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ROMNEY-FOR-PRESIDENT OFFICE OPENS IN WASHINGTON

The Romney-For-President Committee has opened a Washington office to serve as a clearing house for nationwide efforts on behalf of Michigan Governor George Romney.

The new office will be headed by Leonard W. Hall, former chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The office is located in a five-room suite of rooms in the Shoreham Building at 15th and "H" Streets in northwest Washington.

EXCERPTS OF ROMNEY'S VIETNAM SPEECH

In his speech at the 150th Anniversary Dinner of the Hartford Times in Hartford, Connecticut, on Friday, April 7, 1967, Governor Romney summarized his position on Vietnam in the following manner:

1. It is unthinkable that the United States withdraw from Vietnam.
2. We must not over-simplify this conflict by talking only in terms of bombing or withdrawing.
3. The failure to induce negotiations at this time should not result in massive military escalation. We should continue to seek meaningful negotiations.
4. We must learn from the lessons of this tragic war to avoid similar involvements in the future. We now must acknowledge the wisdom of President Eisenhower's decision thirteen years ago not to deploy ground troops in Vietnam. Start-

- ing with a decision in 1954 to afford most economic support and limited military advice, we now find ourselves totally committed—with a current force in being approaching half a million men and a direct budgetary outlay of at least \$24 billion yearly, almost one fifth of our national budget.
5. We must give our gallant fighting men our full support. We must use military force as necessary to reduce or cut off the flow of men and supplies from North Vietnam, to knock out enemy main forces, to provide a military shield for the South, and to establish military dominance.
 6. We should help South Vietnam to get an effective program underway to win the "other war", which because of its inherent nature is primarily their war.
 7. At the point of achieving mili-

tary dominance, we should encourage the government of South Vietnam to achieve "peace with amnesty" to avoid a very long and brutal "other war".

8. If "peace with amnesty" or some similar negotiated solution fails, we should continue to help the South Vietnamese win their "other war" but keep from Americanizing it as we have done the military conflict.

I have even heard that the leaders in Hanoi think a Republican administration might come into power that would settle on their terms.

For what it is worth, I would like to tell them right now that here is one Republican I can speak for who will not settle on their terms under any circumstances.

America's major objective and contribution must be a just peace.

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Today's Chuck
When it comes to big cars and fur coats, you've got to give them can public credit.

Romney on the Issues

Governor Romney of Michigan, on his just-concluded political tour of Western states, faced up to the religious issue that could harm his prospective Presidential candidacy. He is a member of the Mormon Church, which bars Negroes from its priesthood; but he has asked that he be judged as an individual and not on the doctrines of his church, over which he has no personal control.

Since Mr. Romney as a public official has an excellent record on racial equality, there is no reason to doubt his sincerity. He is making much the same appeal for tolerance that John F. Kennedy made in 1960, and we are sure that he will be successful.

Courting Conservatives

Western Trip Makes Points for Romney

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — Gov. George Romney of Michigan brought off remarkably well the real aims of his 6-day sweep through Alaska, Idaho, New Mexico and Arizona.

He was the westerner, even a country boy, coming home to places where he had grown up. The rugged physical features of the West were working his way through his company's annual report.

Nor will conservatives find it altogether easy to take the strong liberal elements in Romney's philosophy and performance. When he talked of more individual self-reliance, more individual co-operation, and voluntary co-operation, more regard for law and order. The attention to these themes was deliberate. Romney was out to prove himself genuine, not to prove himself genuine, if not the first choice of the conservatives who probably will bulk large in a western presidential election.

Romney Proves Campaign Skills

By ROBERT A. POPA
Detroit News Lansing Bureau

LANSING—Call it what you will. Gov. Romney has just completed a dry run of a presidential campaign trip. He came out of it looking better than his opponents hoped or expected.

Furthermore, he succeeded in winning many members of the Washington press corps, who will be writing about the Michigan governor and his trip.

So he foreclosed Vietnam from further discussion at press conferences, and then started to recoup some of the points he had lost with reporters.

Commented one reporter who has been riding with national politicians for two decades: "He's not as stuffy and as mercenary as I expected him to be. He takes kidding well. (Richard M.) Nixon couldn't take it."

He also questions the advisability of engaging in a land war in Southeast Asia, although he says "we see it through honorably."

This poses a potential dilemma for Romney. The tendency among Republicans to hold out for winning war at any cost. If Romney assumes a dove position, those in his party are mainly hawks, can he win nomination?

