

# Ex-Nixon Aide Says a Woman Should Chair Republican Parley

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 12—Jill Ruckelshaus, former counselor to President Nixon and a leading Republican feminist, called on her party today to choose a woman to chair its Presidential nominating convention, as Democratic officials have already agreed to do.

In a speech before the National Press Club, Mrs. Ruckelshaus also said that there was "an excellent chance that women will hold the balance of power" at the 1976 Democratic convention.

"Candidates recognize this," she said. "Looking over the Democratic campaign literature, we find Senator [Henry M.] Jackson [of Washington] advertising his ratings by the women's lobby, [former Oklahoma Senator] Fred Harris sends literature headlined, 'equal rights is not just a woman's issue' and Terry Sanford talks about the women he appointed to 'high office' when he was Governor of North Carolina."

"There are slip-ups, of course," she continued. "Representative [of Arizona] Morris Udall's contribution envelope suggests that people demand true leadership from our public men and institutions. I suspect that the printing on that envelope will soon change."

Yesterday the Democratic National Committee's chairman, Robert S. Strauss, said that Representative Corinne C. Boggs of Louisiana was the leading choice of Democratic officials to become the first woman chairman of a national political convention when the Democrats gather at Madison Square Garden in New York next July 12.

Mrs. Boggs succeeded her husband, the late Hale Boggs, in the House in 1973. Mr. Strauss gave Mrs. Boggs his endorsement.

The national committee will make the final decision the week of Oct. 13.

Mrs. Ruckelshaus devoted much of her speech to a criticism of the way in which newspapers and television report women's activities.

She cited as an example a news service account of the recent United Nations conference on International Women's Year, in Mexico City, which said that the presiding officer had to gavel for order because of "so much chattering" among the women delegates.

What actually happened at

the convention, she said, was that there was a demonstration outside the hall and that those reporters who rushed out to cover the demonstration made the noise that had to be gavelled down.

In addition, she asked, why were the women described as "chattering" instead of "talking," the word, she said, that would have been used if the gathering had been one of men.

As for television, Mrs. Ruckelshaus said she hoped there would be no repetition in 1976 of the actions of one of the major networks in 1972, which, she said, did not cover the speech nominating Frances T. Farenthold, the former Texas legislator, for the Vice-Presidency, but instead ran an interview with one of the children of Senator Thomas F. Eagleton of Missouri, who ultimately won the nomination. Mrs. Farenthold came in second in a large field.

Television also has bad hiring practices with respect to women, Mrs. Ruckelshaus charged. She said, "Stations don't seek a good reporter; they look for a pretty woman whom they can teach to report. I don't mean to say that most of the women on the air aren't good—they are. But there are many other women, not all of them gorgeous, who ought to be on the air but aren't."

She said that television especially discriminated against older women, noting recent interviews in which television newswomen in their early 30's expressed fears that they would soon be considered too old for the job.

She predicted that stations would soon be faced with lawsuits from women under the age discrimination act as well as the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

## Call Girl Supplier Sentenced

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12 (AP)—A woman who told the authorities that she supplied call girls to Robert L. Vesco, the fugitive financier, has been sentenced to 60 days in jail, placed on three years' probation and fined \$3,000. Superior Court Judge Joseph J. DiGiuseppe sentenced the woman, Alex Flemming, 42 years old, yesterday. She pleaded guilty last July to pimping and pandering charges.