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PRACTICE SAYING

"PRESIDENT RICHARDSON"

COMING UP

With talk of impeachment of both the President and Vice-President in the news now, the sequence of Presidential Succession is important, yet hardly discussed. Mr. Agnew may leave office at any moment. Sen. Kennedy said that Congress may defer confirming a new Vice-President until Pres. Nixon gets over the Watergate hurdles.

If, while we had no Vice-President, Mr. Nixon should be disabled or leave office, House Speaker Albert is next in succession. He may pass for personal or health reasons. Sen. Eastland, as Pres. pro tem of the Senate, is next in line, but would probably pass because of his age and lack of wide popular appeal.

At this point, the Secretary of State would normally become President, but since Mr. Kissinger is foreign-born, he is ineligible. The next two men in succession, Sec. of the Treasury Shultz and Sec. of Defense Schlesinger, are both more "professorial" than "political", and are not suited for the Presidency. They might briefly undertake the job, or pass it at once to the next in line.

This brings the succession to Atty. Gen. Elliot Richardson, who has been in the Nixon Cabinet since 1969. He is a political figure, and would accept the office of President or Acting President if it is thrust on him by the chain of events sketched above.

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To:

TEN YEARS AGO

Items in this column are taken from our forthcoming book "Z-303: The Dallas Frame". Items (1)--(4) were all in print before Pres. Kennedy was killed on Nov. 22, 1963.

(1) LIFE Magazine, Nov. 22, 1963. The full fold-out page in the article "The Last Years of Splendor" shows a riderless black horse with empty boots reversed in the stirrups, leading a funeral procession in which leaders of the world's great nations were mourning. (Just as at Pres. Kennedy's funeral.)

(2) TIME Magazine, Nov. 22, 1963. The major story, starting on p. 17, has a picture of smiling Richard Nixon who "suddenly seems to be the Republican whom everybody is talking about for his party's 1964 presidential nomination." At that time, Nixon's Presidential hopes had been considered washed up. (SEE PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE.)

(3) The N.Y. TIMES, Nov. 22, 1963. The back page was a full-page ad for the movie "Seven Days in May" about a military attempt to do away with the President of the U.S.

(4) The Bantam Books paperback of "Seven Days in May" (first printing, Sept. 1963) has this blurb in the front of the book. "LYMAN JOHNSON was President of the U.S." (The character in the book is actually named "Jordan Lyman".)

(5) On Nov. 20-22, 1963, Richard Nixon was in Dallas for a client. He left at 11 AM Nov. 22, just two hours before Pres. Kennedy died. (See Warren Commission Hearings, Vol. 23, pp. 940-943, Exhib. 1975.) Was Mr. Nixon "framed" there, as in the Watergate episode? We have been conditioned to expect him to appear guilty of sharp practices.

Copies of items (2) and (5) are on the next page. Items (1)--(5) can be verified at your own library.

EDITOR TO READER

It is our premise that not the quantity of verbiage, but the timeliness and utility of its contents, set the value of a newsletter. This two-page monthly letter costs \$1 per copy, and is not copyrighted. It is intended to stimulate newsroom discussions of puzzling items which don't get the full play they merit in the media, for lack of space or time.

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Each issue will include facts about the Kennedy and King assassinations, as in the column at the left here. These will be excerpted from our forthcoming book "Z-303: The Dallas Frame".

We will cover subjects like the tie-in between the CIA and the Ford Foundation which disrupted the N.Y. City school system. We'll explain why you'll need the new paper currency to buy one regular quarter for use in coin slots.

If you can use our previews, based on filling in the missing items in the news, you need "INSIDE, STRAIGHT."

COMING UP (Continued from p.1, col.1)

If this scenario drags too long once it starts, our Government will weaken from the constant changes and uncertainties. We would then be vulnerable to a campaign to give us a new Constitution.

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THE WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE
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Item (2)

THE NATION

REPUBLICANS

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his insistence that he has no immediate plans for a return to national office. Nixon suddenly seems to be a man whom everybody is watching for the party's 1964 presidential nomination.

Note that date of this issue was date of Pres. Kennedy's assassination.

This is not unusual. We already have seen bloodletting. There'll be some more blood spilled before it's over. In 1960 President Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson said things far worse about each other.

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with rank-and-file Republican voters, retains the respect of most G.O.P. leaders. But while those leaders would certainly be willing to go along with Nixon if political circumstances so dictated almost none of them now seem enthusiastic about the possibility of his candidacy.

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NIXON TODAY... JFK TOMORROW

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, left, found himself in Dallas on a "business trip" Thursday on the eve of President Kennedy's visit to the city. With Mr. Nixon is Don Kendall, president of Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. Mr. Nixon's New York law partnership represents the soft drink company.

The item at the right is from the Dallas Times-Herald, Nov. 21, 1963, the day before the assassination. Was Nixon "framed" into going to Dallas then? (Taken from Warren Commission Hearings, Vol. 23, p. 942, Exhibit 1975.)

Item (5)