Who GOP Leaders, Crowds Hint Backing for Presidency

Romney Moves 'Screening' Trip to New Mexico

By JOHN CORLETT

ALBUQUERQUE, Idaho — Gov. Romney, who drew standing-room-only crowds at Lincoln appearances in Idaho's congressional district, moved to New Mexico in connection of a quest to determine if he should seek the 1968 Presidential nomination.

He answered that when he determines his stand on Vietnam, he will take that stand regardless of the political consequences. He said he will visit Vietnam in the furtherance of obtaining a "fresh look" of the struggle there.

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Romney Stock Boosted by Western Swing

BY SAUL LOEB

Romney's Brighter Picture

EVENTS MOVED over the weekend like the glass lenses of a kaleidoscope and the bright flecks shifted to reveal a much more hopeful political picture for Gov. Romney and the Republican Party.

On the one hand there were fresh revelations about the CIA. Its secret hand was exposed as having meddled in an increasing number of student groups and labor union organizations, compromising both individuals and organizations in the process.

On the other hand there was the news of Gov. Romney's visit to Alaska. This was the first stop on a tour through the western states and he lashed into the administration with greater vigor and to better effect than ever before.

This combination of events should cheer Republicans.

Although President Johnson may not have personally known of the CIA subversion work, the work contributes to the picture of the administration.

Romney's Tour Praised by Leading Republicans

By ROBERT L. PISOR
Detroit News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Gov. Romney's recent five-state tour of the West was a "successful safari" that bagged important support for a 1968 presidential bid, Senator Hugh Scott says.

"If Bobby Kennedy had made a tour like that and won the same warm receptions, people would be saying he had the nomination wrapped up," the Pennsylvania Republican asserted yesterday.

Scott, whose large state delegation may play an important role at the 1968 GOP convention, said he was very impressed by Romney's tour.

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Alaska, Idaho, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona.

All were diplomatic in their statements to avoid a premature commitment when other GOP candidates are still testing their strength. One prospect for instance, former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, plans to leave Friday on a trip of his own, this one aimed at Europe and the Far East to bolster his credentials as a knowledgeable spokesman on foreign affairs.

House Minority Leader Gerald R. Ford, a Michigan colleague of Romney and a campaign trail partner of Nixon in last fall's congressional elections, was careful in his assessment of the Romney tour.

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'TITHE OF TIME' URGED BY ROMNEY

He Asserts Voluntary Work 'Could Reshape America'

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Feb. 21 (AP)—Gov. George Romney of Michigan, on a political tour of his boyhood homeland, called today for a national "tithe of time" to help solve this nation's ills.

In a speech at a Republican luncheon in Idaho Falls he said "four hours—10 per cent of the 40-hour week—spent in well conceived voluntary effort at the local level could reshape America faster than Federal programs ever will."

Tithing usually refers to the voluntary contribution of one-tenth of one's income to a church or other religious organization.

Mr. Romney was graduated from eighth grade as a valedictorian of the class of 1934. About two dozen members of that class gathered late last night at the Ricks College student union at Ricks on the edge of town to hear his famous former classmate speak.

Before 2,000 students, Ricks College auditorium, Romney recalled that he earned his first dollar by thinning sugar beets for \$7 an acre in the lands around the village. "I took Melba from the grade school dance," he said.

Romney Says He Will 'Keep Up Courtship'

Declares Western Tour Encouraged Him to Run for Presidential Nomination

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Throng Packs S.L. Airport, Romney on Arrival for Utah

By John R. Cummins
Tribune Staff Writer

An enthusiastic crowd of "Utahns for Romney" greeted Michigan's Republican Gov. George Romney and Mrs. Romney upon their arrival Sunday night at the Salt Lake City Municipal Airport.

Estimated at more than 1,200, the crowd jammed the north concourse where the governor's chartered Frontier Airlines Conquest was unloaded and the crowd flanked both sides of the lobby.

Speaking in the airport lobby, Gov. Romney thanked the crowd for greeting them and pointed to one of the numerous signs that read, "Romney in 1968," and "Our Next President," and said "You don't want to believe all the rumors you hear out here."

Jokes About Weather

Gov. Romney said, "I didn't expect to see all you Utahns."

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GEORGE ROMNEY'S VIETNAM SPEECH IS PRAISED *by the Press*

THE WASHINGTON POST: "Governor George Romney's Vietnam speech at Hartford on Friday skillfully mingled legitimate criticism of the past conduct of affairs with forthright endorsement of American objectives.

