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Few Differences Seen in Platforms Of Both Parties

By PETER EDSON
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—(NEA)—Comparison of Republican platform and draft of Democratic platform as submitted to the convention for adoption reveals few startling differences.

Most important issue of the campaign should be inflation, though this issue got scant attention here. In their platforms, each party tries to blame the other for high prices. On cures, the Democrats propose to put through President Truman's 10-point anti-inflation program. The last Congress passed only three of these points. That leaves Democrats seven to work on, including stand-by ration and price controls and curbs on credit. As opposed to this, Republicans offer only to cut government spending, and fiscal policies to provide incentive for more production.

Second big issue should be housing. Both platforms commit parties to alum-clearance and low-rent projects. Democrats imply they would provide it by federal aid to locally sponsored projects. GOP says it would furnish aid to state and only in cases where private enterprise couldn't do the job.

Tax Cuts Planned

Both parties now promise more tax reduction. This represents a shift from Truman's position by Democrats. Their platform says they will give full measure of relief to low income families. GOP promises to cut excise and inheritance taxes and to shift other U. S. taxes to states.

On labor, Democrats offer outright repeal of Taft-Hartley law in a direct bid for the union vote, although in overriding Truman's veto of this law, only 22 Democratic senators and 71 Democratic representatives supported the president. The GOP platform takes full credit for passage of T-H law and beyond that promises further study to improve conditions.

Sex enters both documents through support of an equal rights amendment to Constitution and promises of equal pay for equal work.

The Weather

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Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Fair to partly cloudy and cooler today and Sunday.

Highest temp. any July.....109
Lowest temp. any July.....40
Highest temp. yesterday.....90
Lowest temp. last night.....58
Precipitation yesterday.....0
Precipitation from July 1......29
Excess from July 1......04
Excess from Sept. 1.....2.47

U. S. Steel, CIO Workers Agree on Wage Increase

PITTSBURGH, July 17.—(AP)—The U. S. Steel Corp. and the CIO-United Steelworkers yesterday agreed to a pay increase averaging 13 cents hourly and the firm announced it has no alternative but to raise prices to meet resultant higher labor costs.

The raise ranged between 9 1/2 and 25 cents, spread over more than a score of various job classifications with the average hike 13 cents hourly. It will affect about 170,000 production workers employed by U. S. Steel and its five subsidiaries.

Steel workers now average about \$1.55 hourly.

If U. S. Steel's wage action is followed by the rest of the steel companies, it will mark virtual completion of the so-called "third round" of wage increases in major manufacturing industries.

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Price Boosts Will Follow Steel Pay Hike

tion workers to \$1.68 hourly.

Price Cut Lead Not Followed

Benjamin F. Fairless, president of U. S. Steel, said the decision to boost wages simply meant the corporation was forced to abandon its plans to stabilize living costs by pegging wages. Last April "Big Steel" did just that—it refused demands for a "substantial increase" and also lowered prices of its products some \$25,000,000 annually.

Fairless was critical of some members of the steel industry for not following his company's lead in price cutting. He declared:

"Various other members of the steel industry did not follow this action of U. S. Steel and did not reduce their prices for steel products."

The CIO Steelworkers' statement, released by President Phillip Murray, said the present contract with "Big Steel" is extended to April 30, 1950, with the union reserving the right to negotiate wages and social insurance in July, 1949. Murray said the union will have the "right to strike on these subjects at that time," if necessary.

PITTSBURGH, July 17.—(AP)—Bethlehem Steel Co. today joined the latter pay envelope pattern set by U. S. Steel and granted average 13 cents an hour wage increases to its 80,000 workers throughout the nation.

The increase, announced by a Bethlehem spokesman in New York, constitutes an increase of approximately nine per cent. The spokesman said the raise was effective yesterday. Increases range from nine and one-half to 25 cents an hour.

Alabama was elected as temporary meeting chairman.

In an opening oratory, Senator James Eastland (D.Miss.) said last night the nominee of the meeting would carry more states than Mr. Truman.

Dixon, outlining possible strategy of the meeting, said these two courses are open:

1. To nominate Southern candidate for president and vice-president.

2. To leave Southern presidential electors unpledged, as Alabama has done with its 11—already elected and all pledged specifically not to vote for Mr. Truman.

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Parolee Orders Blank Checks, Goes to Jail

PORTLAND, July 17.—(AP)—Frank H. Harris, 56, placed an order for 300 blank checks.

The printing company said the firm's name to be imprinted was fictitious and called police. Police said Harris admitted he planned to write bogus checks on the Yakima Valley Branch of the Seattle First National Bank.

The printers said the \$25 check Harris gave as a down payment had bounced.

In municipal court Harris drew a six-month sentence for vagrancy. The judge said on release the Washington state parole board may have him—he was released from the Walla Walla penitentiary last November after serving 10 years on a 20-year forgery sentence.

Students Earn Money Getting 'Plastered'

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—(AP)—The men of Rutgers University say they've found a happy money-making medium—they're paid \$5 each time they get plastered.

It's all part of an experiment conducted by a local manufacturer to test how long his product retains its effective strength.

The students need only agree to stay on the experiment for several days while researchers tabulate the degree of tightness.

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Miss Jennie Buick Summoned by Death

Miss Jennie Buick, 86, lifelong resident of Douglas County, died at her home in Roseburg shortly before noon today. The body has been removed to the Long-Orr Mortuary. Funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival of relatives.

Superforts go Overseas For Maneuvers

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ridors from early morning until 8 p.m. Berlin time, with some practicing instrument flying.

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Scoffs at Allied Power

An editorial in Taegliche Rundschau, official Soviet mouthpiece, said that even Western commentators conceded that if a new war game Soviet advance troops could reach the Rhine within a few days and the European Atlantic coast within a few weeks.

The newspaper scoffed at "Berlin cafe tales" that Allied tank columns and squadrons of planes could be concentrated at Helmstedt, the British zone border point where the Russians have closed land transport lines to Berlin.

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States' Right Group Opens Alabama Meet

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Louisiana.

Still others, normally democratic with room to spare in which campaigns are planned are Texas, Senator Barkley's home state of Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Oklahoma and Maryland.

In the latter state, however, the attorney general said last night there was no chance for qualification of electors at this late date.

The meeting was called by Gov. Fielding L. Wright of Mississippi, who led his delegation out of the Democratic convention Wednesday night. Wright and his delegates came here direct from the national convention.

Former Gov. Frank J. Dixon of

Anti-Red Bill, Oleo Tax Repeal to Face Congress

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approved. He expects northern dairy state senators may filibuster, he said.

However, an aide of Senator Wiley (R-Wis.), a principal foe of the oleo bill, said he does not look for a full fledged filibuster.

The fate of this bill, and many others, will depend on the attitude of Senator Taft, who heads majority policy in the Senate. He supported repeal during the Ohio primary campaign recently. However, it didn't get on the Senate's crowded "must" list at the close of the last session.

Meat rationing talk was revived by Rep. Javits (R-N.Y.) who wants a plan whereby the president could set up rationing but congress could end it.

Javits said it would be similar to a bill he and Senator Flanders (R-Vt.) sponsored unsuccessfully in the last session. He said he will ask Flanders to be co-sponsor.

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