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Butler's Representative In Covington Wednesday

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Covington City Hall Wednesday, from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Covington is one of ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district. He will be in Bath County Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the court house.

His representative will return to Covington and Bath County on the third Wednesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door Meetings, which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a nonscheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the meeting to compliment the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

Any persons wishing to discuss a particular problem with Rep. Butler's representative should bring with them all papers and correspondence dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and Social Security numbers.

Butler Aide Visit Slated For Aug. 27

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Amherst County Courthouse on August 27 from 1 until 5 P.M. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Amherst County is one of ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

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Butler Praises Choice of Rocky; Scott Unhappy, Byrd Enigmatic

By WAYNE WOODLIEF
Times Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — The vice presidential nomination of Nelson Rockefeller dropped like a wet sock on the Virginia congressional delegation Tuesday.

One Virginia member, Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, praised Rockefeller. Another, Rep. Robert W. Daniel Jr., said, "I respect President Ford's choice and expect to support him in the confirmation process."

But Virginia's Republican U.S. Senator, William L. Scott, attacked Rockefeller's "liberal philosophy" and said the nomination "may well divide the Republican party and the citizens of the country at a time when we need unity."

Most Virginia House members reacted cautiously. Several noted, in their first breath of comment, that Rockefeller wasn't among the names they suggested to Ford for vice president.

Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson, Winchester Republican, spoke of the "searching scrutiny" Rockefeller now must face before the Senate Rules Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, which will hold hearings on his confirmation.

Rep. William C. Wampler, Republican of Bristol, said he would "reserve judgment" until those hearings are done.

U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., an independent, said cryptically: "While I have had philosophical differences with Mr. Rockefeller, I shall look objectively at his nomination. I think particular attention must be paid to Mr. Rockefeller's attitude toward the critical problems of government spending and inflation."

Daniel, who represents Chesapeake and Portsmouth, said Rockefeller has "characteristics which will make him a unifying influence in the administration." Those traits, he said, include geographical balance (Ford a Midwesterner, Rockefeller from the East) and philosophical balance, with Ford a conservative and Rockefeller "identified with the somewhat more liberal element of the Republican party."

Butler, the Roanoke Republican who, as a member of the Judiciary Committee, will be the only Virginian participating in the confirmation hearings, called the nomination "a really good move."

Butler said that while he has reservations about whether

the economic and political policies of Ford and Rockefeller are "entirely compatible," that Ford evidently has determined "he can work closely" with Rockefeller, and that is important in choosing a vice president.

Rockefeller, Butler said, has "demonstrated his ability many times over" to administer an office as important as the presidency itself.

Butler also said, "Mr. Rockefeller will bring to the office of the vice president a prestige that it has not previously had. Hopefully this will establish a new standard for the job."

He said he will support the nomination "if I possibly can, and nothing has come to my attention at this point that would indicate otherwise."

Other comments from Virginia members included:

Rep. G. William Whitehurst, Republican of Norfolk: "First of all, he wasn't my choice. George Bush (the Republican national chairman) was. I was somewhat surprised by the choice. He's 66 years old and I thought President Ford would pick someone who's younger and would have presidential succession possibilities (in 1980). But appar-

ently that wasn't a principal factor. Apparently Gov. Rockefeller's long experience in government was a primary consideration."

Rep. Thomas N. Downing, Democrat of Newport News: "He wasn't my first choice, but he is acceptable. While I reserve final judgment until the committees are finished with confirmation hearings, the President has made his choice and I would intend to support the President."

Wampler: "Gov. Rockefeller wasn't my choice . . . It would appear that his many years of distinguished public service qualifies him for this important position. However, I intend to reserve my judgment until the appropriate committees of the Congress have completed their investigation . . ."

Sen. Scott also said he would reserve judgment, but he declared, "I am disappointed with the President's nomination."

Scott said numerous telephone calls to his Washington

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and Richmond offices accused Rockefeller of excessive "internationalism," excessive spending while governor of New York, and a lack of support for the Republican 1964 presidential nominee, Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater.

Rep. Stanford Parris, a Northern Virginia Republican, said Rockefeller's "personal experience" qualifies him to be vice president. But Parris said he would base his confirmation vote on a "yes or no" poll of his constituents.

Legion Told Ford

NEW VICE PRESIDENT

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News

Surprise Reaction For Rockefeller

By The Associated Press

Virginia officialdom reacted with general surprise and with varying degrees of enthusiasm Tuesday to President Ford's nomination of former New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller to be vice president.

Few appeared transported with delight. Many leading Republicans made it plain that Rockefeller wouldn't have been their personal choice. Some felt that, at 66, he was too old for the job. Others appeared uneasy at his questionable conservatism.

But many others mentioned Rockefeller's wide experience in government, and no elected officials voiced outright hostility to the nominee, although a number took a "show me" stance.

One of the latter was Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., Ind.-Va. While noting he has had "philosophical differences" with Rockefeller, Byrd said "I shall look objectively at his nomination."

"I think particular attention must be paid to Mr. Rockefeller's attitude toward the critical problems of government spending and inflation," the Virginia senator said.

A spokesman for Republican Sen. William L. Scott said the state's junior senator had not recommended Rockefeller to Ford because he "didn't believe a liberal-leaning person" would be acceptable to GOP conservatives.

But even though he feels Rockefeller as vice president "would not help unite the country," the spokesman said, Scott will delay until later a decision on how he will vote on confirmation.

Vacationing Republican Gov. Mills Godwin could not be

reached for direct comment — newsmen found no one at his vacation cottage — but his office said the governor viewed Rockefeller as "acceptable."

Aides said Godwin felt the vice presidential nominee "is certainly a man with a great record of public service and with a wide experience in government."

Rockefeller, however, was not on the list of Godwin's three top choices, which he wired to Ford last week. The three were Byrd, GOP National Chairman George Bush, and Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz.

The most outspokenly hostile reaction to the nomination came from a non-elected official — the president of the conservative Virginia Taxpayers Association, Kenneth White of Roseland.

White said he was calling

the offices of all Virginia members of Congress, urging them to oppose confirmation of Rockefeller.

"The honeymoon is over between President Ford and the Congress," White said. The nomination, he added, "will hurt the President very much."

The most enthusiastic reaction appeared to be in the Roanoke area, where 6th District Republican Rep. M. Caldwell Butler called it "a really good choice."

As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Butler will be one of those considering confirmation of Rockefeller.

"I think he will bring a lot of standing, a lot of status, to the job that a less prestigious person might not have," Butler said. "I want to support him if I can."

It is important, Butler said, that the new President "have someone he can work with, to bring balance to the leadership and handle the presidency if that circumstance should develop."

Sixth District GOP Chairman William B. Poff of Roanoke called the nomination of Rockefeller "an excellent choice," and Mrs. Mamie Vest, former president of the Roanoke Republican Women's Club, said:

"It's terrific...I'm just ecstatic. I think we're really going to put it back together again."

But elsewhere in Republican ranks the reaction was far more restrained.

Both Republican Reps. G. William Whitehurst of the 2nd District and Robert Daniel of the 4th District said the nomination caught them by surprise.

"He was not my choice

George Bush was," said Whitehurst. "He is 66 years old, and I thought President Ford would pick someone who is younger and who would have presidential succession possibilities for 1980..."

"But apparently that was not a principal factor. Apparently, Rockefeller's long experience in government was a

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CLOUDY TODAY

Today through Thursday will be considerably cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms, according to the National Weather Service at Lynchburg Municipal Airport.

Today's high will be in the low 80s, tonight's low in the mid 60s and Thursday's high in the 80s.

There is a 30 per cent chance of rain through tonight. Northeasterly winds of five to 15 miles per hour are expected today.

Tuesday's high of 82 combined with a low of 63 for an average of 73 — one degree below normal for the date. There was a trace of rain.

Naming Rockefeller approved, criticized

By DOROTHY S. BROOKS

Republican State Sen. Robert S. Burruss Jr. of Lynchburg said today Nelson A. Rockefeller is an "acceptable" nominee for vice president although he would not have been his first choice.

Burruss, Senate minority leader, said he would have selected U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, GOP National Chairman George Bush or California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

He pointed out, however, that Rockefeller does have the necessary experience and background and said he feels Rockefeller has "become more conservative."

Nevertheless the people of New York state, which Rockefeller headed as governor for 15 years, "do have different views from ours," Burruss stated.

Meanwhile, Warren D. Saunders, the American Party candidate for the Sixth District congressional seat now held by Republican M. Caldwell Butler, lashed at out at President Ford's selection of Rockefeller, saying this can only be taken to mean that Ford is trying to pacify the liberals of both the Democratic and Republican parties.

Saunders said that only last week Ford called for a balanced budget to halt inflation "yet he has now proposed Rockefeller as his nominee for vice president. Surely he must have been aware of his record of continued spending and taxing while governor of New York."

Saunders said taxes in New York state rose over 400 per cent during the 15 years when Rockefeller was governor.

Saunders also lashed out at Rockefeller's ties with the international banking community "through his brother, David, president of Chase Manhattan Bank in New York" saying this "will further endanger the U.S. dollar."

"His alignment with the liberal wing of the Republican Party is enough to cause the

gravest concern," Saunders added.

Saunders said Ford's action is just "one more reason why the people have had enough of Democrats and Republicans."

The American Party candidate said he already has sent telegrams to both Butler and Paul Puckett, the Democratic candidate for the Sixth District Congressional seat.

Saunders urged Butler to do everything in his power to work for the defeat of Nelson Rockefeller for vice president.

"In support of your position," Saunders told Butler, "you can use his spendthrift record made as governor of New York, his ties with the international banking community and his alignment with liberal causes during his entire political life."

Saunders said any one of these things is reason enough that Rockefeller should not become vice president. He also told Butler that if he needs any information concerning Rockefeller he will "be happy to furnish it to you on request."

Saunders said Butler should not hesitate but rather proceed with all haste to work for the defeat of Rockefeller and warned that if Butler should vote for Rockefeller's confirmation he (Saunders) intends to "make this a strong campaign issue."

Saunders urged Puckett to speak out against the confirmation of Rockefeller although he said, "I realize the bulk of your followers are made up of the most liberal element..."

Virginia officials lukewarm to Rocky

By The Associated Press

Virginia officials had lukewarm response for President Ford's nomination Tuesday of former New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller for vice president.

Most seemed surprised. There was no outright hostility among elected officials, and there was much mention of Rockefeller's wide experience in government.

But most officials, many mentioning Rockefeller's age — 66 — and his liberal leanings, appeared less than delighted with the President's choice.

State Republican Chairman Richard D. Obenshain said he was disappointed that the party didn't tap a conservative, such as Barry Goldwater.

Obenshain said Rockefeller's nomination wouldn't hurt GOP candidates in Virginia this fall, but wouldn't add materially to the national ticket in the South in 1976.

Republican Gov. Mills Godwin, on vacation and speaking through an aide, said the nominee was "acceptable."

Aides said the governor felt Rockefeller "is certainly a man with a great record of public service and with a wide experience in government."

But Rockefeller wasn't on Godwin's list of three top choices, wired to Ford last week. They were Sen. Harry F. Byrd, Jr., Ind.-Va, GOP National Chairman George Bush and Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz.