"He deserves great credit for bluntly stating that he would 'neither give encouragement to Hanoi's aggressive course, nor undermine our President in sincere efforts to bring peace to Vietnam.' He handled the dilemma of the opposition in wartime with deftness and assurance. His speech, in fact, was a model of restraint and balance.

"This sober and cautious speech will raise the estimate of the Michigan Governor in the minds of all moderates in his own party and it will earn him new respect among the voters outside his party. His first important foreign policy utterance passes the first test of statesmanship—it offers no quick, easy, painless or inexpensive solutions for difficult, complicated and costly situations. It will reassure his friends and give no comfort to his country's enemies."

ROSCOE DRUMMOND, national columnist: "In coming out strongly in support of the U.S. defense of South Vietnam, Gov. George Romney is doing more than just repairing past vagaries.

"He is helping to unify public opinion in the nation so that Hanoi will have the least reason to miscalculate that, if it can keep up the war a little longer, the American people will grow weary and force the President to give up the fight.

"Finally, he is solidly uniting the Republican party on Vietnam at the very moment when leading Senate Democrats . . . are disuniting the Democratic party."

NEW YORK TIMES: "Governor Romney of Michigan took a long step in his Hartford speech toward removing the strategy of the Vietnamese war as an issue for debate in the 1968 presidential campaign. That makes it all the more likely that the campaign will be waged on grounds most favorable to the Republicans.

"The Romney speech . . . indicates that the Michigan Governor has decided to let Johnson rather than the war be the issue. The stroke may have been delayed but when it came it gave that

clear lead for which those who wish to nominate the governor had been looking."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR: "Governor Romney of Michigan has proved that when he studies a problem long and carefully he can come up with the right answer.

"He studied the Vietnam problem long and carefully. He came up with a position which (1) avoids an immediate row with President Johnson, (2) is acceptable to both dove and hawk wings of the Republican Party, and (3) leaves Mr. Romney himself with freedom of action if the situation in Vietnam, or about Vietnam, should change.

"The strategy behind the Romney speech is to let Mr. Johnson go on managing the war all by himself . . . Romney prudence leaves Mr. Johnson in the vulnerable position of having to run and defend an unpopular war.

"It would be a powerful position for a president campaign."

DETROIT NEWS: "George Romney's lucid and forthright address on the Vietnam war may well mark his coming of age as a bonafide contender for the White House in 1968.

"In outlining what he called his 'basic approach' to the war, Romney clarified much of what he has previously said in less clear-cut and understandable terms."

LANSING (MICH.) STATE JOURNAL: "We believe that by showing as he did in his speech his keen recognition of all that is involved in the war, the Michigan Governor greatly strengthened his standing in national politics in which he is regarded as a front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination in 1968."

DETROIT FREE PRESS: "Gov. Romney now has a 2,000-word base to stand on whenever the accelerating campaign to put him in the White House requires him to say something about the war in Vietnam . . .

"In all, it was a performance that impressed Washington. Not only did Romney finally provide his views on Vietnam, but he did so in a manner that is bound to win new respect as a serious contender for the presidency in 1968."

GEORGE ROMNEY'S VIETNAM SPEECH IS PRAISED *by National Leaders*

SENATOR JOHN TOWER, R-Texas: "Your remarks on Southeast Asia were thoughtful, constructive and well done. I have been in several places across the country in the interim and the comments I have heard are favorable.

"My trips there have convinced me, particularly, of the success and importance of the South Vietnamese amnesty program. I believe you were correct in encouraging it.

"None of the commanders I have talked with feel it wise or necessary for us to destroy North Vietnam. They advocate continued, controlled military pressure toward negotiations or an ultimate 'fading away' of communist efforts.

"This is a position which I believe the vast majority of Americans and of our party members can and do agree upon. Your thoughtful analysis represents a major contribution."

SENATOR HUGH SCOTT, R-Pennsylvania: "Governor Romney's reasoned and well-balanced analysis showed his keen grasp of a very difficult problem. He demonstrated the awareness and the kind of leadership qualities which have been lacking for too long in dealing with Vietnam.

He avoided the simplistic appeals and breast-beating of those who would use the Vietnam issue for political expediency. Instead, he presented a thoughtful statement of his views on present necessities and of America's future course of action in Southeast Asia. His plea, for an honorable peace upon which the Vietnamese can build a stable and representative government with minimum American involvement, is one with which all Americans will enthusiastically agree."

