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Glimpses

Room for a Woman Vice-President

Towson, Md. (AP)—The crowded race for the Democratic presidential nomination could clear the way for a woman to be chosen as the party's vice-presidential candidate, says Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.)

"I wouldn't be surprised if out of all the confusion and mess of the national Democratic party a woman emerged as the candidate for vice-president," Mrs. Chisholm told an audience at Goucher College Sunday night.

The New York Democrat, who campaigned for her party's presidential candidacy four years ago, did not mention any names or indicate if she would accept the vice-presidential nomination.

CHISHOLM

Broadway Set Designer Dead at 74

MIELZINER

New York (AP)—Jo Mielziner, 74, Broadway scenic designer and theater consultant for half a century, died yesterday.

The famous shows for which he provided the stage decor began with "The Guardsman" for the Lunts in 1924, and included "Strange Interlude," "The Gay Divorce," "Dodsworth," "Winterset," "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," "Key Largo," "The Glass Menagerie," "Finian's Rainbow," "A Streetcar Named Desire," "South Pacific," "Mister Roberts" and "Death of a Salesman."

His special mastery was evocative, adroit realism. His last design is for "The Banker's Wife," a David Merrick musical scheduled to go into rehearsal March 24.

Born in Paris in 1901—his father was a portrait painter and his mother a journalist—Mielziner began his Broadway theatrical career in 1923 as an actor and stage manager. Among awards the tall, gentle-mannered artist received were five Donaldson prizes, an Oscar for the film "Picnic," a Doctor of Fine Arts degree from Fordham University and five Broadway Tonys.

Northeast Missouri Dislikes Kissinger

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HUNGATE

Washington—Northeast Missouri is out of step with the nation in its evaluation of Dr. Henry Kissinger, secretary of state, according to a survey released by Rep. William Hungate (D-Mo.).

Hungate said his survey of Missouri's ninth congressional district shows 65 per cent of the residents want to "remove Secretary Kissinger" while only 27 per cent "continue to support" the secretary. Eight per cent were undecided.

The Harris Poll survey showed 58 per cent of the public nationwide give Kissinger a positive job rating.

Aiming at Buckley's Senate Seat

CLARK

New York (AP)—Former Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark announced formally yesterday that he again is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Conservative-Republican James Buckley.

Clark, 49, said the theme of his campaign will be what the federal government can do—that it can solve problems and provide services.

Clark never has held elective office. He was the Democratic nominee for the Senate in 1974, losing to the Republican incumbent Jacob Javits.

Squeaky's Screams Disrupt Court

Sacramento (AP)—Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme was carried screaming out of a federal courtroom yesterday after being dismissed as a possible witness in the death threats trial of Sandra Good and Susan Murphy.

MS. FROMME

Miss Good said she was not going to put on a defense and wanted to join Miss Fromme, her sister Charles Manson cultist, in prison. Miss Fromme was convicted of the attempted assassination of President Ford. "I want life in prison, too," declared Miss Good. "I want to be with my family. My faith is stronger than all your prisons and gas chambers."

Miss Fromme, who has been Miss Good's cellmate for three weeks while waiting to testify, came in wearing a black robe and headdress. She made the sign of the cross when sworn in by the court clerk. As the judge started to question her, Miss Fromme, in black robe and scarf, stood up and said she had decided not to put on a defense. "I want to go with Lyn," she said. "I want life. I want to go with her."

The judge ordered deputy marshals to take Miss Fromme out. As they carried her, she shouted a reference to Manson, who is serving life in prison for the 1969 Sharon Tate murders. Miss Good turned toward the spectators and said, "That was very funny, wasn't it, woman in green? Sharon Tate is your reality."

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Department's request and "hopes it will move quickly."

"Barring anything unforeseen, the $2.6 million should cover our needs," the chief said. "But today's news (of the assassination threats) adds a grim aspect. If this becomes more than a rumor we might require something more."

McNamara said last night that police intelligence officers had been in contact yesterday with the Secret Service and the FBI.

The Chicago Tribune yesterday quoted Justice Department sources as saying the alleged plot involved a commando-style assassination team from the San Francisco Bay area. The newspaper said the plot was revealed in its early planning stages by an informant with underground connections in northern California.

Clarence M. Kelley, FBI director, said yesterday in Washington that "unsubstantiated information has recently been received by the FBI that a member of a terrorist group was possibly planning to attempt assassinations" of Ford and Reagan.