Republican Sen. William L. Scott said he was "disappointed in his (Ford's) selection of a person for vice president so closely identified with the liberal philosophy."

"Mr. Rockefeller is not popular in Virginia and in my opinion would not be the choice of the people of Virginia for vice president," Scott said.

But Scott said he will "carefully consider the facts as they develop during the confirmation process and reserve final judgment until I have the benefit of the committee hearing and recommendations."

Virginia's independent senator, Harry F. Byrd Jr., noted he

too has had "philosophical differences" with Rockefeller. But he said he would "look objectively at his nomination."

Byrd said key issues for him will be Rockefeller's attitude toward government spending and inflation.

A non-elected official, and a strong conservative, had the most outspoken reaction against the nomination. Kenneth White of Roseland, president of the Virginia Taxpayers Association, called on all Virginia members of Congress to oppose Rockefeller's confirmation.

White said the nomination "will hurt the President very much."

The most enthusiastic reaction came from the Roanoke area, where 6th District Republican Rep. M. Caldwell Butler called the nomination "a really good choice."

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"I think he will bring a lot of standing, a lot of status, to (Please turn to Page 24)

Rhodes will appear in area for Butler

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The two Congressmen will greet guests in the Victoria ballroom of Ingleside at 6:30 p.m. More than 1,000 invitations have been mailed out to the \$20-per-couple gala.

Tickets are available by mail from the Rhodes Reception Committee, 1060 Lyndhurst Road, Waynesboro, and also will be available at the door.

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Butler's Aide Plans Visit To Amherst

AMHERST — A representative from the office of Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will be in Amherst Courthouse Aug. 27 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for the purpose of discussing problems with county residents.

Persons wishing to discuss a particular problem are asked to bring all papers and correspondence dealing with the case and if pertinent, their veterans claim and social security number.

Virginia GOP Leaders Favorable to Rockefeller

Rke Times 8-21-74

With few exceptions Virginia Republican leaders reacted favorably, and some even enthusiastically, Tuesday to President Ford's nomination of former New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller to be vice president.

Sixth District GOP Chairman William B. Poff of Roanoke called the nomination "an excellent choice," and Mrs. Mamie Vest, former president of the Roanoke Women's Republican Club, said:

"It's terrific . . . I'm just ecstatic. I think we're really going to put it back together again . . .

Rockefeller's nomination drew a "so what?" type of reaction from State Democratic Chairman Joseph T. Fitzpatrick of Norfolk.

Fitzpatrick said he didn't expect Ford and Rockefeller "to go out campaigning for Republican candidates, when so much needs to be done on the domestic scene."

Inflation, gasoline prices and rising interest rates "are just a few of the problems that must be solved," Fitzpatrick said.

"It goes back to six years under Republican leadership. They just don't know how to run the country and get things done."

Robert A. Garland of Roanoke, who headed Rockefeller's drive for the GOP presidential nomination in Virginia in 1964, said Rockefeller is the best of all those mentioned for the job.

Garland said he was "glad" that President Ford "put aside politics" in picking Rockefeller, and he cited Rockefeller's experience in government dating back to the Franklin D. Roosevelt days.

A spokesman for Gov. Mills E. Godwin, who was on vacation and could not be reached for comment, called the nomination "acceptable."

The spokesman said that on several occasions Godwin had called Rockefeller an acceptable nominee for the vice presidency.

But Rockefeller's nomination met with open hostility from two other Virginians—one the president of the conservative Virginia Taxpayers Association and the other the American party candidate for the 6th District House seat.

Kenneth White of Roseland, president of the taxpayers association, said he has called the office of all Virginia members of Congress urging them to oppose confirmation of Rockefeller.

"The honeymoon is over between President Ford and the Congress," White said. The nomination, he added, "will hurt the President very much."

Warren D. Saunders, the American party candidate running against Democrat Paul Puckett and incumbent Republican M. Caldwell Butler in the 6th District House race,

reacted in much the same manner as White.

Saunders said he has sent Butler a telegram urging him "to do everything in your power to work for the defeat of Nelson Rockefeller for vice president of the United States."

Saunders cited Rockefeller's "alignment with the liberal wing of the Republican Party," his "ties with the international banking community," his efforts to "sink the Gold-

water presidential candidacy in 1964" and his "record of continuous spending and taxing while he served as governor of New York" as reasons for his being against the Rockefeller nomination.

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Here Next Tuesday

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A representative of Congressman M. Caldwell Butler will make his monthly visit to Bedford next Tuesday, Aug. 27. He will be in Bedford Municipal Building from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. to discuss any problems involving the federal government with Mr. Butler's Sixth Virginia District constituents. Rep. Butler's spokesman now visits Bedford every fourth Tuesday.

Va. Delegation Has 1 Black Among Staffs

By JENNY EDELMAN
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Only one member of the Virginia congressional delegation has a black employed on his staff.

First District Democratic Rep. Thomas N. Downing has a full-time black secretary. Downing also has appointed a black page to the House of Representatives under the patronage system and says he is "the first black page from Virginia since the Civil War."

A copyrighted story in the Ft. Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram last weekend alleged that one senator, William L. Scott, Republican of Virginia, and 19 representatives practiced discriminatory hiring in seeking employees for their offices.

Scott has denied that any discriminatory policies are used to hire employees for his office. But he told reporters this week, "I make no apologies for having an all white staff."

An aide to Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., independent, says that while there are no blacks employed in the office, blacks have been interviewed, "but perhaps other applicants were better qualified." Asked if any discriminatory practices were used in hiring employees, the aide said "absolutely not."

Other members cite small turnover and lack of applications from minorities as reasons for having all white staffs.

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, 6th District Republican, has no blacks working in his office, although an aide said he would "certainly consider and be amenable to" hiring minority workers if they would come in and apply for jobs.

"I feel perhaps blacks, because of certain conditioning over the years, feel southern congressmen are not open to hiring minority employees," said Butler aide Chuck Wilson. "But this is purely speculation on my part."

Wilson added a bit of political speculation. "Our congressman is a Republican, and I think more blacks in Virginia vote Democratic than Republican. That may have something to do with the fact that we just don't get the applications."

Virginia election statistics show that blacks have for many years voted better than 90 per cent Democratic.

Rep. G. William Whitehurst, 2nd District Republican, said through an aide that "we have absolutely no (hiring) restrictions on sex, race or religion. We do not even have any geographic restrictions on people being from our district. We hire the best person available for the particular job."

There are no minority workers in Whitehurst's office, but he has in the past hired blacks as summer employees.

Seventh District Republican Rep. Kenneth Robinson has no minority workers in his office, but an aide said the office has never had any hiring restrictions.

"We like to hire people from Virginia, and we especially like to hire people from the 7th District," said aide Chris Matheson.

Matheson said that about two years ago a black woman was considered for a position in the office. "She was very qualified for the job that was open, and she was even from the 7th District," he said.

"But when we called to offer her the job, she said she had received an offer \$1,000 better from the Senate."

He said the office gets "very few" applications for work from minority persons. Matheson, who also worked for Robinson's two predecessors, former Reps. Burr Harrison and John Marsh, said that "over the last 10 years I cannot remember more than half a dozen" minority job seekers who have applied for work in his offices.

Fourth District Republican Rep. Robert Daniel said he went to black leaders in his district after the last election and told them he would have nondiscriminatory hiring practices.

"I asked them to recommend people they thought might be interested in working in the office. One woman came in and applied for a position, but did not want to take the usual (typing and shorthand) qualification tests because she had not used her shorthand in several years and wanted a chance to practice up. She never returned," Daniel said.

Daniel said he has hired black workers for special summer projects in his Portsmouth district office.

An aide to 9th District Republican Rep. William C. Wampler said that there are no blacks on Wampler's staff but that one minority application was approved last summer.

"We have an internship program set up with Virginia Polytechnic Institute (in Blacksburg) and they recommend people to our office for this program," said Wampler aide Ray Dotson.

"We made an offer to the school and said we would be glad to have this man come to work on the program, but the school wrote back that he had decided to enter a different school that fall," Dotson said.

Tenth District Republican Rep. Joel Broyhill has no blacks on his personal staff, but does perform an unusual service for his colleagues.

Broyhill aide Tom Adams calls it the JA (job applicant) list. The list, sent to the office of every congressman on the last day of each month, contains names, addresses, phone numbers and clerical skills (if applicable) of people who seek employment through Broyhill's office.

Some want to work for Broyhill, but many just want jobs on Capitol Hill, Adams said. "The list has become very well known and people who have heard about it from a congressman or another source come in to ask that their names be placed on it."

"The JA list is not the product of an employment service run by our office, but is only a service that we perform for all members of Congress," he said.

The Broyhill aide said there is very little turnover in his office, and they seldom use the list for their own purposes.

Republican Rep. Stanford Parris, from the state's 8th District, said, "We have never had a black person make application for employment in our office."

But Parris said that with a small staff turnover and with his Northern Virginia constituents "just across the river" in Arlington and Alexandria, his office receives far more applications for jobs than it can fill.

Gray Armistead, aide to 3rd District Democrat Rep. David Satterfield, said his office does not discriminate in hiring. "We maybe hire someone twice a year. We hope for continuity in the office and hope that we don't have to hire people often," he said.

Fifth District Democrat Rep. Dan Daniel has no minority employees in his office. His staff declined to comment further.

Reception Set For Butler

STAUNTON — Rep. John Rhodes, minority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, will be in Staunton Sept. 4 for a fund raising reception honoring Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, who is seeking his second term in Congress.

Rhodes, from Arizona, took over the leadership of the Republicans in the House from President Gerald Ford when he was named Vice President last December.

The two congressmen will greet guests at the Ingleside Hotel near here beginning at 6:30 p.m. More than 1,000 invitations have been mailed out to the \$20-per-couple event.

Butler Prepares Newsletter For Constituents

Winnell Herald 9-5-74

Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler has announced that he will shortly be mailing a newsletter to all Sixth District residents regarding recent events in Washington.

Butler called for the American people to lend their loyalty and cooperation to President Gerald R. Ford, and favorably evaluated Ford's ability to reduce inflation. Butler also commented on the nomination of Nelson A. Rockefeller to be Vice President and on the resignation of Richard M. Nixon.

Butler, who served on the Judiciary Committee which investigated Ford when he was a Vice Presidential nominee, expressed the "greater confidence" in Ford.

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"Gerald Ford took office under the most difficult of circumstances, with a nation divided with controversy and wracked with inflation," Butler said. "He deserves the loyalty and understanding of every American, and I for one pledge him that."

"The Congress must accept Gerald Ford's offer to meet more than halfway if we are to solve the problems of our nation, including that of inflation," he continued.

Butler said he is convinced that excessive government spending is the greatest factor contributing to inflation and expressed confidence in Ford's ability to send the Congress a balanced budget for the next fiscal year.

"As a veteran of long service in the House Appropriations Committee, President Ford is thoroughly familiar with the budgeting process, and the prospects for meaningful reductions in federal spending were never brighter," he commented.

