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1946 Warren, Nixon Feud

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The last parcel of the private papers of the late U.S. Supreme court Chief Justice Earl Warren was released yesterday. Indicating the feud between Warren and Richard Nixon dated back to 1946 when Mr. Nixon ran for his first public office.

An earlier set of papers written by Warren, also a former California governor, had disclosed no references to former President Nixon. A Nixon file had been found empty.

The latest papers, made public by the state archives, showed that Mr. Nixon was upset because Warren praised his opponent in Mr. Nixon's 1946 campaign against Representative Jerry Voorhis.

It has been known that Warren, a candidate for the Republican nomination for president in 1952, felt Mr. Nixon double-crossed him at the national convention in Chicago.

A member of the California delegation pledged to

Warren, Mr. Nixon was working behind the scenes for the nomination of Dwight D. Eisenhower, who subsequently chose Mr. Nixon as his vice-president.

The story is not touched on in the Warren papers. But, they do show a hint the Nixon-Warren feud began in the 1946 election.

The Nixon campaign staff complained to Warren that his praise of Voorhis was hurting the Republican effort and demanded that Warren disavow his statements.

But apparently Warren refused. He had written Voorhis a letter lauding him for his help in Congress in the implementation of a state disability insurance program enacted in California.

Warren as governor had flatly refused to endorse any Republican candidates for congress except Bertrand W. Gearhart of Fresno. This fact also annoyed the Nixon campaigners.

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