

Republican Nominee In 1952 Might Profit By Experience Of Tom Dewey

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey has done his bit to clear the Republican political atmosphere by announcing he will not be a presidential candidate in 1952, 1956 or 1960. If he means what he says, the decision is a definite milestone both in national politics and in Dewey's personal history.

No aspirant for the job since the Democrats' William Jennings Bryan ever tried so hard or so often as did Dewey.

He began as a boy wonder, making his first bid for the GOP nomination in 1940 when he was 38. He came amazingly close but lost to Wendell Willkie in hectic voting at convention time. Four years later he did get it. But although he polled 22,000,000 votes he bowed to Franklin D. Roosevelt in the election.

No defeated nominee ever had won a second Republican nomination. But Dewey broke that precedent in 1948. Everyone remembers how confident he and his party were of national victory. The surprise was great when President Truman upset all forecasts to beat Dewey by more than 2,000,000 votes.

Despite the bitterness of that reverse, many thought Dewey would try to match Bryan by gaining a third nomination. But

he apparently has decided against that course.

Whatever the Governor may or may not do on a lesser political scale, his statement on the presidency marks the end of an era for a man who has been prominent on the national scene for a dozen years.

There's no great mystery over why he didn't make the grade in 1940 and 1944. He was young, and considered inexperienced for the problems of the great war then raging. Besides, in 1944 he bucked one of the strongest political personalities of the country's history in F.D.R.

His 1948 failure was something else. It may have been partly a failure of personality, for Dewey does not fall easily into the role of the genial, hearty, bluff politician.

Most experts feel, however, that the 1948 outcome was more a failure of the GOP to develop a program both distinctive from its Democratic counterpart and attractive to the voters.

If that's correct, then whoever takes Dewey's place in 1952 will suffer the same general handicaps unless the party can frame a powerful program.

HITCH-HIKER KILLED

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Frederick Wayne Clink, 20, died here Thursday from the effects of a Monday collision on the icy pavement four miles north of here. A car in which Clink had hitched a ride collided with an oil tank truck, fracturing Clink's skull, and critically injuring the car driver, Clyde Smith, Medford. The truck driver, Ronald Cornelius, Portland, was not hurt.

Clink, whose home was at Clare, Mich., was hitch-hiking from Yreka, Calif., to Portland in search of work.



HEADS CHAMBER—Harold E. Schmeer has been elected president of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce for the coming year. He succeeds John Todd Schmeer, who came here a year and a half ago to take over as president of the U. S. National bank of Portland, has been active in civic affairs.

U. S. Overthrow By Force Aim Of Reds, Trial Told

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A self-described former Communist, who testified he had seen Harry Bridges at three Communist meetings, declared Thursday the party seeks the overthrow of this government by "any possible means."

"Including force and violence?" defense counsel asked the prosecution witness, Lawrence Seton Ross, in Bridges' perjury trial in federal court here.

"Yes, if necessary," he replied. "I'm 45-year-old managing editor of the Cotton Trade Journal in Memphis, Tenn., pictures himself as two distinctly different persons—one who existed before he renounced Communism and his present self. He said he wanted to forget his experience in the Communist party."

Defense Attorney James MacInnes led Ross into a discussion of Communist theories on overthrow of the government by going back to the witness' writings for a Communist publication.

"Did you ever write an untruth?" MacInnes wanted to know.

"I wouldn't put it past the Lawrence Seton Ross of 'that time,'" said Ross.

"But that Lawrence Seton Ross has the same flesh that you have now—the same body," MacInnes said. "It's the same person."

"No, it's not the same person," said Ross. "It's the same body but not the same spirit."

Taft Heads GOP Policy Group; Cordon Included

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Senator Taft of Ohio Thursday was named chairman of a group of 15 Republican senators who will help draft a party policy statement for this year's congressional elections.

The appointment was made by Senator Millikin (Colo.), chairman of the Senate Republican conference which includes all GOP senators.

The 15-man Senate group will work with a 9-member House committee and a 15-member body named by Chairman Guy Gabrielson of the Republican national committee.

Those designated to serve with Taft included Senator Guy Cordon (Ore.).

The Golden Horn, inlet of the Sea of Marmara in the passage between the Black and Mediterranean seas, was so called because of the rich fishing there.

Oregon Group Unfavorable To Truman Message

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Five members of Oregon's Congressional delegation had no good words for President Truman's state of the union message, but the sixth found the "main emphasis" sound.

All six are Republicans. The four representatives were unanimous in having critical views. The Senators split. Sen. Cordon found the speech the "old hash with a new accent to make it taste new."