Looking forward to the confirmation hearings for Vice President nominee Nelson Rockefeller, Butler said, "It is my own view that the President is entitled to select his own Vice President and that the Congress should confirm the nominee unless its own investigation reveals matter reflecting upon his ability to discharge the office of Vice President or President. The Congress cannot require the President to nominate a Vice President whose views are consistent with a majority of the Congress or a particular congressman..."

Butler also said that Rockefeller, as a national figure with extensive government experience "can bring new prestige to the office of Vice President."

Butler noted that he had originally intended to prepare a detailed statement explaining his reasons for supporting two articles of impeachment. However, in light of subsequent revelations since that vote and the resignation of Richard Nixon, he now prefers to let the Judiciary Committee report on impeachment speak for him. That report will be available in libraries throughout the district.

Butler said it was to Nixon's "great credit that he chose to spare the country a prolonged Senate trial and departed with dignity and in good grace."

The Congress should turn its attention to more pressing matters now, Butler said.

In addition to these comments on national political events, Butler announced that his office is finalizing arrangements for Senior Citizens Conferences throughout the district during mid-September.



CAMPAIGN BOOST — Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, seeking re-election to a second term in Congress, is flanked by House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes (left) and former

governor Linwood Holton, now Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Affairs, at reception in Staunton last night.

(N-V Photo by York)

Rhodes Says Inflation Battle Everybody's Job

By N-V Staff Writer

STAUNTON — House Minority Leader John J. Rhodes told a press conference here last night that doing something about inflation "is everybody's job; the federal government can't do it alone."

He said he does not expect President Ford's upcoming two-day economic summit conference of businessmen, labor leaders and economists to be "a panacea that will cure the problem," but will serve to "dramatize to the public the need for everyone to help."

Mr. Rhodes was here for a campaign reception for Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, which drew about 150 area Republicans.

Addressing a press conference prior to the reception at Ingleside, Mr. Rhodes disavowed the claim of Democratic congressmen that the Nixon Administration was to blame for the inflation now gripping the nation.

He said it is the Democrats in Congress who are primarily responsible for the nation's economic ills. Noting that Congress has been under Democratic control for the past 20 years, he said they could have held down spending and instituted anti-inflationary

measures, if they could have gotten together.

Former President Nixon tried to do what he could to halt the inflationary trend by impounding funds appropriated by Congress, but was met with "a hue and cry" from its Democratic majority, he said.

Mr. Rhodes, second-ranking Republican on the House Appropriations Committee, labeled the "guns and butter" policies of the Johnson administration as the biggest contributor to the national inflation. He said the Johnson administration had created "giant inflation-making deficits" by trying to keep up

domestic programs while financing the fighting in Vietnam.

Mr. Rhodes, who succeeded President Ford as House Minority Leader last year when Ford became vice president, is the second major Republican figure to campaign for Mr. Butler in his district. Ford, as vice president, made a visit to Roanoke in Butler's behalf several months ago.

Mr. Rhodes labeled the Sixth District's freshman congressman as "a real comer," whose work on the House Judiciary Committee "marked

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him for future greatness." He said it is unusual for a freshman congressman to achieve the national stature Butler has in two years and said that, in time, "he will be a real leader in Congress."

The minority leader said he is "happy and pleased" to campaign for Butler and, in response to a question, said he has heard no criticism for doing so from conservative Republicans who were upset with Butler's vote to impeach Nixon.

Mr. Rhodes was accompanied here from Washington by former governor Linwood Holton, now Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Affairs.

Mr. Holton, who confided to a reporter that he is "not as busy as I would like to be" in his new job, expressed his "utmost confidence" in Butler, a former law partner in Roanoke.

He said Butler possesses "outstanding abilities" and declared him to be "one of the best (congressmen) I have ever observed."

Butler, himself, brushed aside reporters' questions, declaring that he had invited Mr. Rhodes to visit the Shenandoah Valley and that it was his press conference.

Responding to other questions, Mr. Rhodes said he believes it would be premature to make a judgment now on further action against Nixon in relation to Watergate.

He said he sees "no comparison" between the possibility of a presidential pardon for Nixon and President Ford's position on draft dodgers and deserters. The President has said he is in favor of allowing those now facing prosecution for evasion or desertion to "earn" their way back to this country, but without granting them unconditional amnesty.

He also said that he believes it would be "unconscionable" for Congress to adjourn or recess before confirming Gov. Nelson Rockefeller as vice president. The confirmation should be made, he said, before the November elections.

Other party leaders present for the press conference and \$20-per-person fund-raising reception were Dels. Arthur R. Giesen and Marshall Coleman.

FALSE ALARMS

The Waynesboro Fire Department was called at 3:17 p.m. yesterday to Paragon Design, Inc., on Hopeman Parkway. A department spokesman said an automatic alarm in the building had malfunctioned.

Firemen also received a false alarm at 5:10 p.m. yesterday.

RUMMAGE SALE

There will be a rummage sale beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Curb Market in Waynesboro. The sale is being sponsored by the Reids Chapel United Methodist Church.

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GOP's Rhodes Puts Blame On Democrats for Inflation

By MELVILLE CARICO
Times Political Writer

STAUNTON — House minority leader John J. Rhodes of Arizona said Wednesday night Democrats who have controlled Congress the last 20 years are primarily responsible for the inflation now gripping the nation.

He was here for a campaign reception for Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke which drew about 150 Republicans.

Rhodes held a news conference prior to the reception at which he answered Democrats' claims that fiscal policies of the former Nixon administration are to blame.

Butler has been under fire from Democratic candidate Paul J. Puckett for supporting the GOP's fiscal policies during his first two years in Congress. Puckett claims the GOP policies are tailored to help the wealthy.

Rhodes said that in the past 20 years the Democrats who were in control of Congress, if they could have gotten together, could have held down spending and inaugurated anti-inflationary policies.

Rhodes, the second-ranking Republican on the House Appropriations Committee, said the biggest contributor to the present inflation was the "guns and butter" policies of the Johnson administration, which tried to keep up the domestic programs while financing the fighting in Vietnam—a policy which created giant inflation-making deficits.

He said that in Republican voters will have congressmen who will try to cut down on spending.

Rhodes praised President Ford for taking what he called "bold steps" in the wake of the Watergate scandal and former

President Nixon's resignation.

He said it would be a travesty if Congress does not confirm Vice President-designate Nelson Rockefeller before it adjourns.

Rhodes, who succeeded President Gerald Ford as House minority leader when Ford became vice president last year, told Butler's party leaders the freshman congressman has made a big impression on fellow House members.

Rhodes said that Republicans went through a trying period prior to Nixon's resignation and for many it was the worst period in their lives.

The GOP minority leader told the reception audience that Butler's work on the House Judiciary Committee "marked him for future greatness."

He credited Butler with get-

ting the House to put a \$1,000 limit on what a person can contribute to congressional candidates in future elections.

He said it is unusual in Washington for a freshman congressman to achieve the stature Butler did in two years and remarked that the televised impeachment hearings "made him a well-known man in millions of homes."

Former Gov. Linwood Holton, now undersecretary of state for congressional affairs, flew from Washington to attend the reception for Butler. The were former law partners in Roanoke.

Most of the questions had to do with the economy which many politicians feel is the No. 1 issue in this year's congressional elections, particularly since Nixon resigned.

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Butler Plans Area Campaign Swing Sept 23

Sept 6 News

Campaign appearances for Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will be few in the Lynchburg area with the Congressman busy in Washington.

According to Gail Goodson, Rep. Butler's press secretary, the congressman does not plan a trip to Lynchburg prior to Monday, Sept. 23, at which time he will hold two senior citizens conferences.

Butler will return to Washington immediately following the meetings.

Butler is seeking reelection in November to a second term. He is running against Democratic nominee Paul J. Puckett, American Party nominee Warren D. Saunders and Independent Tom McGay.

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, a rep-

resentative from the congressman's office will be at the Amherst County Courthouse from 9 a.m. to noon to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having in relation to the federal government.

His representative will return to Amherst on the fourth Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The congressman had earlier announced the meetings to compliment the three district offices maintained by Butler as part of his plan to have the congressman and constituent in close contact.

The Lynchburg office is housed in the post office building and was a campaign promise during 1972.

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Butler Sets Two Senior Citizens Meetings In Area

WASHINGTON — Sixth District Representative M. Caldwell Butler announced today that he will sponsor Senior Citizens Information Conferences in Clifton Forge and Bolar (Bath County) on Sept. 16.

Butler said the purpose of the conferences is to "help citizens of retirement age find answers to their questions about the problems of advancing age." Butler said that the conferences would allow participants to become better acquainted with available services and assistance "in a friendly atmosphere with old friends."

Residents of Covington, Clifton Forge, Alleghany, Bath and Highland counties are invited to attend.

The conferences will be similar to those held throughout the Roanoke Valley area in mid June. The press of Congressional business forced postponement of other such forums planned for other parts of the District until this time.

One of the conferences on Sept. 16 has been scheduled from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at Dabney Lancaster Community College, Moomaw Student Center, In-

terstate 64, Exit 7 North, Clifton Forge.

The other will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bolar Ruritan Club, Route 220, Bolar.

Representatives from the Social Security Administration, Veterans' Administration, Valley Program for Aging Services, League of Older Americans, Welfare Department, and the Railroad Retirement Board will briefly discuss the services offered by their agencies. A question and answer period will follow.

Panelists will remain after the formal program for a social hour, and will be available for individual consultation during that time. If his Congressional responsibilities allow, Butler also plans to be present to moderate the panel and answer questions from participants.

Butler said that each of the agencies represented is helping many persons each day, but that he is fearful that there are also many senior citizens who need help and are not getting it. "We want to do something about that."

Areas of particular interest which are expected to be covered in the conferences include Supplemental Security Income Program, Medicaid, Medicare, food stamps, Veterans' Administration pensions, increases in social security and railroad retirement benefits, as well as legislation benefiting the elderly.

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Politicians Greet People

In sharp contrast to the hectic 1973 Labor Day political electioneering, Virginia politicians and office seekers carried out an understated campaign in Buena Vista Monday afternoon during the Labor Day activities at Glen Maury Park.

Seven Virginia politicians visited in Buena Vista on Monday, shaking hands and mingling with the large crowds which milled through the park during the day-long activities. All but Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler and Congressional hopeful William Saunders (American Party candidate for the sixth district seat) participated in the morning parade and spent the day at the park.

Both arrived later in the afternoon.

Attorney General Andrew P. Miller, Lieutenant Governor John N. Dalton, House of Delegates members Charles W. Gunn and Lacey Putney, Sixth District Democratic candidate Paul Puckett and Sixth District Independent candidate Tim McGay also attended the celebration.

Despite the potential for campaigning during the Labor Day activities, most of the politicians limited their "speech-making" to two or three minute, non-committal talks before the large crowds. Because 1974 is an "off year" for elections, seeing only the race among Congressional candidates, the politicians steered away from most of the issues, dwelling only on the community spirit demonstrated by the Labor Day activities and the re-occurring problem of inflation.

Only Independent Congressional candidate Tim McGay raised issues in his speech, challenging Butler, Puckett and Saunders to discuss amnesty, gun laws, and inflation. He said he felt the other candidates were "dodging the issues" and he questioned their ability to represent the general public.

