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The GOP Alley Fight . . .



When the whirlwind effect of the Republican National convention wears off the twelve hundred delegates, the twelve hundred alternates, and various other political figures, they will undoubtedly look back upon their convention in an attempt to determine just what effect it had upon the influence of the G.O.P. in the United States as a whole.

In many ways they will find that their antics at the convention will have lost them countless thousands of votes and perhaps split their own party wide open.

So sharply divided are the pro-Taft and pro-Eisenhower camps that it is very doubtful that these two divisions of the Republican party can ever unite to back the single choice of the G.O.P. for the presidency. In fact it appears as though the Republicans may face a similar situation to that of the 1948 Democratic convention—the Dixiecrats.

Thus again, in this election year, the Republicans may lose a chance to obtain the presidency through their own political blundering.

On the very first day of the convention, the split in the party was evident. When the vote concerning the seating of contested delegates came up before the convention, the delegates were divided completely in half with General Eisenhower grabbing a slight edge.

The split was evident still further in the credentials committee which was divided in its opinion and was forced to send two reports to the delegates. Again it was up to the delegates to decide between the Lodge resolution and the Brown resolution. Naturally much bitterness would arise from this type of situation—enough bitterness to bring about a complete and permanent split in the party. And even then the delegates haven't even started nominating or balloting for the presidential candidates.

What effect will this Republican split have on the November presidential elections?

In Taft and Eisenhower, the Republicans have two of the strongest of presidential candidates. The strongest contender the Democrats can offer is Estes Kefauver. Yet, the G.O.P. completely splits, to a very dangerous degree, between backers of the two candidates.

There is no doubt but that this breach will be so great that even the weakest Democratic candidate will be able to slip into the presidential seat with a minimum of effort. The Republicans are again leaving their back door unguarded.

This fact could also have a serious effect on the Democratic party, for some of the less responsible members of the party might be tempted to nominate an irresponsible candidate—or at most, not the best one in the running.

Unless the Republicans learn and learn quickly that unity is the key to success, they may as well kiss another presidential opportunity goodbye. No intelligent American citizen will tolerate their type of politics much longer. That is their choice—party unity or another Democratic president.

C. K.

Union To Present 'Chamber' Concert

Chamber music lovers will have the opportunity, Wednesday, to hear a concert of their favorite music in the Union Ballroom.

Compositions by Beethoven, Mozart, and Brahms will be heard on the program, presented by comparatively rare combinations of string ensembles.

Taking part in the program are Marilyn Schultz, piano; Morris Collier, violin; Carol Puckett, cello; Wesley Reist, clarinet; Earl

Schuman, violin; Roma Johnson, viola; Walter Cole, French horn, and Lewis Forney, piano.

Chamber music, popular in the days of Bach and Mozart, has grown through the years, retaining much of its former significance. It is a personal type of music as contrasted with a symphony orchestra.

The Union sponsored concert which will begin at 8 p.m., is free, and open to the public.

VIEWS OF THE NEWS

Loose Planks In A Platform

By the time this publication appears in the hands of the readers, the Republican Party will have probably completed the drafting of a platform upon which the presidential nominee may stand in the home stretch.

From all indications at the time of this writing, the platform will probably include enough planks to please all parties involved on the convention floor. At least that was the major objective the Republican Resolutions Committee, drafter of the platform, had in mind.

And from all indications, it seems that, as hard as the committee may try to avoid it, the platform will include planks which will be the exact contradiction of one another.

For instance—the foreign policy plank will undoubtedly provide for continued military and economic concentration in Europe, in order to make Candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower happy; and it will also provide for more concentrated military and economic force in Asia, to make Candidate Robert A. Taft happy.

BUT—it will undoubtedly also include a plank to provide less spending abroad and cuts from the military, foreign aid and atomic warfare budgets.

The problem of carrying out these two policies side by side is one the committee will leave for the eventual nominee to solve. The nominee will campaign on these planks, advocating the carrying out of both. Then, if the Republican nominee is elected in November—then he and his cabinet will decide which of the two policies is to be carried out, for any clear thinking citizen can see that it will be impossible to carry out both.

Meanwhile, between now and November, the Republican party will continue to campaign on issues such as these—issues which it knows it is not capable of, and does not intend to carry out if put into office.

Unless the American people realize before November that the Republican party is merely trying to pull the wool over their eyes, they will find this nation in a worse mess than it has been for years—since 1931 and the last Republican president, to be exact.

L.S.

Demos Still Around . . .

With the Republican National Convention spotlighted in the news columns, one might get the idea that the Democratic presidential race has been abandoned.

This idea, however, is far from true. Vice President Alben W. Barkley announced this week that he will begin actively campaigning for the Democratic nomination. He is the sixth major Democratic hopeful. The other five are:

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, now leading in avowed delegate support.

Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia, second in delegate support, who is receiving his strongest backing from the more conservative South.

