

Nicely-Greased Truman-Barkley Machine Runs Over All Opposition

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WASHINGTON — (NEA) — The democratic national committee meeting which elected William M. Boyle Jr., as its new national chairman, provided a first-class example of how a well-oiled political machine should run.

The meeting was called for 10 a.m., but it didn't begin till nearly 11. None of these things ever starts on time. It makes no difference because, when the machine is in perfect working order, it can rush things through so fast it makes up for lost time.

Also, the delay enabled the delegates to wander around and find

where they were supposed to sit. During the night, flunkies had typewritten the names of the national committeemen and committeewomen on slips of paper. These were pasted on the backs of the chairs.

Some of the labels, it was noticed, had names of states on



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Mrs. Roosevelt Values Facts Obtained In Contact With Red Youth Congress

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. — (AP) — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said Monday she knew for a long time that the American Youth congress followed the communist line but worked with it just the same.

Her purpose in doing so, she wrote in McCall's magazine, was to change the organization's course.

The former first lady said the experience "was of infinite value to me in understanding some of the tactics I have had to grapple with in the United Nations."

Mrs. Roosevelt's article was the fourth installment of a new series of memoirs.

Of the depression-born AYC, she said:

"I had great sympathy for these young people, even though they annoyed me. In that critical period, growing up was much more difficult than it had been at any previous time any of us could remember. I have never felt the slightest bitterness toward any of them and, as a matter of fact, I am extremely grateful for my experience with them.

"I learned what communist tactics are. I know how infiltration of an organization is accomplished. I understand how communists get themselves into positions of importance. I understand all their methods of objection and delay.

the effort to tire out the rest of the group, then carry the vote when all their opponents have gone home. These tactics are all familiar to me. I know, too, that no defeat is final.

"In fact, I think my work with the American Youth congress was of infinite value to me in understanding some of the tactics I have had to grapple with in the United Nations."

TWO PLACED IN JAIL

Admissions to the Douglas county jail, reported Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter, include Lloyd Cincade, 45, arrested at Medford and wanted here on a contempt charge.

Walter Wooden, 19, Drain, held under \$1,000 bail set by Justice of Peace Clarence Leonard at Drain, on a charge of larceny in a dwelling.

Bridegroom-To-Be Forgets Certain Details

SALEM, Aug. 31. — (AP) — A Salem prospective bridegroom couldn't remember the details about his fiancée—so he just left her name off the marriage license application.

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them, but no names of national committeemen. Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina. How could this be? Had they all died? Had that hurricane hit them? No, they had just all been run over by the machine. The Democratic, Truman-Barkley machine. This machine didn't want the Dixiecrat committeemen from those states included for this election, so it just left their names off their chairs.

Replies Precede Questions.

When the meeting was finally called to order and the roll was called as the first order of business, the names of the states whose committeemen were not wanted were merely skipped. Louisiana and Mississippi were practically read right out of the party. This is what is supposed to be the democratic process—full, free, open and fair elections by representatives of the people.

A short time ago, a marvelous new electronic brain and calculating machine was unveiled at Department of Agriculture. In seconds, it could solve complicated problems that would take the human brain years.

But this Democratic party machine had that scientific gadget beat a mile. Why, this Democratic machine even turned out the answers before it knew what the problem was.

For instance, retiring National Chairman J. Howard McGrath appointed some committees. A Committee on Credentials, for instance; Chairman, Frank McHale of Indiana, David Lawrence of Pennsylvania, Jonathan Daniels of North Carolina, and so on.

The strange thing was that although this committee was appointed right there before your eyes, it had already been in session for 12 hours. It wound up its business at 3 a.m. on the morning of the full national committee meeting, with all its work done. Not even an electronic brain could beat that.

Boot For Dixiecrats
What this machine committee did was simply to kick out those Dixiecrat national committeemen who hadn't supported the campaign of President Truman in the last election. Ousted were

Marion Rushton of Alabama, William H. Talbot of Louisiana, J. B. Snider and Mrs. Hermes Gautier of Mississippi, J. Strom Thurmond and Mrs. Albert Agnew of South Carolina.

Retiring Chairman McGrath ruled that national committeemen were officers of the Democratic National Convention, holding four-year terms between conventions. He said there was no rule which compelled the national committee to follow the recommendations of the states as to who its members should be.

The final miracle which the Democratic machine performed was in electing Bill Boyle of Missouri as the new chairman to succeed Senator—now Attorney General—McGrath. Before Boyle had even been nominated, the machine had turned out a five-page biography on him.

The instant Boyle had been unanimously elected, Redding's brought around copies of his 2,000-word acceptance speech. Sam said with a smile it was just a coincidence he had it ready. You

can't ask for slicker machine work than that.

EUGENE TAKES PRISONER

State Police Sgt. Lyle Harrell reported the arrest of Robert Keles Johnston, 28, Franklin, Penn., wanted by authorities at Eugene on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Booked at the Douglas county jail, he has since been released to the state police to be taken to Eugene.

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