Puckett, who addressed the crowd earlier in the afternoon, said that the trend toward inflationary spending and political corruption must be changed by "changing the people how put us there". He said that the people must demand that their representatives live up to their responsibilities of reporting and listening to the people they represent.

Puckett, who has received labor endorsement in recent weeks, said he hoped the Congressional campaign did not dissolve into deception as they have in the past.

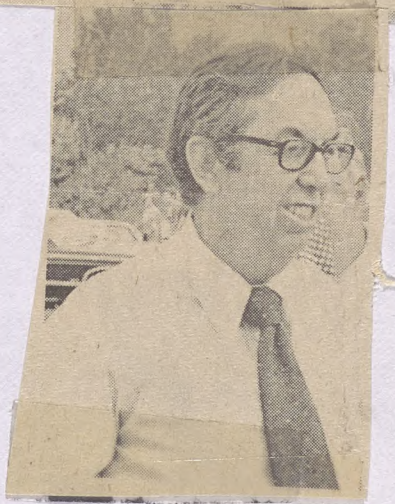
Both Butler and Miller addressed the Labor Day

audience in general terms, praising them for the community spirit of the day and thanking them for political support in 1973.

Dalton, whose name has been mentioned as a possible gubernatorial candidate, said that the number one issue facing the American public was inflation and that the continuing upward trend could only be halted by an "inflation-proof Congress."

Dalton said that what was needed was a Congress willing to "back up the vetoes of inflationary spending." Dalton, who will be one of four Virginia representatives to the reenactment of the first Continental Congress in Philadelphia his weekend, also urged Virginians to support the bicentennial celebration in 1976.

Both Putney and Gunn briefly addressed the crowd, citing the growth of the area and the Labor Day celebrations in the past four years.



City Republicans Plan Extensive Voter Canvas

BY JAYNE GRIFFIN

News Staff Writer

Lynchburg City Republican Committee members are planning an extensive voter canvas in two key precincts in the city used as a gauge in the last presidential election.

At a committee meeting held Monday night in the auditorium at Virginia Baptist

Hospital, Charles Baroch outlined plans for the canvas to be held Saturday, Sept. 28, in the fourth and fifth precincts of the second ward, located in the Fort Hill area.

Baroch told those in attendance that the precincts were keyed in to a computer during the 1972 presidential race and results from the precinct were used as predictors for the state.

"These areas are considered to be a combination of white and blue collar workers with the blue collar workers considered to be the switch voters," said Baroch.

The canvas, which is expected to encompass 1,600 homes and 65 man hours, will last from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

It is intended to identify

eligible voters, their preference in the four-man race and the key issues other than inflation which Baroch said is foremost in most people's minds.

The results of the canvas in regard to issues will be forwarded to incumbent Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, a Republican.

Baroch also commented that during the final three weeks of the campaign the city committee will conduct intensive door-to-door visits in 12 "key" precincts particularly the sixth precinct in the first ward (Bedford Hills) where 15 per cent of the city's votes are normally cast.

Also in relation to the upcoming campaign George Fralin, who is heading up Butler's efforts in the Lynchburg area, announced final plans for a reception to be held for Butler at The Homestead on Friday, Sept. 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Guests for the reception will be Rep. Butler and Sen. Wilbur Mizelle, R.-N.C.

Committee Chairman Carroll P. Freeman announced Monday night that city headquarters for Butler will open "on or about" Oct. 1. They will be housed in the former ABC store in the 600 block of Main Streets.

At the meeting Freeman said he understood from GOP sources in Roanoke that Del. George McMath of Acomack would be named State Republican Chairman to replace Richard Obenshain who Monday was selected as vice chairman of the national party.

Freeman also announced the resignation of Committee Member Victor Vernon Jr., who resigned following Butler's votes in favor of two articles of impeachments during the House Judiciary Committee hearings.

In his letter to the committee, Vernon said he did not feel he could work in the upcoming campaign.

However, State Sen. Robert S. Burruss said he had talked with Vernon and that Vernon would not work for the opposition.

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Freeman said Monday night he felt the reaction to the amnesty proposals of President Ford would be mixed.

"However," he added, "I feel it is important to remember the program as announced by President Ford is one involving conditional and not blanket amnesty."

Freeman said he felt that of the tens of thousands of potential cases there were many which would merit compassion on the part of the government.

Full Pardon For Nixon Receives Mixed Opinion

By The Associated Press

Virginia Republican Chairman Richard D. Obenshain hailed as "courageous" President Ford's issuance Sunday of a full pardon to former President Richard M. Nixon for all offenses against the United States.

State Democratic Chairman Joseph T. Fitzpatrick called Ford's action "premature."

Reaction from Virginia's congressional delegation and state leaders was equally varied.

Obenshain, a Richmond lawyer named last week by Ford as his choice for vice chairman of the Republican National Committee, said Sunday:

"I think it was a courageous act on President Ford's part. He had expressed the view last week in his press conference that he did not think the country wanted (former) President Nixon to suffer further, that he had suffered enough, and I think that's a widely accepted view.

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Fitzpatrick said from his home in Norfolk:

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acted prematurely. The American people will never know all the evidence of possible crimes involving the former president.

"The better procedure would have been to let the judicial process take its natural course and if Mr. Nixon was found guilty, then President Ford at that point could have exercised compassion by granting a pardon."

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R6th District, a member of House Judiciary Committee who voted to impeach Nixon, said he thought President Ford's pardon of the former president was "an appropriate and proper exercise" of Ford's discretion.

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Butler said. He said thought the decision must have been a difficult one for the President and added the decision "came as a total surprise."

"When a president has been forced to resign, it is probably the worst punishment anybody has been subjected to, up to and including capital punishment," Butler said.

He said he could see arguments both for and against the pardon, adding that "whether it is good or bad, it has been done."

Butler declined comment on whether he thought the pardon represented a double standard of justice, saying that question was too deep and complex to go into.

He said, however, he did not think the pardon would affect the trials of the Watergate defendants.

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President's action approved by Butler

By The Associated Press

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., a member of the House Judiciary Committee, says President Ford's absolute pardon of former President Richard M. Nixon was "an appropriate and proper exercise" of presidential power.

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Republican Sen. William Scott made this statement through a spokesman today in reaction to the pardon:

"It is my belief that this decision is in the best interests of the country and that is what should concern us and not the fate of one individual."

"The nation has suffered from a division caused by the Watergate affair. It is time that we put this behind us and work towards unity in the country under President Ford."

Virginia Republican Chairman Richard D. Obenshain, tapped last week by Ford as his

selection for vice chairman of the Republican National Committee, saw Ford's pardon as a courageous act.

Obenshain's Democratic counterpart, Joseph T. Fitzpatrick, saw the pardon as a premature move by Ford.

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Rep. Thomas N. Downing, D-1st District, said, "I think the President's action was premature and probably not in the best interests of true justice."

"First, Mr. Nixon has not been indicted or convicted of any crime. President Ford's pardon, in my opinion, presupposes that he has. Secondly, this action could contribute to a growing belief - particularly among the young - that there is a double standard of justice in this country."

Rep. G. William Whitehurst, R-2nd District, said, "My first reaction is that we have a President who is calling the shots since nobody has since Harry Truman was in the White House."

"I approve of what President Ford did because we don't need to have the trauma of a Watergate post mortem. We need to turn our attention and all of our energies to the most serious problem confronting the country right now and that's inflation. I think what President Ford is doing by this is to preclude a post mortem from happening."

"Certainly I think the former President has a responsibility to cooperate by honoring the subpoenas that have been served on him and shedding all the light that he can as these cases come up involving his subordinates."

Rep. David E. Satterfield III, D-3rd District, said Ford's pardon was "a merciful thing to do. There's no doubt in my mind that Jerry Ford acted in a way he thought was in the best interest of the nation."

Rep. Robert W. Daniel Jr., R-4th District, said, "The resignation of a president under a cloud of wrongdoing is itself a high punishment. At the same time, I am concerned about the men who are under indictment or in prison as a result of their involvement in Mr. Nixon's presumed coverup activities."

Rep. Stanford E. Parris, R-8th District, said, "I believe the President's action is consistent with his pledge to try to heal the wounds of the country

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Pardon views follow politics

From Staff and AP Dispatches

Reaction to President Ford's pardon of Richard M. Nixon was about as expected among Virginia politicians, with most Republicans generally praising the move and most Democrats criticizing it.

Locally, the sharpest criticism of the action came from Roanoke City Sheriff Paul Puckett, the 6th District Democratic candidate for Congress.

"I am distressed because many years experience in the law enforcement system have sustained my belief that we can only have effective responsible government when there is respect for law and government officials by the electorate," said Puckett.

He went on to say that "Richard Nixon's guilt has never been officially established and President Ford's decision will now make it virtually impossible for Americans to know the extent of Mr. Nixon's innocence or guilt."

Puckett said he wanted it understood that he doesn't believe in persecuting anybody. But he said that "too many of our young people and too many people period believe that our system of justice allows high-ranking men of position and responsibility to go free when wrongdoing has taken place."

A Virginian closely associated with the case of Nixon, attorney Sam Garrison, declined comment. He said he is undecided about saying anything publicly, but may do so when he speaks to the local bar association tomorrow.

Garrison got nationwide publicity when the Republican minority on the House Judiciary Committee had him give the evidence against the impeachment of Nixon.

(In connection with the pardon, the dean of one Virginia law school said "it seemed to be an unusual procedure to grant a pardon before there was any conviction.")

Rep. Caldwell Butler, who'll be Puckett's Republican opponent in the Nov. 5 election, said he believed Ford's absolute pardon was "an appropriate and proper exercise of presidential power."

He said the action, in his view, reflects a national feeling for compassion toward Nixon.

Some other Virginia political leaders reacted in this way:

Richard D. Obenshain, Republican state chairman, called the pardon a courageous act. He said he thinks people will be pleased that "this part of the long Watergate trauma is over."

His counterpart, Democratic state chairman Joseph T. Fitzpatrick, said he thinks Ford acted prematurely. He said he thinks the ex-president's case should have gone to court and if he had been found guilty "Ford could have

exercised compassion by granting a pardon."

Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. said from Texas, where he was attending a conference, that he believes Ford's action is in line with the thinking of most people in the United States and "certainly most people in Virginia."

Atty. Gen. Andrew P. Miller called Ford's action "precipitous," adding: "Mr. Nixon should have been given an opportunity to make whatever

admissions were indicated in light of the report compiled by Mr. Jaworski and his staff. Then President Ford could have determined whatever action was appropriate at the time."

He was referring to Leon Jaworski, special Watergate prosecutor.

Nearly all those questioned agreed that, in the words of Rep. David E. Satterfield, D-3rd District, the pardon was "a merciful thing . . ."

FUND-RAISING RECEPTION SET FRIDAY FOR BUTLER

Local Republicans will host a fund-raising reception at 6:30 p.m. Friday at The Homestead honoring Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, who is seeking reelection.

Also in attendance will be Rep. Wilmer Mizell of North Carolina, a third term Republican in the U. S. House of Representatives.

Mizell first attained national prominence as "Vinegar Bend" Mizell in the 1950s and 1960s as a major league pitcher with the St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates.

