

Nixon Twits Humphrey On McCarthy Support

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VAN NUYS, Calif., Oct. 9—Richard M. Nixon brought his presidential campaign to Los Angeles' sprawling suburbs today, reveling in the troubles of the Democrats and promising to bring change and new leadership to end the national malaise.

"I notice today," observed a confident Nixon to some 7000 people at the Panorama City shopping center, "that Hubert Humphrey said he would go anywhere, any time to make peace—with Gene McCarthy."

The crowd was amused, but no more so than Nixon's strategists and aides. They appeared to be delighted with McCarthy's refusal to back Humphrey at this time, in the belief that the continuing split in the Democratic Party provides a major advantage for Nixon.

Attack by Unruh

Equally enthralling to the Nixon camp was the news this morning of the stunning attack on the Johnson Administration by State Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh, who is considered California's leading Democrat and serves as honorary co-chairman of the Humphrey campaign in California.

"It's about time that Democrats were honest enough to admit that America hasn't become a better place in which to live in the past four years," said Unruh in the first of a series of speeches planned from now to Election Day.

"As a whole, the Administration's domestic policies have become almost as complete a failure as its foreign policies," he declared. "It has attempted to impose New Deal solutions to many problems which didn't exist in New Deal days. The end result is that



this Nation's people are almost totally frustrated."

Unruh went on to call the Republicans "the party that ignores problems" and to suggest reform of the Democratic Party, but in its main impact the Unruh message is the Nixon message, as delivered today in Panorama City shopping center, the Santa Monica Auditorium and a Burbank school.

Urges New Leadership

"For four years," declared Nixon repeatedly, "we have had Federal welfare, Federal housing and Federal jobs, and they have produced a harvest of fear, frustration and riots. I say to you, rather than continue down that road which has led to a dead end, let's take a new road, let's get new leadership for America."

A few in the crowds booed and heckled—most noticeably in Santa Monica, where Nixon cut his usual speech in half and hurried from the stage because of an anti-war group. A few, mostly recruited "Nixonette" cheerleaders, screamed agreement.

Mostly, though, the crowds applauded politely or were silent.

"I've never seen crowds quite like this," said GOP Con-

gressional candidate Joe Holt, who appeared with Nixon at the shopping center. "They are worried and concerned, they are listening, but there isn't much enthusiasm. These remind me of church crowds. I have the feeling that most people have made up their minds already."

Believed Well Ahead

Nixon is considered well ahead of Humphrey in California. Third-party candidate George Wallace's strength has been estimated at about 7 per cent in recent newspaper polls here. Nixon has expressed surprise that Wallace's strength is not higher.

In Santa Monica this morning, Nixon advocated a new Federal statute he calls the "Children's Anti-Obscenity Act" making it a Federal crime to knowingly mail obscene matter to children under 16.

In Panorama City, Nixon met privately with two groups of Mexican-Americans, including several Democrats, who are backing his candidacy. He issued a statement saying that "this generation of Mexican-Americans is a vital part of the action of America today."

Later, in Burbank, Nixon appeared with Rowan and Martin of the "Laugh-in" television show and pledged to the crowd—as he has before—that "we're going to sock it to 'em all over America."