

Reed Is Considered For Conference Chairmanship

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MINNEAPOLIS — Maine Gov. John H. Reed is under prime consideration to become new chairman of the National Governors' Conference.

Outgoing conference chairman, Gov. Grant Sawyer, D-Nevada, said Sunday that "I believe it's time the chairmanship went to New England."

Reed, here with 49 other governors for the group's 37th annual meeting this week, said he was "flattered" that he was under consideration but said he wasn't actively campaigning for the job.

The chairmanship will rotate to a Republican for the coming

year and there's considerable feeling among the governors that an Easterner should get the job.

It's also understood that Reed is considered to be acceptable to Democratic National Committee chairman John Bailey of Connecticut, who is attending the conference.

The 33 Democratic governors will decide which of the 17 Republican governors gets the chairmanship.

Sawyer, interviewed at conference headquarters, would not commit himself on his preference for his successor from the three Republican governors from New England.

"I'm friendly with all of them," Sawyer said of Reed, Massachusetts Gov. John Volpe and Rhode Island Gov. John H. Chafee.

Of the trio, however, Reed has the majority of support of Democratic governors. Democrats may be reluctant to hand the plum to Volpe because he represents a large state with considerable national influence.

Chafee, a Portland native incidentally, may also find that the prize will elude him because of the belief that he will oppose U.S. Sen. Claiborne Pell in next year's election. Democrats are not likely to give the job with its quarantine of national

publicity for the next year — to Chafee for that reason.

Reed, on the other hand, has more security as a governor than either Volpe or Chafee and is currently chairman of the New England Governors' Conference.

Reed made a bid for the chairmanship two years ago in Miami but was at that time unacceptable to the Democratic majority because it was thought possible that he might run against U.S. Sen. Edmund S. Muskie the following year.

The job went eventually to then Kansas Gov. John Anderson.

The only problem Reed may

encounter is to convince the 17 GOP governors, the majority of whom are Westerners, that the post should go to someone in the East.

Sawyer said Sunday, however, that he felt the majority of governors felt it was time the East was represented as chairman and that he personally favored a New Englander.

The other Eastern Republican governors are New York's Nelson A. Rockefeller and Pennsylvania's William W. Scranton. Both would probably be rejected by Democratic governors because their political influence extends far beyond state boundaries. Both sought

the GOP presidential nomination a year ago.

The new chairman won't be formally elected until Thursday when the conference is scheduled to adjourn. Prior to that the Republican governors will caucus privately and select the names of two candidates they favor. Then the Democratic governors will caucus to choose between the two. The formal nomination will come from a nine-member Democratic-controlled nominating committee to be appointed soon by Sawyer.

Reed came to the convention with no thousands of dollars in the pocket but has found himself one of the top choices, although the

mood of the conference may be altered by Thursday.

Sawyer and other governors attended a luncheon given by former Minneapolis Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey at the Vice President's home in suburban Waverly, about 35 miles from here.

Following the luncheon the governors attended an evening performance of a swimming show at a Minneapolis arena.

Early Monday Reed and the other Republican governors are to huddle privately at a breakfast meeting with GOP National Committee chairman Ray Bliss of Ohio, who is also attending the conference.

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New Decision Confronts LBJ

Missie Presents Problem



WASHINGTON (AP) — The possible use of a missile to destroy a U.S. plane over North Vietnam injected a tricky new element Sunday into President Johnson's intensive reassessment of the American role in the war with the Viet Cong.

Added now to the many other decisions the President must make at the conclusion of his discussions with his chief military and diplomatic lieutenants may be a need to decide whether to strike at the Soviet-supplied missile bases just outside the North Vietnamese capital of Hanoi.

Whatever this decision is, it seems certain to stir strong criticism.

The strategy talks went in for many hours at the White House last week and are expected to continue at least until the middle of this week before any decisions are disclosed.

The general expectation is that there will be a substantial build-up of U.S. forces, now numbering around 75,000 in Viet Nam.

While Johnson spent the weekend at his Camp David retreat in western Maryland, military officials were marshaling data and recommendations which he has requested on such matters as a call-up of Reserves and an increase in the draft quota.

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara was with Johnson at Camp David and both men were filled in on the possible

missile-bases but offered no comment.

In addition to the on-site talks with McNamara, and with Arthur J. Goldberg, the newly confirmed U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Johnson conferred by phone with Secretary of State Dean Rusk and McGee Bundy, special presidential assistant for national security affairs.

