

Julie Thinks Nixon An Easy Winner

By Frances Lewine

KEY BISCAVNE — (AP) — Julie Eisenhower thinks her father, President Nixon, is pretty much a shoo-in for re-election.

Looking over the field of Democratic presidential hopefuls now fighting through state primaries, Julie said:

"I think they all look easy to defeat."

As for the issues that might dominate the election campaign:

"Probably the economy. And I think the war will still be an issue. Until we have the prisoners of war home and the war completely ended, it will always be an issue."

Father Exhausted

In an exclusive interview Julie talked about politics, the presidency and personal items while on vacation with Nixon, who is resting from his trip to China.

She described her father as "really exhausted" from that diplomatic stint in which she said he got little sleep, staying up until 5 a.m. to read 500-page transcripts of a previous meeting with Premier Chou En-lai.

After his return, Nixon gave his family a demonstration of the potency of the 100-120 proof Chinese liquor

mao tai, of which he was given seven bottles.

"He poured some into a sauce and struck a match to it," Julie reported. "It flamed up and burned for 10 minutes," filling the small family dining room with smoke and fumes.

Julie called it "that horrible Chinese liquor" which my mother said she never swallowed the whole time she was in China," despite numerous banquet toasts.

Campaign Role

Asked about her role in 1972 election campaign, Julie, 23, said she won't really be doing traditional campaigning until after the GOP convention.

She's decided her teaching career can wait another year. "I want to be involved in the campaign, and "I figure after that I have 45 years to teach."

Country's Mood

She said she has been "taking a lot more invitations" to make people-to-people appearances at schools, institutions and organizations while her husband, Navy Ensign David Eisenhower, is away on sea duty.

But she's "careful not to go into any event that could be construed as political."

Since August, Julie has

been in 11 states on such visits. She described the mood of the country as "really very good" compared to 1968. "It's so much more positive. She thinks there's "a very good chance" the youth vote will go to the Republicans.

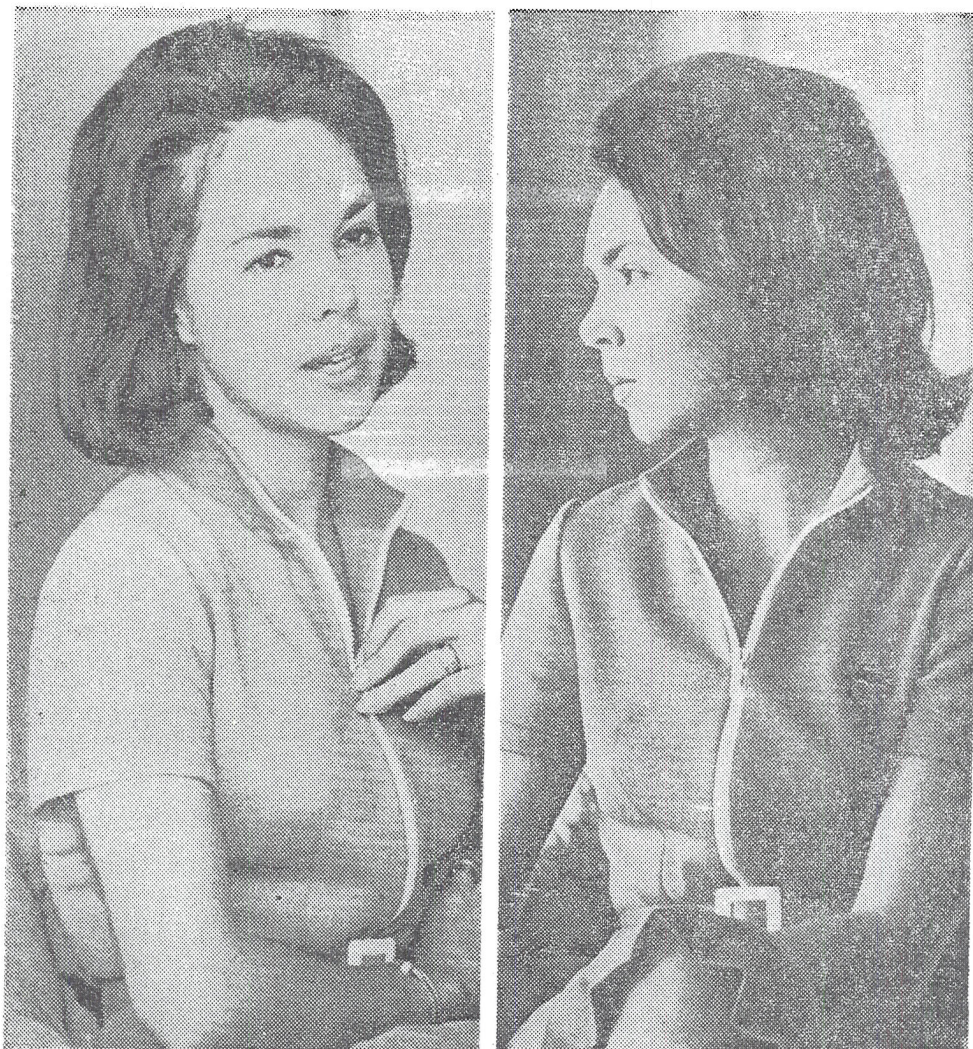
"I think a very encouraging thing is that young people want to be involved in political campaigns and I feel that there's a renewed interest in government — and a faith in government that was lacking before."

She explained: "I think that when young people turned to the radicals in 1968 and did elect them to positions of trust, either in student government or other organizations, they found that there was a lot of promise but not much performance. And a lot of frustration went into that.

Performance

"I'm really convinced that young people in general are looking for performance and I think this administration has performed."

Julie says David, 23, is beached for 1972 politics. "We looked into all the Navy regulations and found out he can do absolutely nothing this year."



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