Before playing in the majors, Mizell was in the Piedmont League which included teams in Lynchburg and Roanoke.

Proceeds from the \$25 per couple reception will be used to defray local district and state assessments.

George Fralin, Butler's Lynchburg campaign chairman, is serving as reception chairman.

bad weather interfered again.

Reactions mixed on move by Ford to pardon Nixon

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pres. Ford's unconditional pardon of former Pres. Nixon has met with mixed reaction in Washington. While some see it as evidence of a double standard of justice, others say it was an act of compassion, humanity and courage. But the decision did cause the resignation of a top aide and by reviving the Watergate issue it has brought back problems previously faced by campaigning Republicans.

New secretary Jerald terHorst told Ford before the announcement that he would resign. TerHorst said he could not accept the decision on Nixon in good conscience while former officials of lesser rank face prison or trial.

Oppose amnesty

And the current issue of "Newsweek" magazine says 58 percent of Americans opposed amnesty for Nixon in a poll taken three days before he was pardoned.

Ford is flying to Pittsburgh today to keep a speaking date arranged in the early, tranquil days of his transition.

Meanwhile, many Democrats and some Republicans in Congress voiced dismay at the pardon, contending it set a double standard of justice. But other Republicans, including Vice President-Designate Nelson Rockefeller, hailed it as an act of compassion and courage.

Lawyers

Lawyers for former Nixon aides and associates began reshaping their strategy for the Watergate cover-up trial, and at least one defendant, H.R. Haldeman, planned new efforts to delay the trial now set to begin Sept. 30.

Reactions of Virginia politicians to Pres. Ford's granting a full pardon yesterday to former Pres. Nixon varied. Republican Congressman M. Caldwell Butler, a member of the House Judiciary Committee who voted to impeach Nixon, said it was "an appropriate and proper exercise" of presidential power.

Gov. Mills Godwin said he believes the pardon "reflects the prevailing opinion of most people in the nation, certainly most people in Virginia."

State Republican Chairman Richard Obenshain saw Ford's act as "courageous." State Democratic Chairman Joseph Fitzpatrick said it was premature. Democratic Congressman Thomas Downing agreed, and added that it was

"probably not in the best interests of true justice."

Democrat David Satterfield said it was "a merciful thing to do." Attorney General Andrew Miller said he believes Ford acted hastily, but he added that he does not think the American people want, in his words, "to exact the last ounce of flesh from one who has done so many constructive things for his country."

Puckett said

Paul Puckett, sixth District candidate for Congress, said "I am deeply concerned and very surprised at Pres. Ford's decision to give Richard Nixon an absolute pardon. I am distressed because my many years experience in the law enforcement system have sustained my belief that we can only have effective responsible government when there is respect for law and government officials by the electorate."

Nixon, newly immune from Watergate prosecution, admits he made "mistakes and misjudgments" in handling the scandal. The former chief executive made his remarks in a statement released less than ten minutes after Pres. Ford announced he had granted Nixon full pardon for any offense he may have committed in the White House.

In his statement, Nixon said "that the the way I tried to deal with Watergate was the wrong way is a burden I shall bear for every day of the life that is left to me." He added that he hoped the pardon would lift "the burden of Watergate from our country."

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Medical profession gives \$40,000 to campaigns

RICHMOND (AP)—Reports filed with the State Board of Elections show the medical profession has contributed at least \$40,000 to the re-election campaigns of seven Virginia congressmen.

Operating through political action committees, the doctors have given \$8,000 to Republican Reps. Stanford E. Parris of the 8th District and Joel T. Broyhill of the 10th.

Contributions of \$6,000 apiece have gone to Republican Reps. G. William Whitehurst of the 2nd District, Robert W. Daniel of the 4th and William C. Wampler of the 9th.

The doctors also donated \$5,000 to Republican Rep. J. Kenneth Robinson of the 7th District and \$1,000 to Democratic Rep. David E. Satterfield III of the 3rd.

All six of the state's Republican incumbents in Con-

gress face challenges from Democrats in the Nov. 5 election. There is also independent opposition for Daniel and Broyhill.

Satterfield has no Republican opponent but is being opposed by U. S. Labor party candidate Alan R. Ogden.

The reports filed with the elections board show that the contributions came from the Virginia Medical Political Action Committee and the American Medical Political Action Committee.

In addition, some candidates have received donations from individual doctors and others in the medical profession.

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of the 6th District apparently is the only Republican incumbent who has not received a donation from the medical profession.

Campaign spending by the candidates through Aug. 31, as

reported to the elections board, ranged from more than \$38,000 reported by Parris to the \$37.50 spent by Satterfield.

The spending reports, required by federal law, were due Sept. 10 but some apparently still are in the mail. A Sept. 10 postmark constitutes proof of meeting the deadline.

A breakdown of campaign income and spending, not including unopposed Democratic Reps. Thomas N. Downing of the 1st District and W. C. "Dan" Daniel of the 5th, showed:

2nd District—Whitehurst, not on file; Democratic nominee Robert E. Richards of Virginia Beach, \$11,122 received, \$10,334 spent.

3rd District—Satterfield, \$1,000 received, \$37.50 spent; Ogden, \$200 received, \$178 spent.

4th District—Daniel, \$32,349 received, \$6,889 spent; Del. Lester Schlitz, D-Portsmouth, the Democratic nominee, \$34,972 received, \$25,955 spent; the Rev. Curtis Harris, independent, not on file.

6th District—Butler, \$20,498 received, \$13,937 spent; Democrat Paul Puckett, \$9,070 received, \$8,484 spent; Warren D. Saunders, American party candidate, \$13,992 received, \$12,915 spent.

7th District—Robinson, \$33,200 received, \$14,770 spent; Democrat George H. Gilliam, \$12,241 received, \$12,153 spent.

8th District—Parris, \$58,305

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received, \$38,513 spent; Democrat Herbert E. Harris II, \$30,736 received, \$30,433 spent.

9th District—No reports on file from Rep. Wampler or Democratic nominee Charles J. Horne.

10th District—No reports on file from Rep. Broyhill or Democrat Joseph L. Fisher. Independent Francis J. Speh, \$260 received, \$278 spent.

Representative To Be In Bath County

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Bath County Courthouse September 18 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Bath is one of ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Bath on the third Wednesday of each month.

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Report On Spending

RICHMOND (AP) — The four candidates for the 6th District congressional seat have raised more than \$43,000 for their campaigns and have spent about \$35,000, according to campaign expense reports filed Tuesday.

The reports filed with the State Board of Elections covered the campaign finances through Aug. 31.

The reports show:

—Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, the Republican incumbent, had collected \$20,498.92 and spent 13,937.84 through Aug. 31.

—Independent Warren Saunders, who says although he is listed as an independent on the ballot he is the American party candidate, had received \$13,992.00, including \$12,000 of his own finances, and spent \$12,915.96.

Democrat Paul Puckett had raised \$9,070.18, more than half through a personal loan, and spent \$8,484.60.

Independent Timothy McGay had raised \$150 but said he had spent no money.

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Butler Aide

Plans Visits

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Lexington City Hall on Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government.

The Butler aide will be in the Buena Vista city hall from 9 to 10:30 a.m. the same day.

Battle for Chairmanship Of State GOP Develops

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By MELVILLE CARICO
Times Political Writer

Roanoke lawyer William B. Poff and Washington investment banker Hugh Mulligan, who lives in Northern Virginia, are shaping up fast as rivals to succeed Richard D. Obenshain as Virginia's new Republican chairman.

Neither has officially announced his candidacy but both have let it be known they would accept the top party post and battle lines within the State GOP Central Committee are forming along the same regional and philosophical lines that have divided the state GOP in recent years.

Mulligan, now vice chairman, has the backing of conservatives who financed U.S. Sen. William B. Scott's winning campaign in 1972. He was chairman of "Virginians for Scott" which accepted a \$200,000 loan from wealthy Stetson B. Coleman to underwrite an 11th hour TV-radio campaign blitz.

Moderates who got the label "mountain and valley" boys when Linwood Holton was governor are lining up behind Poff, now 6th District chairman, who has close political ties with Lt. Gov. John N. Dalton and Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

President Ford last week nominated Obenshain, a conservative, cochairman of the GOP National Committee—a development that caught both Obenshain and rank and file Republicans in Virginia by surprise.

The state committee meeting to pick his successor probably will be held Saturday, Sept. 28 in Richmond—a date which Obenshain had tentatively set for the next meeting of the committee before he was tapped for the national party post.

Political sources said a lot of nose counting is going on within the state committee which will name the new chairman, with the outcome probably depending on how members from the Hampton Roads area feel.

Obenshain, backed by the conservatives, won the chairmanship at the party's 1972 convention in Roanoke, defeating incumbent Warren B. French Jr., who was backed by Holton, governor at the time.

Some Republicans said they do not expect the selection of Obenshain's successor to be as intense as the Obenshain-French convention fight in Roanoke two years ago for several reasons.

At that time conservatives wanted a state chairman who would be acceptable to now Gov. Mills E. Godwin, who was going to run for another term in 1973 either as an independent or a Republican. Godwin, in the wake of the convention decision, cast his lot with the state GOP



William B. Poff

political reality dictates the nomination of President Ford.

"There's really nothing to fight about," one prominent Republican remarked in discounting an intense fight for the chairmanship—at least over ideological lines.

State chairmen are elected for four year terms—every presidential election year—which means Obenshain's successor will serve until 1976.

The state chairmanship will be up again that year—a year independent U.S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr. will be up for re-election. Part of the Obenshain-French fight in 1972 stemmed from Holton's insistence that the GOP nominate a candidate for the U.S. Senate. Ray Garland of Roanoke, winner of the nomination, lost badly.

Then in 1977 the GOP will be putting together its gubernatorial campaign ticket with Lt. Gov. Dalton now the odds-on favorite for the No. 1 spot.

and became its candidate after a long career as a conservative Democrat.

Before Richard Nixon's resignation, party leaders anticipated an ideological battle at the national convention in 1976 rivaling the Taft-Eisenhower fight for the presidential nomination at Chicago in 1952. Now, barring unforeseen developments,

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Ex-counsel would

have barred pardon

ROANOKE (AP)—Sam Garrison, the Republicans' minority counsel during the House Judiciary Committee impeachment hearings, says if it were up to him he wouldn't have pardoned former President Richard M. Nixon.

Garrison, speaking at a Roanoke Bar Association meeting Tuesday, said he was concerned over the "unfortunately broad language" in the pardon because it covered any and all offenses.

But the Roanoke lawyer defended President Ford for taking the step, saying, "A very deeply religious and compassionate man made a decision, and whether you agree or disagree, he is entitled to respect by all of us."

He said lawyers should look at the decision as an appellate court looks at an appeal — not at whether they would have made the same decision but in this case at "what a reasonable president could have done under the circumstances."

In the audience was Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, R-Va., who was one of the six Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee who voted for impeachment.

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Pardon report worries Butler

By OZZIE OSBORNE
Political Writer

Rep. Caldwell Butler said today he thinks President Ford would be making a serious mistake if he pardoned those involved in Watergate-related crimes.

"I can't believe it's under consideration," Butler said today after he helped open his congressional campaign headquarters in downtown Roanoke.

