ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY

September 24

Republican presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower and vice presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon met in Wheeling on September 24, 1952, to determine whether Nixon would remain on the ticket.

Investigate the Document: (Wheeling Intelligencer, September 24, 1952)

1. What was Eisenhower presented by the Mayor of Wheeling?

2. Why did Eisenhower ask to meet Richard Nixon “face-to-face?” What was Nixon being accused of?

Think Critically: This article serves as a bit of foreshadowing, regarding Nixon’s future. Two decades later, during Nixon’s term as President, he was forced to resign in the face of certain impeachment stemming from his improprieties in the Watergate Scandal. A testament to checks-and-balances, what branch of government holds the power to impeach? Who holds the power to try the accused?
Ike Asks Nixon To Meet Him Here; Nixon Leaves Fate Up To People

Wheeling Ready To Receive Ike At 7:10 Tonight

GOP Dignitaries Converse on City To Greet Leader

By DENT WILLIAMS

Of The Intelligencer

The stage was set and tonight at 7:10 o'clock, the principal actor, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, arrived in Wheeling for a major political address at the Wheeling Veterans Stadium, swinging the spotlight of the nation on the West Virginia community.

Spontaneous timing will feature the GOP presidential nominee's seven-hour visit, and Chief of Staff Robert M. Bauman has made all necessary arrangements to ensure that the schedule of Eisenhower's motorcade from the station to the McBurney hotel and thence to the stadium.

Chief Bauman will have 60 policemen in uniform tonight at various points of the tour and his force will be augmented by secretaries, detectives, 50-off duty freeway and railroad police, who will be stationed at the train when it pulls into Wheeling.

Members of the Wheeling state police will arrive with the train from New York and police chief will be accompanied by a huge parade of the town's people. The General and his wife will arrive in Wheeling and he will take part in a dinner at the Wheeling hotel, where a bouquet of flowers will be presented. He will have a huge parade of the town's people.

The General will then descend to the stage to address the crowd.

Nixon Praised By Hallanan

CHARLESTON, W. Va. Sept 23 (AP) - Republican National Committee chairman Walter W. Hallanan today praised Richard M. Nixon upon his stand to let the national convention decide his fate.

Hallanan said the committee asked the candidate to decide whether he should remain on the Republican ticket as the running mate of Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Hallanan said Nixon had made the decision to remain on the ticket and backed his decision.

Eisenhower Favors Nixon For V.P.

General Eisenhower favored Nixon for the post, according to a statement released today.

Eisenhower's support for Nixon is a significant factor in the decision, according to a statement released today.

Nixon Denies Guilt Of Wrong-Doing In Dramatic Radio Talk

GOP Vice-Presidential Nominee Says He Doesn't Think He Should Quit; Senator Dares Adlai, Sparkman To Come Before People

LOS ANGELES, Sept 23 (AP) - Richard M. Nixon left it squarely up to Republican party leaders and the American people tonight to decide if he should quit the GOP ticket as his vice-presidential nominee.

In a dramatic speech on the radio over a combined network, Nixon denied he was guilty of wrongdoing in using $18,000 for two years in his California constituency.

His aides said the speech was delivered without a preordained script. Nixon, 45, and his wife and his mother were in California.

Nixon denied he had tears in his eyes that they walked out of the studio.

"I don't believe I ought to quit because I am not a quitter," Nixon said, making his last bid to emphasize the point.

If the Republican convention's decision, I'm not" Nixon concluded.

"I would do nothing that could in any way harm the possibilities of Dwight Eisenhower to become President of the United States and for that reason I am submitting to the Republican National Committee tonight the decision which it has to make..."

"If they let me stay and I lose, I'll resign immediately and whoever their decision is, I'll abide by it."

Nixon defended his right to use the $18,000 fund for political purposes, saying:

"You have read in the papers that Stevens apparently had a couple of weeks of concern..."

"I had a chance to explore the matter and whatever their decision is, I'll abide by it."

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Hundreds Here Rally to Back Senator Nixon

By FRANK DESMOND

Of The Intelligence

Hundreds of Wheeling residents last night and early this morning rallied to the support of Sen. Richard M. Nixon here today.

Eisenhower had been speaking on radio over a combined network, expounding his whole financial statement to the Republican National Committee.

At first there was a more trickle, but the momentum grew at a rapid pace with the result that manager D. M. Hopkins was able to get Nixon himself to send a wire message reading: "...I was not in charge of the $18,000." Hopkins said just before midnight.

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Audit Reveals Outlay Correct

LOS ANGELES, Sept 23 (AP) - An audit of the $18,000 trust fund set up for Sen. Richard M. Nixon by the Senate revealed the fund was not misused.

The audit, conducted by Edward D. Eisenhower, was held on Tuesday.

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