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UNIVERSITY PROVOST Sanford S. Atwood (left) and University business vice-president John E. Burton (center) welcome Governor Rockefeller on his arrival here yesterday.

By MILTON R. NEWMAN

A large enthusiastic, placard waving crowd turned out yesterday afternoon on the Willard Straight steps to hear Governor Nelson Rockefeller speak in support of Vice President Richard M. Nixon. A campus patrol estimate placed the numbers of the crowd at between four and five thousand.

Rockefeller, sporting his trademark grin, shook hands, spoke for 20 minutes, answered several questions from the audience, and contended calmly with numerous hecklers. Scheduled to arrive at 4:30, he was a half hour late, but few members of the crowd left.

Introduced by University Provost Sanford S. Atwood, Rockefeller began by introducing two of his fellow party members who were sharing the platform with him: State Senator George Metcalf and Federal Congressman John Taber, both of whom are running for reelection in the Ithaca area. Taber, considered a reactionary by many, was greeted by unanimous booing which Rockefeller silenced, and turned into cheers, by citing various aspects of Taber's record, and by saying "listen, I can tell you about the man you want" (referring to Taber's Democratic opponent, Francis J. Souhan).

Rockefeller began his talk by citing his own record in the area of tax reforms in New York state, concluding with the observation that he expects a \$120 million budget surplus this year, with a resulting ten per cent refund for all taxpayers. He then discussed what he considered the chief issues of the current campaign.

The "fundamental" one of these issues, Rockefeller stated, is that of civil rights, of "the true realization of equality for all American citizens." He also touched upon the issue of full employment and

education, and concluded with one he called "survival of freedom."

In discussing this last issue, he observed that "Democracy and freedom are challenged today as never before in the history of civilized man." He cited the recent actions of Khrushchev at the United Nations to dramatize this point.

Turning his attention to the two major candidates, Rockefeller characterized Nixon as "a man of courage, a man of vision, a man who's dedicated to his ideals and those of the country."

Nixon's opponent, Senator John F. Kennedy, was termed by Rockefeller "a young Lochinvar," and he cited the numerous past voting disagreements between Kennedy and Senator Lyndon B. Johnson.

In answering questions from the audience, Rockefeller stated at one point that "I don't think I could make quite as flat a statement" as Nixon made on the high state of American prestige. However, he did support Nixon's stand on the islands of Quemoy and Matsu saying that he didn't favor saying unilaterally that the U.S. would give up a part of the free world.

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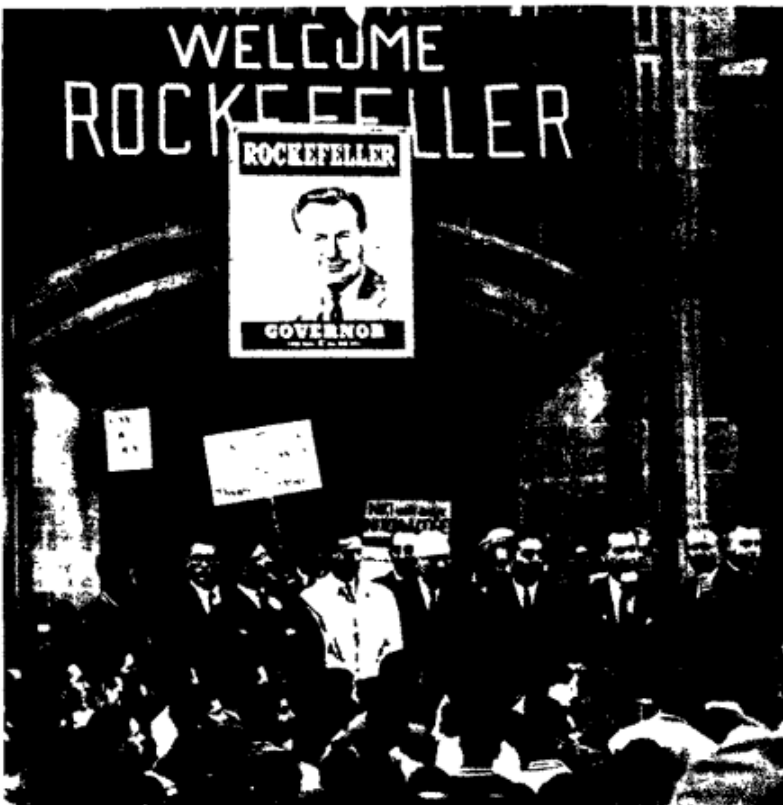
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NIXON-LODGE CAMPAIGN POSTERS wave in background as students listen to Governor Rockefeller speak for the Republican ticket on the steps of Willard Straight.



AN ESTIMATED CROWD OF 4,000 to 5,000 students gathered outside the steps of Willard Straight Hall yesterday afternoon to hear Governor Rockefeller. Students waved placards and banners for Rockefeller, Nixon and Kennedy.



GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER enters Alice Statler Hall accompanied by an unidentified aide on his whirlwind trip to the University to speak for Nixon.

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GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER gestures to emphasize a point during the question and answer period after his speech. He was questioned on subjects ranging from the scientist Linus Pauling to Ithaca's Congressman John Taber.



THE TOPCOATLESS GOVERNOR shakes hands with Congressman John Taber. Amid great booing from the crowd of students, Rockefeller cited Taber's record in the House of Representatives. He said "John Taber is a good man" and "Don't boo, grow up." Other men in the picture are State Senator George Metcalf (left) applauding Rockefeller and University Provost Sanford S. Atwood, standing to the right of Taber.

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