"If it's a trial balloon, I'd like to shoot it down," he added.

There has been speculation that Ford is considering the pardons, but it has not been confirmed in Washington.

Butler said he has no problem in drawing a distinction between showing mercy for former President Richard M. Nixon and those facing prosecution because of their involvement in Watergate.

He did not elaborate, but noted, among other things, that Ford cited "national interest" as one reason for the pardon of Nixon.

In commenting on the Nixon pardon, Butler said he wanted to make it clear that he said he thought the action "not inappropriate," but that he didn't endorse it.

Butler made a brief talk at

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the midmorning headquarters opening, emphasizing he will need a good bit of campaign help this fall because Congress will probably stay in session until late in October.

He said his three opponents appear to be well-financed, adding:

"And they seem determined, for some strange reason, that they want my job."

Butler's opponents in the Nov. 5 election are Warren Saunders, running on the American party ticket, Timothy McGay, independent, and Paul Puckett, Democrat.

Butler said he expects to be so pressed in Washington that he cannot accept any more commitments to appear in the 6th District before the election

Butler, on his way back to Washington today, said he expects Congress to be unusually busy in the next few weeks.

He said it must consider the nomination of Nelson A. Rockefeller to be vice president and deal with legislation on tax reform, inflation and other matters.

Entitled to Respect by All'

Garrison Defends Ford Decision on Pardon

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By MELVILLE CARICO
Times Political Writer

Sam Garrison, who was the Republicans' minority counsel in the House Judiciary Committee impeachment inquiry, told fellow Roanoke lawyers Tuesday if he were President he would not have pardoned Richard Nixon.

But the 32-year-old lawyer, who has returned to Roanoke to practice, made a strong defense of President Ford's decision and asked for understanding.

Lawyers, Garrison suggested, should look at the decision as an appellate court looks at an appeal—not at whether they would have made the same decision but, in this case, at "what a reasonable President could have done under the circumstances."

Then, as if talking to the public, Garrison said "a very deeply religious and compassionate man made a decision, and whether you agree or disagree, he is entitled to respect by all of us."

Garrison, who was commonwealth's attorney in Roanoke before going to Washington, voiced concern over what he called the "unfortunately broad language" in the pardon because it is for "any and all offenses . . ." He added the hope it does not set a precedent.

Garrison spoke at a Roanoke Bar Association luncheon at Hotel Patrick Henry.

His audience included Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, a member, who was one of the six Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee to vote for

the first two articles of impeachment.

Garrison suggested that lawyers take into consideration the nature of the dilemma facing the President—the "adjustments in the system" which might have to be made for Nixon to get a fair trial if he were indicted and the fact he is now freer to testify in the coming Watergate trials.

These, Garrison argued, were matters "a reasonable President was entitled to consider."

On a broader front, Garrison expressed fear that because of the amount of news coverage, Watergate has been distorted from isolated illegal acts of a few to the day-by-day operations in the White House while Nixon was president.

Garrison called expansion of

the term "Watergate" beyond isolated illegal acts "a disservice to the American people."

As an example he said the claim that 19 illegal wire taps on White House and National Security Council personnel, and some newsmen who had contact with them seriously jeopardized the civil liberties of all Americans "is really a distortion of what happened."

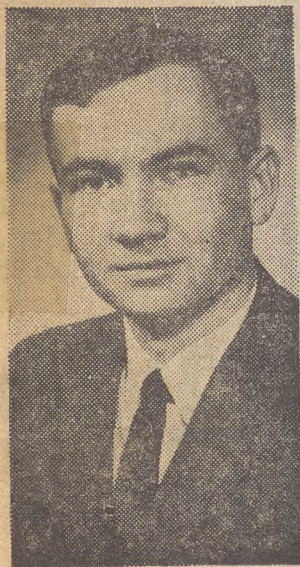
There were thousands and thousands of decisions made by the White House during the Nixon years and the administration, unlike any other, has "been gone over with a fine-tooth comb," Garrison declared, adding:

"Fundamental liberties under our Constitution were not seriously threatened."

Garrison also said many lawyers have become self-conscious over the number of lawyers who were involved in the Watergate scandal. But, he said, the image of the profession is not damaged if critics will look at the lawyers, both Democrat and Republican on the House Judiciary Committee who were determined to find the truth.

Garrison said as the GOP's counsel he was "favorably impressed" with the committee in its performance when, from a purely political standpoint, it would have been better for the Republicans to get rid of Nixon and better for the Democrats to keep him in office.

"I never questioned their good faith," Garrison declared.



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Pardon splits candidates ^D

Predictably, the two party seekers for the Sixth District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives have disagreed over President Gerald Ford's weekend unconditional pardon of former President Richard Nixon.

Incumbent Republican M. Caldwell Butler termed Ford's action "an appropriate and proper exercise" while Democratic hopeful Paul Puckett said he was "distressed" at the action.

Butler is a member of the House Judiciary Committee which voted to impeach Richard Nixon prior to his resignation. Butler told news reporters Sunday night that official pardon should calm high national feeling about Watergate and put the issue even farther behind the country.

Butler stated that he had no advanced knowledge whatsoever of Ford's action on Sunday.

"I am deeply concerned and very surprised at President Ford's decision to give Richard Nixon an absolute pardon," Puckett told a Sunday night meeting of Young Democrats. "I am distressed because my many years' experience in the law enforcement system have sustained my belief that we can only

have effective responsible government when there is respect for law and government officials by the electorate."

Puckett went on to say "Richard Nixon's guilt has never been officially established and President Ford's decision will now make it virtually impossible for Americans to know the extent

of Mr. Nixon's innocence or guilt. I want it positively understood that I do not believe in persecuting any man; however, too many of our young people and too many people period believe that our system of justice allows high ranking men of position and responsibility go free when wrong doing has taken place."

Representative here Tuesday to hear public

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Clifton Forge City Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2-4 p.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Clifton Forge is one of ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Clifton Forge on the third Tuesday of each month.

Butler's representative will be in the Covington City Hall, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 8:30-10:30 a.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting in Covington is one of ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

His representative will return to Covington on the third Wednesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door Meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a nonscheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the meeting to compliment the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

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Fund-raising event DAILY ADVANCE 9/19/74 planned for Butler

Rep. Wilmer Mizell of North Carolina, will be in Lynchburg and Bedford County Friday, Sept. 27, for a fund-raising reception honoring Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler who is seeking re-election.

Butler, a Republican, is being challenged by Democratic nominee Roanoke City Sheriff Paul J. Puckett, American Party hopeful Warren D. Saunders of Bedford County, and independent Thomas McGay of Goshen.

The \$25 per couple reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Homestead and will be preceded by a 5 p.m. press conference for Rep. Mizell at Lynchburg Municipal Airport.

Mizell, who is serving his third term as a Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives, first attained national prominence as "Vinegar Bend" Mizell in the 1950's and 1960's as a major league pitcher. Some of his days as a fledgling ballplayer were spent with the Piedmont League which included teams in Lynchburg and Roanoke.

Since being elected to Congress in 1968, Mizell has served on the House Committees on Agriculture and Public Works and is the ranking Republican on the subcommittee on tobacco. He lives in Winston-Salem.

In both the 91st and 92nd Congresses, Mizell won Watchdog of the Treasury awards. George Washington University named him a Distinguished Citizen of 1969 and Mizell

earlier was a Southern Baptist Christian Athlete.

George Fralin, who is Butler's campaign manager here, is serving as reception chairman, and is being assisted by John D. Doyle, treasurer; Carroll Freeman, unit chairman; Mrs. Robert Huntington, secretary of the City GOP Committee, and C. DuVal Holt Jr., chairman of arrangements.

Others working with this committee are Rex Pixley of Amherst; Eugene Templeton and Dr. Freeman Jenrette of Bedford; Martha Clement of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, and Norman Kinnear of Lynchburg College.

Dental Group To Hear Talk By Rep. Butler

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler and Dr. Lynden M. Kennedy, president-elect of the American Dental Association (ADA), are among speakers at the opening session of the House of Delegates of the Virginia Dental Association (VDA) at Hotel Roanoke Saturday afternoon at 2.

Dr. Jason R. Lewis of Richmond, VDA president, also will speak. The convention of the VDA will continue through Tuesday afternoon.

VDA officers will be elected at the annual meeting of the members Sunday afternoon. Scientific sessions and clinics will be held during the four-day convention.

The VDA Women's Auxiliary will meet at the same time at the hotel. Also meeting at the same time will be the Virginia Dental Assistants Association at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Salem, and the Virginia Dental Hygienists Association at the Patrick Henry Hotel.

Butler readies campaign, visits

Rep. Caldwell Butler will open his Roanoke campaign headquarters at 312 Second St., SW, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

The public is invited. Light refreshments will be served.

The congressman plans to start a series of senior citizens information conferences on Sept. 16. The conferences that day will be for citizens of Clifton Forge and Bolar in Bath County.

Representatives from various agencies, including the

Social Security Administration, will be at the conferences to answer questions about the work of the agencies.

Butler said that the conferences are aimed at helping "citizens of retirement age find answers to their questions about the problems of advancing age."

He said he's fearful many senior citizens who need help are not getting it.

"We want to do something about that," said Butler.

Medicare is administered by
Social Security Administration.

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Roanoke to Open

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler will officially open his Roanoke campaign headquarters at 312 Second St., S.W., on September 11 at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend and light refreshments will be served.

Appropriate Act, Rep. Butler Says

By DONNA SHOEMAKER
Times Staff Writer

Comment on the pardon of former President Richard Nixon in the Western Virginia area ranged from Republican Rep. M. Caldwell Butler's "an appropriate and proper exercise" of President Ford's discretion to Democrats calling it something less than justice.

Virginia Republican Chairman Richard D. Obenshain hailed Ford's action as "courageous," but state Democratic Chairman Joseph T. Fitzpatrick called it "premature."

Butler, who as a member of the House Judiciary Committee voted to impeach Nixon, said the pardon "should put to rest a potentially divisive national problem, and I hope it will put Watergate further behind us."

One of his opponents in the November race for the 6th District seat, Roanoke City Sheriff Paul Puckett said he was "distressed" at the decision.

Ninth District candidate Charles J. Horne of Abingdon said he was "outraged" to learn that Nixon had been pardoned completely. "If the former President has indeed committed a crimi-

nal act or crime, it is up to the federal prosecutor to prosecute."

Ninth District Congressman William C. Wampler was en route to Washington Sunday night and could not be contacted for comment.

William B. Poff, chairman of the 6th District Republican Committee, commented that under the circumstances, "I think it was a rather courageous decision."

Clifton A. Woodrum III, chairman of the 6th District Democratic Committee, on the other hand, said the pardon "raises serious questions of equality under the law that are obvious to all thinking people."

"I wouldn't want to see any man handed carte blanche" for crimes that the public may not even know about, Woodrum added. He said the pardon could have a "grave effect" on upcoming Watergate-related trials, and also that the action "puts the President above the law."

"The President can now go around and say he has been hounded out of office," Woodrum said.

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Virginia Reaction to Pardon

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Butler said he thought the decision must have been a difficult one for the President. The announcement came as a "total surprise" to Butler.

