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Oral History Interview

with

LELAND W. "NICK" NIXON

November 11, 1971
State College, Pennsylvania

By Edward C. Nixon

For the Richard Nixon Oral History Project

E. NIXON: Nick, just for the record, try to piece together your recollection of the first time you met Dick or heard him speak, or became aware of his national activities.

L. NIXON: Well, the first time I saw him physically was when he was on the way to or from Duke University, I think it was 1937. Then in 1951 or '52 when he was a senator, a U.S. senator from California, he came to Harrisburg and spoke at the Pennsylvania Potato Grower's banquet.

E. NIXON: Okay. Just proceed.

L. NIXON: I remember that he was very well received; and one man in particular said that one day that man will be President. His name is Lester Law. I'm sure that he must have passed away by now.

The next time I saw Dick was when he was campaigning for the Vice-Presidency and he went through Huntington, Pennsylvania, on a campaign train, and a friend of mine and I went over to watch him, and we got on the train and shook hands with him, and that was about it.

E. NIXON: You don't recall that 1937 trip to speak of, because you were only ten and I was only seven.

L. NIXON: Yeah. I can just remember 'em being there, and that was it. [End of interview]