But Sen. Morse, while disagreeing with the president on CVA and other proposals to vest more power in the executive, said "if we are to be fair, we must admit that the main emphasis of his speech is sound."

As an American I think he is right in his consistent insistence upon placing human values above materialism."

Rep. Norblad said the president "spoke at great length in vague generalities." He added that Mr. Truman "is certainly continuing his program for the welfare state."

Rep. Ellsworth viewed it as "the same old story demanding more and more spending and seeking to turn our free constitutional government into a controlled socialist state."

Rep. Stockman commented that federal involvement "for all organized groups of two or more people in this country and the rest of the world."

Rep. Angell found nothing new in the message and doubted "that he has any ambition to see enacted most of the programs he recommended because he knows our finances will not permit."

Western Europe Faces 25 Percent ECA Aid Slash

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Western European countries have been warned to expect a 25 percent cut in Marshall plan aid next year.

And they may get even less if they do not follow American recovery recommendations.

Richard M. Bissell, assistant deputy administrator of ECA, said that the 16 nations receiving Marshall Plan aid have been notified of the impending cut.

He did not say how much money Congress will be asked to provide for European recovery for the year starting July 1 but he told reporters "it will be a big reduction" over last year.

The appropriation for the current year was \$3,778,000,000. A 25 percent cut would reduce that amount to \$2,833,500,000.

Bissell said only Greece would be exempt from the proposed reduction in U. S. spending. That nation, he said, needs heavy grants because of the damage to her economy by civil war.

Bissell also said ECA plans what he called a "new approach" to the question of allotting funds. This plan would penalize countries which do not follow ECA advice for recovery, probably by reducing the flow of dollars they will receive.

The ECA official said the agency has reached "no final decision" on whether to ask Congress for an extension of the China aid program. The agency still has nearly \$100,000,000 from past appropriations to finance Chinese assistance. This must be used by Feb. 15 unless Congress extends the deadline.

Because of Communist control of the Chinese mainland present ECA aid is restricted to the Nationalist-held island of Formosa, Bissell said.

TRUCKER KILLED
The Dalles, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A Portland truck driver, Donald John Modin, 25, died Thursday after suffering when his truck-trailer left the Old Oregon Trail highway and went over a 25-foot bank some 20 miles east of here.

State police reported there was no apparent explanation for the accident unless Modin fell asleep at the wheel.

The truck was operated for the Portland-Pendleton Motor Transport company.

The mistletoe was worshipped by the druids in Britain.

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School Bonds Authorized In Reversed Election

PRINEVILLE, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Crook county voters Wednesday approved a \$500,000 bond issue to build a new union high school. It reversed a non-favorable vote of a year ago.

With only four rural precincts missing, the unofficial count was 653 for and 318 against. It was the biggest school vote in the county's history and two precincts ran out of ballots. Some 20 voters marked hastily arranged ballots, printed on a duplicating machine.

That raised some question of legality, but school attorneys thought the outcome would not be affected.

The present building was designed for 200 students and now houses nearly 400.

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The firm said the new office building will cost some \$15,000,000.

The hotel, scene of many a lavish social event and internationally known for its fine foods and luxurious facilities, fronts the west side of Madison avenue from 46th to 47th street, Manhattan.

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A part of the hotel property is the adjacent Carlton House which is used largely for permanent tenants. It too will be demolished.

The property was acquired in 1943 by the William Waldorf Astor estate, from which the Urish brothers firm has leased it.

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Noted Hotel To Be Supplanted By Office Building

NEW YORK.—(AP)—The ultra-fashionable Ritz-Carlton hotel, whose name helped put the word "ritzy" into the English language, is to be torn down.

A 25-story office building will be erected in its place.

The task of demolishing the 16-story hotel, a luxury landmark in New York City for 40 years, will begin early next year.

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Bid To Prowler Suspect Nabs Him On Theft Charges

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. John M. Shanklin, who weren't afraid to invite a suspected prowler into their house, brought about the arrest of a man on burglary charges Wednesday.

The Shanklins said they came home early Wednesday morning to find a strange car outside, and a man walking out of their back door. They met him in the driveway, where he said he was looking for a house number.

Surprisingly noting the license number, the Shanklins casually

invited the man in, intending to check on whether Shanklin's money was gone.

It was—but before they could manage to call police, the man sneaked outside and drove off.

Then the Shanklins telephoned police the license number of his car. A few minutes later police, checking car registrations, arrested James M. Losey, 28, Portland, on a burglary charge.

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