"When any president has been forced to resign, it is probably the worst punishment anybody has been subjected to, up to and including capital punishment," Butler added.

Butler said he could see arguments both for and against the pardon, adding "whether it is good or bad, it has been done."

Butler declined to comment on whether he thought the pardon represented a "double standard" of justice, saying that question was too deep and complex to go into. He said however that he did not think the pardon would affect the trials of the Watergate defendants.

The pardon "reflects a national feeling for compassion for a man. The President fur-

ther reveals himself once more as a compassionate being, and we can rejoice in that," he added.

In a talk before the Roanoke City Young Democratic Club, Puckett said "I am deeply concerned and very surprised at President Ford's decision to give Richard Nixon an absolute pardon."

"I am distressed because my many years experience in the law enforcement system have sustained my belief that we can have effective responsible government when there is respect for law and government officials by the electorate."

In a statement released after the talk, Puckett said "I want it positively understood that I do not believe in persecuting any man; however, too many of your young people and too many people period believe that our system of justice allows high ranking men of position and responsibility to go free when wrong doing has taken place."

Poff predicted that the pardon would have a "salutary" effect, and that it would "avoid the divisiveness that would come from a trial. I don't know what could be gained from a trial."

Poff said he did not know of any other comparative situation by which the case could be judged. He added he did not think any of the Watergate defendants have been in a "comparable position of suffering or losing the stature that Nixon has lost."

Poff said much of what has been gained by the pardon would not have been gained had a trial taken place, saying that the country has other things to worry about than Watergate.

Reaction from Virginia's congressional delegation and state leaders was equally varied.

Obenshain, a Richmond lawyer named last week by Ford as his choice for vice chairman of the Republican National Committee, said Sunday:

"I think it was a courageous act on President Ford's part. He had expressed the view last week in his press conference that he did not think the country wanted (former) President Nixon to suffer further, that he had suffered enough, and I think that's a widely accepted view."

Atty. Gen. Andrew P. Miller said, "I consider the President's action today as precipitous in light of the magnitude of the issue involved and consequently not in the long-range national interest."

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Bedford Sept 12 Bulletin Democrat A **Nixon Pardon Made Issue in District**

President Ford's granting of a "full, free and absolute" pardon to former President Nixon became an issue in the congressional race in the Sixth Virginia District, which includes Bedford, within a few hours after the President's announcement.

The incumbent member of the House of Representatives, N. Caldwell Butler, Republican, of Roanoke made a statement shortly after the President spoke calling the pardon "an appropriate and proper exercise" of the President's powers.

Makes It an Issue

Paul J. Puckett, of Roanoke, the Democratic nominee running against Mr. Butler, lost no time in picking up the pardon as a campaign issue. Several

Bedford people received in Monday morning's mail a strongly worded attack by Mr. Puckett on President Ford's action. He said, "I am distressed because my many years of experience in the law enforcement system have sustained my belief that we can only have effective, responsible government when there is respect for law and government officials by the electorate." Mr. Puckett is sheriff of Roanoke City.

Mr. Butler said the pardon "should put to rest a potentially divisive national problem and I hope it will put Watergate farther behind us."

The Impeachment Vote

Mr. Butler was a member of the House Judiciary Committee

and one of its Republican members who voted for a bill of impeachment against President Nixon. He said the pardon came as a complete surprise to him. He continued:

"When a president has been forced to resign, it is probably the worst punishment anybody has been subjected to, up to and including capital punishment."

Mr. Butler said he could see arguments both for and against the pardon, adding "whether it is good or bad, it has been done."

The Other Trials

Mr. Butler declined to comment on whether he thought the pardon represented a "double standard" of justice, saying that question was too deep and complex to go into. He said he

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did not think the pardon would affect the trials of other Watergate defendants.

The pardon "reflects a national feeling of compassion for a man," Congressman Butler continued. "The President further reveals himself as once more as a compassionate being, and we can rejoice in that."

Mr. Puckett previously had been scheduled to speak to the Roanoke City Young Democratic Club, and he seized the occasion to speak on the issue of the Nixon pardon, announced a few hours earlier. He also managed to put himself in opposition to Mr. Butler on this issue. He said:

A Double Standard

"Richard Nixon's guilt has never been officially established and President Ford's decision will now make it virtually impossible for Americans to know the extent of Mr. Nixon's innocence or guilt. I want it positively understood that I do not believe in persecuting any man; however, too many of our young people and too many people period believe that our system of justice allows high ranking men of position and responsibility go free when wrong doing has taken place.

"During the course of my campaign, time and time again people have expressed to me their waning respect for our government and our system of justice."

Before he had read Congressman Butler's statement Mr. Puckett said he was certain his opponent would not concur with President Ford's decision.

"When Mr. Butler stated that he would vote for impeachment of the President because his actions smacked of tyranny, I can not conceive that he would support a pardon for Richard Nixon. Mr. Butler is a lawyer and has made a deep commitment when he swore to the legal code of ethics that espouses equal justice for all. If Mr. Butler supports a pardon of President Nixon he will be adding greatly to the dangerously growing belief that justice is for the few."

Butler Aide Here 3rd Wednesdays

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Rep. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in Bath and Highland on the third Wednesdays of each month. The representative will be at the Bath courthouse on Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and at the Highland courthouse from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m.

Any persons wishing to discuss a problem dealing with the federal government should bring with them all papers dealing with the case, in addition to knowing their Veterans Claim and Social Security numbers.



Butler Opens Headquarters

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler (left) speaks to campaign workers at the opening of his 6th District campaign headquarters in Roanoke Wednesday. Butler told the group he expected

to need a good bit of campaign help because Congress will probably stay in session until late in October. He returned to Washington Wednesday.

Times Photo

Butler Aide To Be Here

Sixth District Congressman M. Caldwell Butler's representative will be in the Buena Vista City Hall on Tuesday, September 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. to meet with citizens wishing to discuss problems they are having with the federal government. The meeting is one of ten monthly meetings Rep. Butler holds in the district.

Butler's representative will be in the Lexington City Hall on Tuesday September 17 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

His representative will return to Buena Vista on the third Tuesday of each month.

These meetings are in addition to the regular Open Door Meetings which Rep. Butler holds himself from time to time on a non-scheduled basis.

The Congressman had earlier announced the meeting to compliment the three district offices as part of his plan to have the Congressman and the constituent in close contact.

Investigate houses the again.

Rep. Butler Sets Meetings For Bedford and Lynchburg

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will sponsor a Senior Citizens Information Conference in Bedford and Lynchburg Sept. 23.

Butler said the conferences are designed to "help citizens of retirement age find answers to their questions about the problems of advancing age" and will allow participants to become better acquainted with available services and assistance.

The Bedford conference will be held at the Elks National Home in Bedford from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Lynchburg conference will be held at the Lynchburg College Snidow Chapel from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Representatives of the Social Security Administration, Veterans' Administration, Welfare Department, Central Virginia Commission on Aging

and Railroad Retirement Board will briefly discuss the services offered by their agencies. A question and answer period will follow.

Butler has made tentative plans to moderate the panel and to answer questions from participants.

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Butler liaison to hear gripes

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FINCASTLE-- A representative of Rep. Caldwell Butler will be at the Botetourt County Courthouse, Sept. 26, at 8:45 a.m. to meet with citizens who wish to discuss problems they're having with the federal government.

His representative will return to Botetourt on the fourth Thursday of each month. The meetings will be in addition to ones Butler holds himself from time to time.

Butler to sponsor conferences

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will sponsor Senior Citizens Information Conferences in Bedford and Lynchburg on Sept. 23.

Residents of Lynchburg and Bedford and Amherst and Bedford counties may attend the conferences which will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Elks National Home in Bedford and from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Snidow Chapel at Lynchburg College.

Butler said the purpose of the conferences is to "help citizens of retirement age find answers to their questions about the problems of advancing age." Butler said the conferences will allow participants to become better acquainted with available services and as-

sistance "in a friendly atmosphere with old friends." The conferences will be similar to those held throughout the Roanoke Valley area in mid-June. The press of congressional business forced the postponement of such forums in other parts of the District until this time.

Representatives from the Social Security Administration, the Veterans' Administration, Welfare Department, Central Virginia Commission on Aging and the Railroad Retirement Board will briefly discuss the services offered by their agencies. A question and answer will follow. Panelists will remain after the program for a social hour and will be available for individual consultation during that time. If his Congressional responsibilities allow, Butler also plans to be present to moderate the panel and to answer questions

from participants.

Butler said that each of the agencies represented is helping many persons each day, but he fears many senior citizens who need help are not getting it.

Areas of particular interest which are expected to be covered in the conferences are the Supplemental Security Income Program, Medicaid, Medicare, food stamps, Veterans' Administration pensions, increases in social security and railroad retirement benefits, as well as legislation benefiting the elderly.

Senior Citizens Information Meet at Bolar

WASHINGTON - Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler announced recently that he will sponsor a Senior Citizens Information Conference at the Bolar Ruritan Club house in Bolar.

Butler said the purpose of the conference is to "help citizens of retirement age find answers to their questions about the problems of advancing age." Butler said that the conference would allow participants to become better acquainted with available services and assistance "in a friendly atmosphere with old friends."

The conference will be similar to those held throughout the Roanoke Valley area in mid June.

Representatives from the Social Security Administration, Veterans' Administration, Valley Program for Aging Services, League of Older Americans, Welfare Department, and the Railroad Retirement Board will briefly discuss the services offered by their agencies. A question and answer period will follow. Panelists will remain after the formal program and will be available for individual consultation during that time.

Areas of particular interest which are expected to be covered include Supplemental Security Income Program, Medicaid, Medicare, food stamps, Veterans' Administration pensions, increases in social security and railroad retirement benefits, as well as legislation benefiting the elderly.

The Bolar conference will be held on Monday, Sept. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Residents of Bath and Highland counties are invited to attend.

Former lawmaker reported in line for GOP chairman

Lynchburg City Republican Committee Chairman Carroll P. Freeman told committee members Monday night he understands from GOP sources in Roanoke that Del. George McMath of Accomack will be named state GOP chairman to succeed Richard Obenshain.

Obenshain Monday was selected as vice chairman of the national committee.

City committee members met in the Virginia Baptist Hospital Auditorium to map plans for an extensive voter canvas Saturday, Sept. 28, in the fourth and fifth precincts of the second ward which is in the Fort Hill area.

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Charles Baroch told those attending the meeting that the two precincts were keyed in to a computer during the 1972 presidential race and results from the precinct were used as predictors for the state.

Baroch said, "These areas are considered to be a combination of white and blue collar workers with the blue collar workers considered to be the switch voters."

The canvas, which is expected to encompass 1,600 homes and 65 man hours, will last from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

It is intended to identify eligible voters, their preference in the four-man race and the key issues other than inflation which Baroch said is foremost in most people's minds.

The results of the canvas in regard to issues will be forwarded to incumbent Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, a Republican.

Baroch also commented that during the final three weeks of the campaign the city committee will conduct intensive door-to-door visits in 12 "key" precincts particularly the sixth precinct in the first ward (Bedford Hills) where 15 per cent of the city's votes are normally cast.