Kelley said the information had been given to the Secret Service, which is responsible for protecting presidential candidates, and that it was being subjected to "intensive investigative attention."

An FBI spokesman in San Francisco declined yesterday to say where the information came from or to name the alleged terrorist group. Ken Lynch, a Secret Service spokesman in Washington, said his agency is cooperating in the investigation, adding, "All threats are serious, if indeed they are threats."

Earlier yesterday McNamara said his department had not been informed by either the FBI or the Secret Service of the alleged plot. He said attempts to confirm the reports through local offices of both agencies were in vain.

"We were surprised that the Secret Service had not conveyed this information to us locally," the chief said. He said it appeared the local offices of neither agency were aware of the plot.

"I think this new allegation verifies the need for national funding for the convention," he said. "We've maintained before that the convention is definitely a part of the national political process and therefore the federal government bears some responsibility to help out a local municipality in providing security funding."

At a press conference McNamara characterized the department's request for $2.6 million to secure the convention as "preliminary."

Sgt. J. D. Johnson, police research director, said it appeared the grant request would increase, but he said he did not know by how much.

"We're going back and taking a look at some additional items that might have been overlooked in the original request," he said.

☆Convention Overtime Boom for

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reported plot to assassinate President Gerald R. Ford and his chief challenger, Ronald Reagan, is expected to be approved by Chief Joseph D. McNamara sometime this week.

Some costs, such as for tear gas canisters and tear gas solution, could be deleted because LEAA regulations do not permit agency grants to be spent on weapons and ammunition. Tear gas could be considered a type of ammunition, an LEAA spokesman in Washington said.

Other costs, such as for consultants fees, are to be revised downward. But charges for equipping seven police command posts—one at Kemper Arena and six elsewhere in the city— with telephones were overlooked in the original request, which McNamara signed Feb. 4.

Each of the 720 Kansas City police officers selected for convention duty will be paid another $420 additional before taxes for 40 hours of special training for handling demonstrators, crowds and dignitaries at the convention.

"We're going into this convention with well-trained and disciplined officers," Johnson said.

Special training, based on an average hourly pay of $7, will be paid at time-and-a-half overtime rates of $10.50.

The remaining 403 officers on regular police patrol duties in the city will earn $84 each for eight hours of training, again at $10.50 an hour overtime.

Johnson said this instruction is to teach officers how to cope with possible troubles that arise outside the zone covered by officers trained specifically for the convention.

For 317 officers recruited from about 30 metropolitan law enforcement agencies, the before-tax income from convention security costs is currently projected at $707 each for six days beginning Aug. 15, the day before the convention opens, through Aug. 20. Kansas City police officials note, however, that officers hired from other departments will be paid at the rate paid in their own agencies.

"We have used our rate because we don't know, we don't know what price of officer we will get," Johnson said.

One area police chief, who asked to remain unnamed, said if his department sent men to the convention, the officers remaining in his city would have to be paid for their overtime, a step the city council would not be likely to take without assurances of repayment.

He said the key is approval of the LEAA grant request. "I think a lot of people are sitting back to see if the grant money is going to come through," the chief said.

In addition to an estimated $7,000 to provide 10 men for six days, the chief said he would want his officers to be paid for workmen's compensation insurance and a clothing allowance.

Additionally, each area policeman will be paid $420 for 40 hours of training, all when off-duty, which means more overtime.

Planners also are figuring on 400 arrests of demonstrators, which they say is an arbitrary number used for projecting costs.

(There were 641 arrests at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago and 1,194 arrests at the 1972 Republican convention in Miami Beach, Fla., according to a study of the law enforcement efforts during the 1972 Democratic and Republican conventions in Miami Beach.)

With each officer expected to spend three hours in court testifying on arrest cases, the cost is calculated at $11,316, or $28.29 for each officer.

Overtime for 85 civilian police department employees, also to be working 12-hour days, would be $512.25 each, based on five hours overtime for 16 days and two 12-hour days of complete overtime. Average base pay is $4.40 or $6.70 an hour for overtime.

A projected cost that is being reconsidered since LEAA officials talked with local planners is an estimated $138,800 to cover living expenses for 300 Missouri Highway Patrol troopers for the 12 days they will be assigned to Kansas City. That cost is based on $33 a day for each trooper. Johnson said, but LEAA officials told planners to see if the figure could be reduced.

