## n's 1952 Checkers Speech Big Hit at Movies

speech started. Sen. Richard M. Nixon's 1952 televirolled at the scrreen in the the Biograph. night Biograph the small movie theater, les in three or four spots in the presidential campaign his side of the furor over an sion address to the nation is part of the current bill at \$18,000 expense fund during Laughter, born in chuck Washington Post Staff Writer even on before Wednesday the

Andy" and just before "The Mickey Mouse Club". a night, right after "Amos'N" minutes long, is shown twice The film, a little over 30

were taken. Nearly all of the 280 seats

Many

of

the

viewers

wanted to see it first-hand.
"I never understood what came to see the show alstressed hat the speech young audience said they'd wasn't the only reason they heard about the speech and though some of the mostly-

ever says what really hap-pened." lots of references to it," one woman said. "But no one the Checkers speech was re-Watergate I've been hearing ally about and since the

The speech is known as the Checkers speech be-cause of the reference was a gift from a Texas man to Mr. Nixon after his suc-cessful bid for the vice name. The cocker spaniel presidential nomination, He Nixon made to a dog by that

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pense fund and campaign cal life" in the wake of disbeled a "fight for his politithen, the GOP vice presifund abuse allegations. closures of an \$18,000 exwire service dispatch ladential nominee in what a Mr. Nixon was a senator

and, following the disclohe would be dropped from sures, there was speculation Eisenhower's running mate the ticket. He was Gen. Dwight D.

response response to the address. The would be decided by public It was agreed that the fu-ture of the Nixon candidacy was overwhelm

stayed on the ticket.

scribed himself as a "man again when Mr. Nixon deof the speech, but picked up second at the opening lines have been questioned." whose honesty and integrity

any legal practice." (He was this particularly clear . . . " later when he "... I have not engaged in "... and I want to make stopped practicing law after referring to the fact that he And again at the phrase, And again a few sentences said

And it rose to heights when he know that this is not his election to Congress.) to greater said,

our selection," Resch said.

pledged during the speech ingly favorably and Nixon last of the smears against to keep the dog.. stayed on the ticket. me."  $\tau$ me." "Anybody who enters po-

The laughter died for a litics leaves himself open zo

year at the Biograph and is shown about three times a who was running the theastuff like that," Mike Resch, ter last night, said. He explained that the film

night commending us had a couple of calls that shown, he said, the run be-gan April 28, the night of away on Pennsylvania Avecle Theater a few blocks the first Nixon address on the Watergate scandal. "We "once in a while" at the Cir-The last time the film was