

Rockefeller A 'Possible' For U. of M. Presidency

By CHARLES C. SUTTON
Maine-born Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York heads a list of nationally prominent figures who may be considered for the presidency of the University of Maine.



Rockefeller

But any announcement of a selection probably won't come for at least a year.

Dr. Lawrence M. Cutler of Bangor, chairman of the trustees made that prediction, saying "it is the policy of the Board not to make any suggestions public."

He conceded that a few names already have been suggested.

University trustees, charged with the task of finding a replacement for Pres. Lloyd H. Elliott, who has resigned to head George Washington University in Washington, D.C., aren't making public any of the suggestions of possible candidates.

But sources close to the Board hint that Rockefeller is a sure bet for consideration.

OTHER POSSIBILITIES include former U.S. Rep. Frank M. Coffin, U.S. Education Commissioner Francis H. Keppel and former Maine Education Commissioner Warren C. Hill.



Coffin

Rockefeller's term as governor expires next year.

Coffin also has "published" an achievement gaining increasing prominence in the academic world. He has the distinction of studies on U.S.-Canadian relations and, more recently, the author of "Witness For Aid," a discussion of American foreign aid programs.



Hill

Commissioner KEPPEL, 49, also has only one earned degree, a B.A. from Harvard, but this did not prevent him from becoming dean of the faculty at Harvard from 1948 to 1962.

KEPPEL was appointed U.S. Commissioner of Education by President Kennedy, and held over by President Johnson. While he is considered to have done an excellent job of reforming the U.S. Office of Education, he is not President Johnson's "man" and he may become available in the near future.

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Rusk, Dobrynin Discuss Viet
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Secretary of State Dean Rusk talked for an hour and a half Saturday with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin. The discussion apparently centered on Viet Nam.

The meeting at the State Department was at Dobrynin's request. It was formally billed as a "courtesy call" in advance of Dobrynin's scheduled departure shortly for home leave in Moscow.

The State Department publicly would say only that "there was a general discussion."

Rusk and Dobrynin have frequently held long policy talks, but they apparently have not had one for the past month or more.



Maryland Ceremony

Luci Baines Johnson, foreground, younger daughter of President and Mrs. Johnson, arrives at a Hyattsville, Md., chapel Saturday to receive first communion as a Roman Catholic. She and a companion, Warrie Lynn Smith of San Antonio, Tex., carry missals. (AP Wirephoto)

Luci Receives Her First Communion In Private

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson's daughter, Luci Baines Johnson, received her first communion as a Roman Catholic Saturday at a private Mass.

She knelt at the altar rail in the small chapel of St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in suburban Hyattsville, Md., to take communion—her first as a Catholic—from the Rev. James Montgomery.

Black haired vivacious Luci celebrated her 18th birthday Friday by fulfilling a long-time wish to become a Catholic convert. She was baptized at St. Matthew's Cathedral by Father Montgomery, with her parents and sister Lynda present.

About 12 of Luci's Catholic friends attended Mass with her. Luci wore a white suit with patch pockets and a white mantle over her head. She arrived at St. Ann's in her new green Sting Ray sports car.

Joint Attacks Deliver Heavy Blows To Cong

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Maine Has Only Single Bad Accident

Only one serious motor vehicle accident was reported Saturday in Maine.

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Crops Are Feeling Effects Of Four-Month Drought

By P. L. PERT JR., District Correspondent

AUGUSTA — A four-month drought, which already has ripened Maine woodlands to a tinderbox, is just beginning to have a telling effect on the state's vegetable, fruit and berry crops.

State Department of Agriculture officials indicated Saturday that the next 10 to 15 days will, pretty much determine how well crops will fare.

A light, steady rainfall which swept the state Saturday was a welcome sight to both farmers and state forestry officials.

A spokesman for the Maine Forestry Service at Augusta said it would be Sunday afternoon before a definite assessment could be made of actual reduction of fire danger in woodlands statewide.

In greatest danger at present are blueberries. Plants are approaching their critical period of growth, which has deteriorated in the past week particularly in eastern Maine.

Also threatened is the state's first test crop of sweet berries.

Youth Opportunity Project Not Meeting Expectations

EDITOR'S NOTE — President Johnson announced May 23 the government would inaugurate a national Youth Opportunity Campaign to find jobs for as many as possible of the two million youths 16-21 years old who want work this summer and can't find it.

What the President asked for was this: "That state and local government hire one extra summer trainee for each 100 regular employees."

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Democratic Nomination Battle Looms

By DONALD C. HANSEN, State House Reporter

AUGUSTA — House Speaker Dana W. Childs, D-Portland, has written to all Democratic state legislators urging them not to pledge support to any candidate for governor until fall.

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