SENATOR WALLACE F. BENNETT, R-Utah: "Governor Romney's speech was a mark of true statesmanship. Mr. Romney has become a major contender for the Republican nomination for President of the United States. He has shown his ability to win important elections; he has shown that he is capable of governing one of our great states; and now Mr. Romney has shown that in the field of foreign policy he understands the complex nature of America's foreign relations as well as the need to elevate this critical segment of American national life above partisan politics."

SENATOR JACOB K. JAVITS, R-New York: "Governor Romney's speech is a major contribution to the development of public opinion and to the

hope for a peaceful solution in Vietnam. I applaud his balanced, constructive and responsible approach to this difficult issue, so consistent with the spirit of the bipartisan foreign policy identified with Senator Arthur Vandenberg of his own state of Michigan.

In spelling out the lessons that emerge from Vietnam, in warning that our military victories should not harden our negotiating position and delay an ultimate peace, and in urging the United States not to Americanize the 'other war,' Governor Romney has shown perception and understanding of the problems."

SENATOR JAMES B. PEARSON, R-Kansas: "Governor Romney's discussion of the Vietnam war was an example of the understanding, responsibility and statesmanship which has characterized his public service.

He reassured our friends, without giving comfort to the enemy.

He offered no simplistic solution for the complex situation we now find ourselves in, but it was also encouraging to note his emphasis on peace efforts rather than war escalation and his favoring of the transfer of greater responsibility to the South Vietnamese people."

SENATOR ROBERT P. GRIFFIN, R-Michigan: "Governor Romney's speech serves to give voice to the nation's concern that the Vietnam conflict be resolved justly and with honor. He has warned Hanoi that we will not settle for peace on Communist terms.

He has drawn on the lessons of the past not only to understand the present but also to plan a bridge to the future.

His remarks show that while others talked, the Governor thought.

To our enemy in Vietnam—as well as to those who would seek political advantage in the struggle—the speech says that politics stops at the water's edge as far as Governor Romney is concerned."

SENATOR KARL MUNDT, R-So. Dakota: "I applaud the emphasis on interdiction and the necessity of continuing pressure for a military victory. It probably will protect him from some of the criticisms he has been getting. Ninety per cent of the Republican Senators would agree with Romney's position."

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HIGHLIGHTS OF GOVERNOR ROMNEY'S WESTERN SPEECHES

"We are becoming the party of imagination—the party of daring and reform—the party of the future—the party of hope for America. The Democratic Party's policies are played out and discredited—it lacks the imagination, the ability, or the will to change direction."

—Anchorage, Alaska, February 19

"I have proposed that we establish a national Republican Party Academy for intensive training of young men and women as professional politicians. It should be open to all young people who want to build a career in Republican politics. To lead America into a new generation of progress, the Republican Party must ally itself with the energies, abilities and insights of the new generation."

—Salt Lake City, Utah, February 20

"We should seek fuller expression of our voluntary, progress-sharing principles so that all Americans can participate, contribute and develop. We must make partnership through progress-sharing our primary

national economic goal."

—Salt Lake City, Utah, February 20

"Americans must learn, before it is too late, that other nations—whether they are relatively rich or abjectly poor—do not want our domination or our handouts, and yet they desperately need our help. I believe we will make a vast mistake in American industrial expansion abroad unless we put our foreign operations on a partnership basis . . ."

—Salt Lake City, Utah, February 20

"I believe that the people of this country would respond in overwhelming numbers if their leaders asked them to give a 'tithe of time' in constructive, voluntary effort. Four hours—ten per cent of a 40-hour week—spent in well-conceived voluntary effort at the local level could reshape America faster than federal programs ever will."

—Idaho Falls, Idaho, February 21

"Based on its actions, the Johnson administration obviously believes that the federal government, federal solutions,

and federal control are the only answers to problems at the regional, the state and even the local levels. A few Governors, most of them Republicans, have begun to prove otherwise."

—Pocatello, Idaho, February 21

"State and local fair housing laws and practices must assure every citizen the opportunity to live where his means permit, unconfined by artificial barriers. We must also find ways to bring to bear the great resources of private industry and businesses against the evils of the slums."

—Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 22

"Today, our economy is disciplined. . . only by ad hoc injections of the political judgments of politically-motivated Washington decision-makers. The way is dangerously clear for an inflationary economic runaway, followed by a possible recession and the imposition of ironclad, arbitrary government controls on wages and prices."

—Mesa, Arizona, February 23