the primaries last week with a majority of delegates pledged to his support.

McCloskey had dropped out of the running right after the New Hampshire primary, and Ashbrook, after receiving 10 per cent of the Republican vote in California, also announced his capitulation. Ashbrook declared, however, that he would try to influence the shaping of the GOP platform.

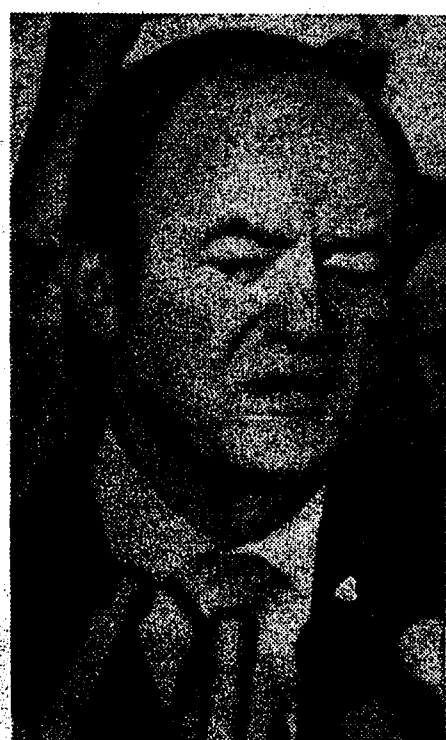
"I will seek the support of all delegates for the principles that made our party great."

"With the help of other conservatives, I intend to take the fight on these survival issues to the Republican Platform Committee...."

"I am convinced more than ever that when they are presented with the facts, before the platform committee, Re-



Sen. George S. McGovern ... riding high



Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey ... hopes dashed?

publicans will reject the radicalization of their party's policies by the Nixon administration."

In other political developments:

—Sen. James O. Eastland of Mississippi overwhelmingly won the Democratic primary in his state, virtually assuring that he will be seated in the Senate for a sixth term.

—Democratic Sen. Lee Metcalf of Montana won nomination

to his third consecutive term.

—Former Sen. Ralph Yarborough of Texas lost in a runoff election for the Democratic nomination to Dallas attorney Barefoot Sanders.

—Sen. B. Everett Jordan of North Carolina was defeated in a Democratic runoff by Rep. Nick Galifianakis.

—Nixon opponent McCloskey won the GOP nomination for a new California seat in the House of Representatives.

Here and There in the World . . .

● Ten persons hijacked a plane from Czechoslovakia to West Germany, killing the pilot. The Prague government demanded their return and sent a plane to pick up the three passengers on the flight who were not part of the hijacking. The hijackers had a child with them.

● West German police captured three more members of the Baader-Meinhof terrorist group that allegedly bombed U.S. military installations in Frankfurt and Heidelberg. Gudrun Ensslin was arrested after a brief struggle in a Hamburg boutique. Later in the week, Bernhard Braun and Brigitte Mohnhaupt were captured in Berlin. All were described by German police as "hard-core" members of the anarchist group.

● Student protest leader Daniel (Danny the Red) Cohn-Bendit was sentenced in Frankfurt to nine months in prison for urging attacks on police during a demonstration of support for the Black Panthers.

● The United States resumed its intensive bombing of North Vietnam last week, and Communist and Washington sources indicated that Hanoi's potential to carry on war had been severely crippled.

● An explosion ripped through a coal mine in Wankie, Rhodesia, entombing more than 450 miners. After frantic rescue efforts, eight survivors were found and three bodies recovered, but rescuers held no hope that the remaining miners could be alive.

● Former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally left last week on a 15-nation, round-the-world trip on behalf of Presi-

dent Nixon. He was to visit nations in South America, the Far East, Australia, South Asia and Europe.

● The U.S. troop strength in Indochina dropped to 63,700 last week, the lowest level in seven years.

● The Duke of Windsor — the one-time King Edward VIII

of England — was buried on English soil, in Windsor. Before his death he had been self-exiled from the country.

● A man and a woman hijacked a jet to Algeria after extorting \$500,000 from Western Airlines. The two requested political asylum. The Algerian government returned the money to the airline.



NOT GUILTY — Angela Davis smiles happily after an all-white jury in San Jose, Calif., found her not guilty of murder, kidnaping and conspiracy in connection with the shoot-out at the Marin County Civic Center, where four persons were killed after an alleged bid to secure hostages and trade them for the imprisoned Soledad Brothers. The prosecution had attempted to prove that the 28-year-old Communist and former UCLA instructor had provided the guns used in the escape attempt in an effort to free George Jackson, whom the prosecution said she was in love with. —AP Photo

Kleindienst Confirmed

The Senate, by a vote of 64 to 19, confirmed the nomination of Richard G. Kleindienst as attorney general, ending a three-month controversy over his and other White House officials' roles in the favorable settlement of antitrust suits against the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.

His nomination was approved after the Senate refused to send it back to the Judiciary Committee for further study.

His nomination had been

blocked while the committee investigated possible links between the ITT settlements and a pledge by ITT of up to \$400,000 to help underwrite the Republican party's expenses at its national convention in San Diego. The party later changed the site for the convention to Miami Beach.

Kleindienst succeeds John N. Mitchell, who quit the post to run President Nixon's reelection campaign.