Mutual Security Administrator W. Averell Harriman, whose policies most nearly represent those of the Truman Fair Deal Administration.

Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, who is receiving his strongest support from the Southern oilmen.

Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, who, although he insists that he is not a candidate, has strong support in the East, and who President Truman allegedly favors for the nomination. His backers are threatening a draft of him for the nomination when the battle reaches the convention floor.

With the large field of candidates in the Democratic party, it is practically impossible to predict what might happen in Chicago when the balloting begins.

If a deadlock occurs between Kefauver and Russell, and possibly Harriman, a draft of Stevenson would undoubtedly take place and could easily prove successful. If such a deadlock does not occur, the chances seem to be evenly split among the top two candidates, Kefauver and Russell, although Harriman's chances still cannot be discounted.

As for Barkley and Kerr, they will both undoubtedly receive some delegate support for a few ballots, and will probably refuse to release their delegations until very late in the convention—probably when their support would turn the tide of the vote.

As the campaign progresses, the situation looks consistently darker for Sen. Kefauver, who received tremendous public support in almost every primary election he entered.

The biggest roadblock for Kefauver seems to be the attitude which is held toward him by the rest of the candidates and other party big wheels. They consider him as an upstart kid, someone new to the fold who isn't ready to take the responsibility with which they wish to burden him.

The truth is, however, that Kefauver is more capable of bearing the responsibility than any of the other candidates. He is in favor of most of the New Deal-Fair Deal policies, except that he advocates better management and cleaning out of the corruption and filth which has edged its way into the present management. This seems to be the major point on which the other candidates oppose him.

Should this opposition combine against him at the convention in order to keep him from being nominated, his chances would be dreadfully slim.

Russell and the South, meanwhile, have threatened to bolt party ranks if an administration-supporting candidate is nominated. The Solid South remains opposed to the Civil Rights platform of the party. If the South should break away after the convention and throw its support in the electoral college behind the Republican candidate in November . . .

We can only sit back and hope for the best. It looks like a long, bitter struggle when the Democrats assemble in Chicago July 21.—L. S.

Politics At A Glance

By LOUIS SCHOEN

The Republican Convention In Review

On and on the battle is waged as the Republican National Convention moves into its fourth day, with still little accomplished as far as the main objectives of a convention—the drafting of a platform and the naming of a presidential candidate—are concerned.

As this publication goes to press, the battle between the Sen. Robert A. Taft and Retired Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower camps, over 68 disputed Southern delegates, takes on new fury as the fight is carried to the convention floor. The Credentials Committee has submitted its decision in the dispute, upholding the Taft-supporting National Committee's earlier decision, except that it turned over 11 Florida votes to Eisenhower which had previously been controlled by Taft.

As the battle rages on, the outcome appears more and more in Ike's favor. At the time of this writing: It is rumored that of the 70 vote Pennsylvania delegation, 56 or 58 will go to Ike; a member of the Michigan delegation has announced that "As Pennsylvania goes, so goes Michigan"; the 70 California delegates are reported to be heavily in favor of Eisenhower, and will go his way as soon as their home state Gov. Earl Warren releases them, which will probably be after the second ballot; and the 91 vote New York delegation is heavily in favor of Eisenhower, partly as a result of New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's influence.

One heavy blow landed for the Taft camp Wednesday, however, when Herbert Hoover, the last Republican to reside in the White House, endorsed Sen. Taft.

Convention reporters said, meanwhile, that in downtown Chicago there were rumors flying that a movement had begun to garner support for Gen. Douglas MacArthur, convention key-note. Reporters said demonstrations were being staged by MacArthur supporters, and banners and buttons bearing MacArthur's name were more in evidence than ever before.

The present tension indicates that it will be late Thursday and possibly Friday before all candidates are agreed upon a party platform, and balloting will not begin before Friday.

Psych Teacher To Germany For Workshop

Dr. D. A. Worcester, chairman of the University department of educational psychology and measurements, will leave today to participate in a psychology workshop in Germany.

The workshop, held at the request of German psychologists and educators, will discuss primarily the problem of child growth and development in Germany and the education of German youth.

Six people from the U.S. will attend the workshop, which is to be held in Frankfurt. Thirty educators and psychologists will represent the schools of West Germany, and two educational psychologists from each of 10 other European countries will attend the meet.

Dr. Worcester will spend the first two weeks of the two month session with selected German representatives studying and learning the educational system of Germany.

After spending a day with State Department officials in Washington, Dr. Worcester will leave New York Sunday night and arrive in Frankfurt Monday night. He will return in time for the start of the fall semester at the University.

Parrot Tracks

The little boy said to his mother, "Is it true we are made of dust, Mummy?"

"Yes, dear," his Mother replied. "Well, is it true we go back to dust when we die?"

"That's what the Bible says, dear," his Mother said.

"Well, mummy, I just looked under the parlor rug and someone is either coming or going."

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