It is unclear what changes might be made in the grant request that asks for $408,315 for equipment. Johnson said the exact conditions under which the equipment, which mostly includes radios, communications gear and television cameras, would be turned over to the police department will be worked out with LEAA if the grant is made.

Equipment, as listed on the first request:

- Thirteen SX76 Land cameras at $185 each (needed to photograph arresting officer and person being arrested for later identification), $2,405.
- Six millimeter lens for Pentax camera (for taking telephoto pictures), $1,496.
- Rechargeable nickel cadmium battery for Cannon scopic camera, $95.
- Three MK 202 Starlux units (devices for seeing at night) at $3,869 each, $11,607.
- Three lens relay units with adapters for Pentax camera and closed circuit or movie cameras at $1,100 each, $3,300.
- Microphone, Bell and Howell, model T50A, $55.
- Microphone, Bell and Howell, model T60A, $55.
- Two Bell and Howell radio receivers at $456 each, $912.
- Two Bell and Howell antenna earphones at $10 each, $20.
- 106 6-band hand-held radios at $1,702 each, $175,260.
- 106 alternate radio batteries at $45 each, $4,560.
- 106 radio belt holsters at $6 each, $636.
- 106 radio earphones at $17.50 each, $1,750.
- 106 radio earphone adapters at $10 each, $1,060.
- 106 radio chargers at $20 each, $2,120, $2,025.
- Fifty surveillance audio systems at $73 each, $3,650.
- Desk top radio base station, 30-watt, 115 V.A.C., 5-frequency with private line for 155.640 megahertz and 155.850 megahertz at $1,425.
- Remote console unit at $675.
- Two school buses modified for hauling persons from arrests to holding and detention areas at $2,500 each, $5,000.
- Mobile command post van, equipped with communications gear, at $25,000.
- Four closed-circuit television cameras at $13,000 each plus video lines and interface equipment for $156,000, $160,000.
- Four bullhorns at $150 each, $700.
- Four power packs for bullhorns at $8 each and two alternates at $17.50 each, $90.
- Portable paper shredder at $500. Johnson said this item could be dropped in the revised request.
- Thirteen Flex-cuff cutters at $3.25 each for removing disposable handcuffs, $42.25 (see below).
- 12 fingerprint ink pads at $11.85 each, $142.20.
- Two portable high-intensity lights at $913.30 each, $1,826.
- 821 primer and safety grenade clips to reactivate tear gas grenades on hand in the police department at $2.63 each, $1,769.
- 400 tear gas canister grenades at $13 each, $6,200.
- 100 tear gas baseball grenades at $13 each, $1,300.
- Four gallons of tear gas liquid for pepper fogger, a tear gas dispenser at $18.50 each, $185.
- Five quarts of smoke for tear gas dispenser at $9.90 each, $49.50.
- Five quarts of flash mixture for pepper fogger to clean it after using tear gas or smoke at $3.50 each, $17.50.
- 500 filters for gas masks at 26 cents each, $170.
- 650 gas masks for police at $1.60 each as military surplus, $1,104.
- Six batteries for pepper fogger at $1.60 each, $9.60.
- 300 rolls of Polaroid film at $6.90 each, $2,070.
- Four boxes of film at $3 each, $12.
- Two photo flash batteries at $34.20 each, $68.40.
- Six 100-foot rolls of high-speed 16 millimeter black-and-white movie film at $7.27 a roll, $43.62.
- Twenty-five rolls of ¼-inch video tape for video tape recorders at $39.55 each, $988.75.
- Twenty-five rolls of ½-inch video tape at $12.50 each, $312.50.
- Four months of postage, $1,000.
- Four months of publications, $200.
- Four months of postage, $100.
- Five-hundred disposable bags for paper shredder, $45.

Also included are 2,000 Flex-cuff disposable handcuffs at 40 cents each for $800. The department projects 1,300 miles traveled by 144 patrol cars at 13 cents a mile for a cost of $24,336. Motorcycle mileage is projected at 13,000 miles at an average cost of 30 cents a mile, which is a higher operating expense than for cars, Johnson said.

That's a total of $3,900.

The department figures its Cushman motor scooters will travel 7,000 miles during the convention for a total of $910 at 13 cents a mile.

For 10 days two police helicopters will be in the air six hours each at an operational cost of $50 a hour for a total of $3,600.

Though there probably will be a redistribution of the administrative costs of the grant, Johnson said he expects the total to remain about $125,004, or 5 per cent of the total.

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