The fact that the sites for five surface-to-air missile bases have been under construction in a ring about 15 miles outside Hanoi was known and disclosed here weeks ago. But their activation never has been announced by U.S. officials.

However, it always has been assumed by the Defense Department that they would be activated in due course as Moscow carried out its announced pledge of support for the Hanoi Communist regime.

Up to now, the Pentagon has not particularly important so long as no raids are planned against Hanoi—and if such raids were decided on, the missile bases could be quite readily destroyed.

The loss of a bomber Saturday about 40 miles west of Hanoi could have been due to a miscalculation on the flight pattern which brought the warplanes within range of the rocket while en route to a target about 35 northwest of Hanoi.

Such losses could be avoided in the future, without actual destruction of the missiles, by keeping the bombers outside the 35-mile slant range of the rockets.

However, a negative decision on attacking the sites now that they appear to be activated could bring strong criticism from such congressional leaders as Rep. Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, the Republican House chief.

Purd has urged repeatedly that the sites be smashed by missiles were placed and in a statement Sunday he said: "As I warned 10 days ago, the missiles built anti-aircraft. If they should have been destroyed before a single American pilot's life was lost. These missile sites at that time were significant military targets."

"It is obvious that these Soviet weapons are a continuing threat to American lives today."

Nor would demands for swift action against the bases necessarily be limited to the Republican oppositionist targets.

In a radio-television interview recorded before end of the possible missile-firing Rep. Mendel Rivers, D-S.C., chairman of the Committee on Armed Forces, said:

Dr. Fink Named New UMP Dean

ORONO — Dr. David R. Fink Jr., a member of the University of Maine faculty eight years, has been named dean of the University of Maine in Portland. President Lloyd H. Elliott announced Sunday the appointment of Dr. Fink as administrative head of the Portland campus reflects the rapid growth and development of the campus and the strong support which it has received from the people of Maine, Dr. Elliott said.

William I. Whiting, who has served as director of undergraduate studies at UMP, will become associate dean. He will work with Dr. Fink in the continuing development of the program in Portland.

The opening this fall of the new five-story classroom and library building will mean an increase of 40 per cent in enrollment at Portland, Dr. Elliott said.

This will "greatly increase the state university's services in the southern part of the state," he said.

Dean Edward S. Godfrey will continue as the chief administrative officer of the School of Law, 68 High St.

Dr. Fink has been director of team teaching project financed by a \$400,000 Ford Foundation grant. He taught educational measurement and statistics.

He also served as representative of the elected members of the faculty council and was named chairman of the group this spring.

He is chairman of the faculty advisory committee to the Board of Trustees in the selection of a new U. of M. president.

Dr. Fink was an adviser on education television; director of Boys State in 1964; a director of the teacher training program for the Peace Corps; a member of the American Educational Research Association for Higher Education and the National Council on Measurement in Education.

He is a graduate of Dartmouth College. He received his M.S. degree in education from the University of Pennsylvania in 1953 and his Ph.D. in education from the university's graduate school.

He is married to the former Barbara Pickens. They have two children, David R. III, 14, and Juliana, 12.



Dr. David R. Fink Jr.

Viet Cong Roundup

Lt. Robert H. Fuehlhart of Tionesta, Pa., a U. S. adviser to a Vietnamese ranger battalion, is followed by a comrade as they approach two captured Viet Cong guerrillas during an operation against the Reds at Phung Hiep, a Mekong Delta village about 100 miles south of Saigon.

U.S. Plane Downed By Hanoi Missile

SAIGON (South Viet Nam) (AP) — A U.S. Air Force jet bomber was shot out of the sky Saturday over North Viet Nam by what appeared to be a surface-to-air missile, a U.S. military spokesman said Sunday.

He said the F-4 Phantom jet was downed about 40 miles west of the North Vietnamese capital of Hanoi. The plane was flying in support of a strike against the Lang Chi explosives plant, 35 miles northwest of Hanoi.

"Initial indications are that the plane was downed by what might have been a surface-to-air missile," the spokesman said.

It was one of four Phantoms flying with 12 F-105 Thunderchiefs in the air strike. No parachutes were seen after the plane was hit, the spokesman said, and its two crewmen are presumed dead.

If the report proves true, it would be the first known case of an American plane shot down by a ground missile since the United States began air raids against North Viet Nam in February.

