

Governors Think Humphrey Needs Signal From LBJ

WASHINGTON (AP)--Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey critically needs a covert signal from President Johnson to put Democratic regulars into action behind his scheduled bid for the Party's presidential nomination.

The President's March 31 announcement that he will not accept renomination has stalled the organization machine on dead center amid the heavy traffic of the campaigns of Senator's Robert F. Kennedy of New York, and Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota.

Whether the machine can be cranked up and turned in Humphrey's direction as an alternate champion of the administrations record seems to depend in part on whether Johnson blinks a green light from the White House signaling Humphrey is his preference. So far, Johnson has held a hands-off position.

The confusion among the 24 Democratic Governors--15 of whom will meet in St. Louis Monday to canvass the situation--illustrates the difficulties Humphrey faces in getting the organization moving his way.

An Associated Press survey of local political trends in the 24

states disclosed that ten governors who had been counted upon to use their influence toward steering nomination votes to Johnson have withdrawn to an uncommitted status.

These ten include Govs. John N. Dempsey of Connecticut, Charles L. Terry Jr., of Delaware, John A. Burns, Hawaii, Otto

Kerner, Illinois, Roger D. Branigin, Indiana, Richard J. Hughes, New Jersey, Buford Ellington, Tennessee, John B. Connally, Texas, Calvin L. Rampton, Utah and Hulett C. Smith, West Virginia.

Their states will cast 574 of the 1,312 convention votes needed for the nomination. Humphrey picked up public support from Gov. John J. McKeithen of Louisiana and a judgment by Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. of Virginia that the Vice President would run better in his state than Kennedy or McCarthy.

Aides said in Bismarck that the listing of Gov. William L. Guy of North Dakota as a member of a Humphrey for President Committee formed Thursday was unauthorized. Clarification awaited Guy's return from a Governor's trade mission to Japan.

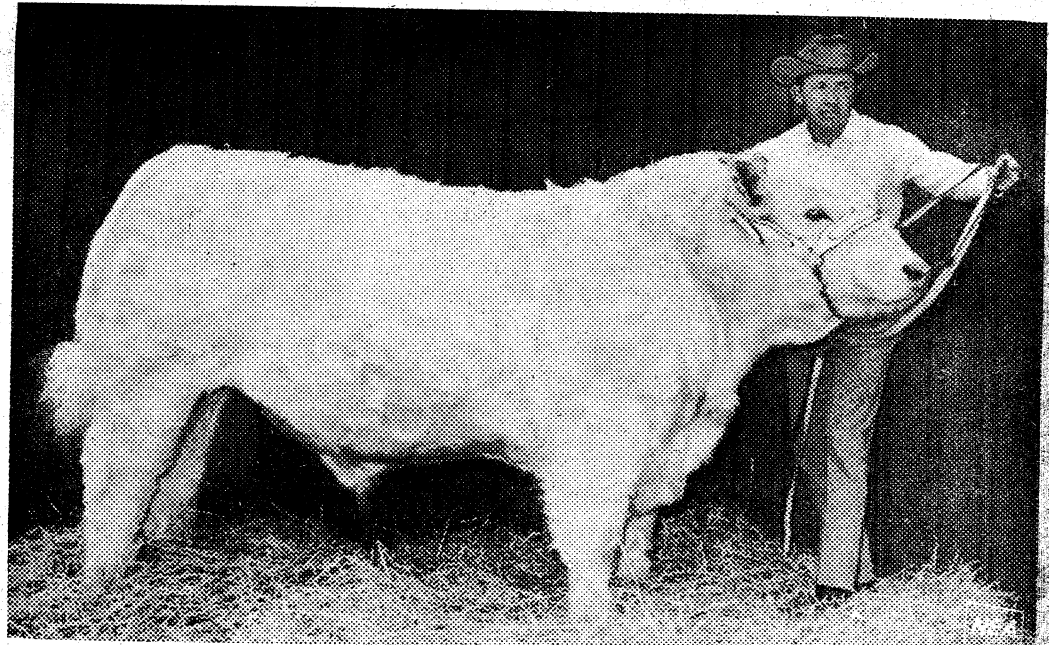
Room Of Flaming Horror

HAIFA, Israel, (AP)--A festive passover meal suddenly was turned into a scene of flaming horror when a man tossed a can of gasoline into the room and set it afire, police said.

Thirty persons of three families including the arsonists daughter were in the room police

as Finhas Cohen, 58, had been involved in a neighborhood vendetta for months. When his daughter married one of the neighbors boys, Mordechai Zalta, 24, last year Cohen said she was now dead and even mourned for her.

The three families were just starting their Passover Seder



LOT OF BULL, this Charolais, "Beau Ivo," set a record for yearlings by tipping the scales at 1,579 pounds, becoming the first progeny of recently imported full French Charolais to earn the record. At the halter is Lester Laue, Hanover, Kan., one of the owners.

Kennedy Drinks Home Brew, Makes Major Campaign Speech

CHARLESTON, West Virginia (AP)--Senator Robert F. Kennedy drank home brew (beer) and later called for a new "foreign policy of peace" as he nostalgically retraced his late brothers campaign trail through the coal fields of West Virginia.

Kennedy ended his visit here in the State Capital with the first major foreign policy talk of his campaign. He drew on all his past writing and Senate speeches, saying the United States must look to its own problems before those

issue of the Vietnam war, which had been his principal campaign theme until the recent prospect of negotiations forced him to change his strategy.

"Peace in the world," said Kennedy, "means little to us unless we can preserve it at home. We cannot continue to deny and postpone the demands of our own people while spending billions in the name of freedom of others.

full of diversity and shifting forces. What we once described as a monolithic world, has now fractured--perhaps irrevocably."

He cautioned against "a naive faith" that the Soviet Union will move toward a more liberal and cooperative position in world affairs.

"We must seek a more balanced and normal relationship with the Soviet Union."