Also in relation to the upcoming campaign George Fralin, who is heading up Butler's efforts in the Lynchburg area, announced final plans for a reception to be held for Butler at The Homestead on Friday, Sept. 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Guests for the reception will

be Rep. Butler and Sen. Wilbur Mizelle, R-N.C.

Freeman announced Monday night that city headquarters for Butler will open "on or about" Oct. 1. They will be housed in the former ABC store in the 600 block of Main Street.

The committee also elected several new members including Curtis G. Keese, Charles N. Sanders, Paul L. Mayner

and Dr. Edward J. Stoll. Both Stoll and Sanders are former members.

A number of workers in the upcoming campaign were announced at the meeting including Mrs. Jo Farnandez who will serve as volunteer coordinator; Preston Wilson and Robert Burruss, who will work in personnel recruitment with Wilson serving as chairman.

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and Mrs. Carolyn Morgan, headquarters chairman.

The next of the committee was set for Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the headquarters building.

Freeman said Monday night he felt the reaction to the amnesty proposals of President Ford would be mixed.

"However," he added, "I feel it is important to remember the program, as an-

nounced by President Ford is one involving conditional and not blanket amnesty."

Freeman said he felt that of

the tens of thousands of potential cases there were many which would merit compassion on the part of the government and the people.

"It is important that each case be considered on an individual basis and I feel it would be inappropriate to generalize about so many varying circumstances."

But Freeman said he personally was glad the President had opened the door for discussion and consideration of the problem.

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Staunton Council To Seek Housing, Development \$\$\$

By N-V Staff Writer

STAUNTON — Staunton plans to go after nearly \$1 million reportedly allocated to the city over the next three years under the new federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

The decision to apply for the funds was made by the City Council during a special meeting last night, in which the city manager's office was directed to prepare a detailed plan showing how the money will be spent.

The Council acknowledged that the task of putting a plan together by the Dec. 1 application deadline will be a full-time job for the city manager or a city planner, but agreed that the expenditure of administrative time would be worth the results.

The vote for the undertaking followed a lengthy presentation by Councilman J. Russell Wisely on the new federal fund distribution program.

He said he learned at a recent regional meeting in Philadelphia that Staunton has been allocated \$326,000 annually for the next three years under the program, and could expect lesser amounts for three years thereafter.

He said the Act requires that a portion of allocated funds be spent on housing, but that the remainder can be used for "just about any" municipal improvement project, including land acquisition and the

preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings.

It can also be used to match funds distributed by the state or through other federal programs.

Mr. Wisely said the Housing and Community development Act will give localities "a certain amount of control" over how federal money is spent because it offers "block grants" instead of categorical programs.

He also told the Council that he "got the feeling" at the Philadelphia meeting that the new Act is designed to eventually replace the current federal revenue sharing program.

The prospect that federal revenue sharing may not be continued beyond its original cut-off date in 1976 has at least a majority of the Staunton Council worried about future funding of a number of local projects.

Councilmen George N. Miller

Jr. reminded the Council last night that the \$400,000 Staunton has been receiving annually under the revenue sharing plan has provided the "underpinning" of the city's 20-year municipal improvement bond issue program.

The loss of this money, he said, could result in the necessity to raise local taxes by 50 cents per hundred dollar valuation.

He questioned whether Staunton could afford to look for new programs, badly needed as they may be, in light of the possibility that federal revenue sharing may be phased out before the city's bonds are retired.

The Council asked City Manager Edwin D. Martin to determine the outlook for revenue sharing, and to advise Rep. M. Caldwell Butler of

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Staunton's dependence on it. After spending nearly two hours of last night's session on the subject of municipal finances, the Council decided

Rep. Caldwell Butler Speaks At Senior Citizen's Conference

BY BILL LUMPKIN

Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, Sixth District Congressman, was present Monday at a Senior Citizen's Conference set up by his office at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College and nearly 100 Clifton Forge, Covington, and Alleghany County residents turned out to ask Rep. Butler and a panel of specialists from various agencies questions about retirement and social security benefits.

The conference started at 9 a.m. with the formal question and answer question, which lasted until about 9:45. The conference then broke into individual consultations with members of the panel of specialists, Butler, and his aides.

Covington Senior Center members serving as hostesses for the Social Hour. The Moomaw Student Center at the college was the site of the conference. Rep. Butler shook hands and spoke to numerous persons while present, and seemed to be well-received.

Jeff Gregson, a Butler aide, said the Congressman was "well satisfied" with the attendance.

The specialists appearing with Butler to answer questions and assist those present included: Dorothy Garnett, Department of Welfare; James H. Swaim, Social Security representative; Susan Aheron, from Butler's

office; Thomas B. Boyer of the Veteran's Administration, Joseph Pace of the Railroad Retirement, and Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson of the League of Older Americans.

In responding to one of the questions, Rep. Butler said he hopes Congress will address itself to reducing government spending "with greater vigor than ever before" at its next session to help battle inflation. He said he plans to support such efforts.

He referred several questions concerning details of various programs for senior citizens to the specialists present. He also told a man who questioned his tax assessment that he would have to seek relief through local and state officials, because there is little which could be done about it in the way of existing federal legislation."

He said he wasn't sure whether the governing bodies of Covington, Clifton Forge, and Alleghany County have taken advantage of enabling legislation passed by the General Assembly allowing them to grant tax relief to eligible persons 65, and over, but if they haven't he will urge them to bring pressure on their local governments to do this. Various citizens in the audience reported that all three localities have now enacted some form of tax relief for eligible persons in this age group.



M. Caldwell Butler

Various pamphlets about details of government programs of interest to senior citizens were available on one table in the meeting room, and the college had distributed sheets of paper notifying them that the General Assembly has passed the 'Senior Citizens Education Act of 1975' allowing eligible persons 65 and older to take credit courses part-time or full-time without having to pay tuition or fees. They could also qualify to audit credit courses or take non-credit courses without charge.

Several of those attending indicated they represented others besides themselves.

For example, Alfred W. Callaghan, chairman of the Westvaco Retirees Association, said he came to get answers to the many questions the members are always asking him about federal programs. Leonard Grumblatt, president of the Covington Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, and a member of the Covington Planning Commission was also present.

Mrs. Madge Quinlan, director of the Covington Senior Center, accompanied a number of members of this group to the conference in the center's van, purchased with federal funds.

Rep. Butler, a Republican, and the other specialists, received applause at the end of a question and answer period.

Pace, the Railroad Retirement Board representative, commented after the question and answer period: "I wish my parents were alive to see this. I try to get around and shake everyone's hand because it makes them feel good. Something like this means a lot to these people — you don't know how much. It puts them in touch with reality — someone specific to talk to about their problems. Back in past years we didn't have conferences and seminars like this."

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Ex-GOP head quits committee

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Former Lynchburg City Republican Committee Chairman Victor Vernon Jr. has resigned as a member of that committee, saying he cannot support Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler in his bid for re-election because of Butler's votes for the impeachment of former President Richard M. Nixon.

Vernon said today that although he feels Nixon was guilty of obstruction of justice he does not consider that the "most heinous crime of all times" and believes the "whole thing about Nixon should be dropped."

"I think we have a sorry choice for congressmen this fall and I do not intend to support any of the candidates for the Sixth District seat," Vernon stated.

Vernon, who was city GOP chairman from 1964-68 and and later served as a member of the State Republican Central Committee, said he feels "very strongly that Nixon was done an injustice."

Vernon called Nixon's Watergate involvement a "political matter which sashayed into a legal monstrosity."

Vernon's resignation from the City GOP Committee was announced by Committee Chairman Carroll P. Freeman during a committee meeting Monday night.

In his letter of resignation, Vernon said he did not feel he could work for the GOP candidate—Butler—in the upcoming campaign.

Butler voted in favor of two



Victor Vernon Jr.

articles of impeachment against Nixon during the House Judiciary Committee hearings.

However, State Sen. Robert S. Burruss Jr. of Lynchburg, a Republican, told the committee he had talked with Vernon and that Vernon would not work for the opposition.

Opposing Butler are Democratic nominee Roanoke City Sheriff Paul J. Puckett, American Party hopeful Warren D. Saunders of Bedford County, and independent Thomas McGay of Goshen.

Vernon, who lives at 115 Huron St., is manager of office procedures for the Communication Systems Business Division of General Electric Co.

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THE U. S. FLAG is presented to Mrs. Maxine Matthews, assistant principal of Natural Bridge High School, by Maynard Reynolds, member of the Rockbridge Board of Supervisors from Natural Bridge District. Reynolds was sent the flag, which is for the new flagpole on the NBHS football field, by 6th District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, who was unable to make the presentation. A certificate saying the flag had flown over the U. S. Capitol was also given the school.

staff photo by Hartley

Senior Citizens Conferences Set

Sixth District Rep. M. Caldwell Butler will sponsor Senior Citizens Information Conferences in Lexington and Staunton Sept. 30.

The conference in this area will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Main Ballroom at Ingleside. The Lexington conference will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in LeJeune Hall at Virginia Military Institute.

Mr. Butler said the purpose of the conferences is to "help

citizens of retirement age find answers to their questions about the problems of advancing age." He said that the conferences would allow participants to become better acquainted with available services and assistance "in a friendly atmosphere with old friends."

Residents of Buena Vista, Lexington, Rockbridge, Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County are invited to attend.

The conferences will be similar to those held throughout the Roanoke Valley area in mid-June. The press of Congressional business forced postponement of other such forums planned for other parts of the District until this time, Mr. Butler said.

Representatives from the Social Security Administration, Veterans' Administration, Valley Program for Aging Services, Welfare Department, Railroad Retirement Board and the Virginia Supplemental Retirement Program will briefly discuss the services offered by their agencies. A question and answer period will follow.

Panelists will remain after the formal program for a social hour, and will be available for individual consultation during that time. If his Congressional responsibilities allow, Mr. Butler also plans to be present to moderate the panel and to answer questions from participants.

Mr. Butler said that each of the agencies represented is helping many persons each day, but that he is fearful that there are also many senior citizens who need help and are not getting it. "We want to do something about that."

Areas of particular interest which are expected to be covered in the conferences include the Supplemental Security Income Program, Medicaid, Medicare, food stamps, Veterans' Administration pensions, increases in social security and railroad retirement benefits, as well as legislation benefiting the elderly.

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Fund-raising reception for Rep. Butler

U. S. Rep. Wilmer Mizell, a third-term Republican in the U. S. House of Representatives from North Carolina, will be in Lynchburg and Bedford County on Sept. 27 for a fund-raising reception honoring 6th District U. S. Rep. M. Caldwell Butler.

The \$25 per couple event will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Homestead in Forest and will be preceded by a 5 p.m. press conference for Rep. Mizell at the Lynchburg Airport.

Rep. Mizell first grew to national prominence as "Vinegar Bend" Mizell in the 1950s and early 1960s as a major league pitcher. Some of his days as a fledgling ballplayer were spent with the Piedmont League which included teams in Lynchburg and Roanoke.

Since being elected to Congress in 1968, Rep. Mizell has served on the House Committees on Agriculture and Public Works and is the ranking Republican on the subcommittee on tobacco.