

# Westchester Orchestrated For Visit by Nixon Today

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WHITE PLAINS, Oct. 22 — President Nixon will be visiting largely friendly territory when he comes to Westchester County tomorrow, but the Republicans here are leaving nothing about his visit to chance.

His motorcade will wend its ways 50 miles through a county that is solidly Republican—Mr. Nixon carried it by 28,000 votes in 1968—but preparations have been made nonetheless to insure an enthusiastic roadside turnout.

After visiting some 11 cities, towns and villages here, he will go on to Nassau and Suffolk Counties, which are just as likely to give him a warm reception.

In Westchester, the word is out that where the crowds are biggest and most enthusiastic, there Mr. Nixon is most likely to stop, give an impromptu speech, shake hands — any activity will serve to mark the date as the day the President came to town, and the longer he stays, the better.

White Plains has not had a visit from an incumbent President since Franklin D. Roosevelt appeared on one hour's notice in 1933. No President has ever been to most of the other places on Mr. Nixon's route.

The crowds that line the route will be there as a result of a solid week of frantic activity by members of four distinct political strata: the advance team from the White House, the county Republican organization, the municipal Republican leadership and, at the base, hundreds of party workers who have spent much of the week telephoning, ringing doorbells and passing out handbills to insure that Mr. Nixon's major Northeastern campaign swing will be a success.

The structure for the phoning and bell-ringing already existed. Volunteers in eight Re-elect the President headquarters and in two dozen local Republican telephone rooms throughout Westchester were already calling 10,000 voters a night, even before the Nixon visit was announced.

Since last Tuesday, they have simply added to their campaign messages and invitation to see the President and details about his route.

"The main thing is to be sure that on Tuesday people don't say, 'Well, I would have come out but I didn't know he was coming,'" said Douglas MacCallum, the Westchester Republican leader.

The county organization, in turn, has received over-all direction from a team of ad-

vance men who took a suite at the White Plains Hotel last Monday.

The exact number of advance men is unknown, and their identities appear to be almost as little known to the county Republican leadership as it is to the public at large.

Early in the week, Mr. MacCallum referred an inquiry about advance preparations for the President's visit to Stuart White at the suite in the hotel, where, he said, Mr. White was coordinating activities for White Plains.

Reached by telephone at the office of Harold Mercer, treasurer of the White Plains Republican city committee, Mr. White said that he was not an advance man and denied recognizing the name of the Republican county chairman.

When asked how the advance work was being handled, Mr. White said: "It just happens." When asked who, in that case, he did represent, he replied: "What difference does it make?"

A county Republican staff member was rebuked by someone in the suit for giving the room number to a potential volunteer.

However, from conversations with the local Republican leaders in every town along Mr. Nixon's route, it appears that the advance team numbers at least four, with each man assigned to act as liaison with local Republicans in a specific area: Mr. White in White Plains; Gerald Gilbert, a Washington lawyer who says he is a volunteer in New Rochelle; Robert Siegmund in Eastchester and Mal Cumming in Greenburgh. A fifth member of the team, Homer Luther, appears to have over-all responsibility.

Martin Kelly, a former aide to Governor Rockefeller and now serving as press secretary for the Congressional campaign of District Attorney Carl Vergari, was recruited by the White House team as an unpaid media director for Mr. Nixon's visit.

Using funds from the New York Committee to Re-elect the President, Mr. Kelly spent \$1,200 to purchase several dozen 30-second spot announcements on three local radio stations. He recorded the spots himself, and also spent \$3,350 on week-end newspaper advertisements announcing the motorcade.

Nixon headquarters in New York also paid for the local printing of about 200,000 handbills.

After several hours of campaigning, the Nixons will go to Governor Rockefeller's estate at Pocantico Hills for a reception with key supporters from 11 northeastern states. Mr. Nixon is due at his next appearance, the Nassau County Coliseum in Uniondale, at 7:15 P.M.

There, 16,000 Nixon partisans will be admitted by ticket only to a carefully planned rally that will include 10,000 noisemakers, 10,000 American flags and 17 bands. The tickets are being distributed by the 1,900 Nassau County Republican committee members. The highly sought tickets are free, but solid Republican credentials are required and potential hecklers will have little chance of gaining admission.

The Westchester route was essentially worked out from Washington, but last-minute changes were made at the suggestion of local Republicans. They asked, for example, that Mr. Nixon spend equal time in both Congressional districts.

After all the careful organizing, the success of the motorcade in the end depends on fate.

"Let's face it, if it rains, you can forget the whole thing," said Edmund Flynn, the assistant Westchester Republican leader. "This is the most blasé county in the world. Half of them have met all the top people already. Any other county turns out en masse just to see a Cabinet officer, but if I try to get people to come to a dinner with Rockefeller, they say 'Oh, not him again.'"

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# The President's Itinerary for Today

Following is President Nixon's itinerary today in Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk Counties:

The President and Mrs. Nixon plan a motorcade through 12 communities in Westchester, following their arrival sometime after noon at Westchester County Airport in Purchase.

Accompanied by the Governor and Mrs. Rockefeller, the Nixons will ride in a motorcade through White Plains, arriving at the corner of Main Street and Mamaroneck Avenue around 1:15 P.M. From there, they will head south on Mamaroneck Avenue to Mamaroneck, arriving at the Boston Post Road intersection at 1:30.

The motorcade will then move south on the Post Road, passing through Larchmont at 1:45, then proceed to New Rochelle, arriving at North Avenue and City Hall at 1:50. Ten minutes later, the Nixons are due at the War Memorial in Eastchester.

At 2:05, the motorcade is to pass by the railroad station off Main Street in Tuckahoe, travel through Mount Vernon at 2:10 and reach Getty Square in Yonkers at 2:25.

In Hastings-on-Hudson, the Nixons will pass by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on Warburton Street at 2:50, then sweep through Dobbs Ferry, reaching Main and Elm Streets in Dobbs Ferry at 3. Fifteen minutes later, the motorcade is due in Irvington, at Main Street and North Broadway. It will continue on North Broadway, arriving at 3:30 at Wildey Street in Tarrytown.

The Presidential motorcade has no scheduled stops, and all times of arrival are approximate.

From Tarrytown, the Presidential party will be driven to the Rockefeller estate at

Pocantico Hills for dinner.

The President will travel by helicopter to the next stop on his itinerary, the Nassau County Coliseum in Uniondale, L. I. He is scheduled to appear there shortly after 8 P.M. for a rally that is expected to draw 16,000 supporters.

The President is to leave

at 8:25 P.M. by helicopter and head toward Long Island-MacArthur Airport in Bohemia, L. I. Mr. Nixon is to address a group of his Suffern partisans there at 8:45 P.M. at Hangar A in the southwest corner of the field.

Mr. Nixon is to depart for Washington at 9:15 P.M., aboard Air Force 1.