U.S. warplanes previously have been reported downed over North Viet Nam by antiaircraft fire or enemy planes, but the Soviet Union is known to have erected surface-to-air missile sites in the Hanoi area.

Pilots reported heavy damage to 13 buildings after dropping 3 tons of bombs on the explosives plant.

In an earlier strike at the same plant Saturday, a U.S. Air Force F-105 was shot down by what was described as antiaircraft fire. The pilot ejected over land and was picked up in good condition, the spokesman said, without elaboration.

Concerning the down Phantom, the spokesman declined to say whether more than one missile might have been fired. He said reports were that the plane exploded and was seen to have gone down. He also refused to say why U.S. military authorities suspected that a ground missile was used.

"All I am free to say is that intelligence reports at this time provide this indication," he said.

A possibility that the aircraft might have been brought down by antiaircraft fire was mentioned on Page 8, 4th Col.

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Southard 8th Victim On Snoopy

A previously unnamed eighth missing crewman of the ill-fated local trawler Snoopy was identified Sunday as Rod Southard, 22, of 153 Pearl St.

At the same time, the United Press International reported that fishing boats recovered two more bodies in the area where the scalloper exploded Friday, killing eight men in shark-infested waters. They were not immediately identified.

Mrs. Southard told the Press Herald that her husband had been definitely identified as one of the eight victims.

The U. S. Public Health Service Hospital in Norwalk, Vt., also informed Police Lt. David R. Marley Sunday that two of the Snoopy's four survivors reported that Southard was a crewmember.

Southard joined the crew July 18 as a last-minute replacement. He and Peter Levitt of Portland, one of the survivors, boarded the Snoopy at Cape May, N. J.

The Snoopy was blown to bits Friday night by a torpedo dredged up in its nets in the "graveyard of ships" off North Carolina's outer banks. The area was known as "torpedo alley" during World War II, when Nazi submarines sank scores of Allied merchantmen.

Four survivors of the Snoopy were brought aboard Saturday aboard two trawlers which were nearby when the explosion occurred.

One body was recovered. Continued on Page 8, 7th Col.

Today's Chuckle

What did women like about men before money was invented?



Politics At The Picnic
Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, right, of New York, chats with his host, Vice President Hubert Humphrey at the Humphrey ranch picnic at Waverly, Minn.

Rocky Won't Seek Presidency Again

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York declared himself Sunday foreman of the running for president in a different contest, the Democratic chairmanship of the conference, Gov. Grant Sawyer of Nevada, decried political jockeying at these annual events.

Rockefeller said it is correct that he is now and forevermore pulling himself out of another try for the White House. Asked whether he could be equally unambiguous, Scranton said:

"I haven't given any thought whatsoever on 1968 and I don't intend to do so for a long time."

Rockefeller and Scranton were the only two Republicans who offered themselves in turn as rallying points last year for futile attempts to grab the party presidential nomination away from Barry Goldwater.

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Mexico Man Is Charged With Slaying Of Brother

MEXICO — A 45-year-old bachelor was charged Sunday with shooting his younger brother to death at the house they shared on Route 120 in the state section.

Ernest G. White Jr., 42, father of six, died at a Portland hospital early Sunday, several hours after he had been wounded by two blasts of birdshot from a shotgun. A doctor said White was hit in the chest and lower back and one of the blasts cut his spinal column.

The victim's brother, Edwin, 45, is held for a murder arraignment in Rumford Municipal Court Monday morning, the Oxford County Sheriff's Department reported.

DEPUTY SHERIFF Emile Carrier, who lives a mile from the scene, reported the shooting occurred about 6 p.m. Saturday. He said the brothers had been watching television and drinking beer. The deputy said the younger White apparently staggered from his chair to the doorstep and then fell to the mailbox, "hollering 'Emile, Emile, help me!'" Emile is deputy carrier.

First persons on the scene found the younger White face down. He was taken to the Rumford Community Hospital and then transferred to the Maine Medical Center, Portland, where he died.

Carrier said he found the elder White on the porch, arrested him and took him to the Rumford jail.

State pathologist Irving Oodool of Waterville performed an autopsy at Rumford Sunday evening.

Others investigating are County Attorney Severin Belliveau, Sheriff Lester Hartman and Deputy William Dickson. Mexico policemen James Montgomery and Jean Baldwin and Leonce Jobin, an investigator for the state attorney-general's office.

THE YCUM was born at Rumford Oct. 12, 1922, son of



Victim Ernest G. White Jr.



Accused Edwin White

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