

World News Capsules Taft Gains 19 of 20 Republican Tennessee Convention Delegates

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(From the wires of the United Press and Associated Press)

Senator Robert A. Taft picked up 19 of Tennessee's 20 Republican convention delegates Wednesday.

The 20th delegate, to be named in May at a district convention is also expected to go for the Ohio senator, giving him a clean sweep of Tennessee's delegation.

The state GOP convention elected four delegates-at-large, instructing them to support Taft as long as his name is before the convention. It also decided a Shelby (Memphis) county contest by ruling in favor of a group that pledged two national delegates to Taft over a group which had pledged one delegate to Taft and the other to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The convention vote on the Shelby delegates marked the third time in two days Eisenhower supporters had lost a bid to get one delegate pledged to their man. The state committee ruled against them Tuesday and the credentials committee and full convention voted against them Wednesday.

Attorney General McGrath conferred . . .

. . . with President Truman Wednesday for fifteen minutes, but there was no immediate word whether he or corruption-hunter Newbold Morris will resign. It seemed evident that either McGrath or Morris will have to leave the government.

McGrath brushed off all questions by reporters, saying merely:

"I discussed departmental matters with the president and anything that is to be said will have to be said by the president or members of his staff."

The crisis centered on McGrath's opposition to a financial questionnaire sent by Morris to 596 justice department officials. The White House declined to say how Truman now feels about Morris, to whom he had promised all support.

Western Union officials said . . .

. . . Wednesday the company would make "no wage offer," and the A F of L commercial telegraphers union prepared to call a nationwide strike at midnight Wednesday night.

J. L. Wilcox, vice-president and chief negotiator for the company, said Western Union is "standing pat" on its position that any wage increase would "voluntarily put the industry into bankruptcy."

A union spokesman said the workers would picket telegraph offices throughout the country, including 15 central traffic points. He said it had "no plans" to permit even transmission of emergency messages. A strike would probably halt telegraphic messages everywhere in the nation, except possibly New York City where Western Union Workers are represented by another union.

Reliable sources said the government had no plan to intervene in event a strike occurs, holding that such a walkout would not constitute a national emergency.

Acting defense mobilizer John R. Steelman . . .

. . . Wednesday directed the Defense and Justice departments to "prepare for all eventualities" in the steel wage-price crisis, including seizure of the nation's steel mills if necessary to prevent a strike.

This followed United States Steel Corporation Vice-President John A. Stephens' earlier announcement that the steelmakers "would be fool-hardy and derelict in their duty" to accept the wage stabilization board's 26-cents an hour package recommendation without adequate price relief.

Stephens talked to reporters shortly after announcing that the industry negotiators will meet with the union at 10:30 a.m. today to start negotiating. He said the industry has had no word from U. S. Steel Corporation President Benjamin Fairless or price officials on increases it says it needs to off-set a wage hike. He said that he is "still hopeful" that Fairless, who is meeting in Washington with price officials, can win a commitment for a price increase well over the \$2 a ton now permitted by stabilization rules.

The Senate passed a bill . . .

. . . to give the states control of submerged lands for three miles offshore with the federal government to have control of the rest of the offshore continental shelf.

The bill goes back to the House which had passed a different version which was substituted earlier for the original tidelands bill by a vote of 50 to 34.

The margin on the final vote and on all previous votes was far less than the necessary two-thirds which would be needed to override a veto which may be forthcoming from President Truman.

The senate bill would give the states undisputed title to the three-mile offshore strip in most states, but they would not receive any part of federal revenues from the rest of the continental shelf, as the House approved bill provides. The administration wanted complete federal control with undisputed rights to resources in the entire submerged continental shelf.

North Korean Foreign Minister . . .

. . . Pak Hon Yon has cabled a "strong protest" to the United Nations against "repeated use of bacteriological warfare" by American forces in Korea, Peiping radio said Wednesday night.

Pak, according to the Chinese Communist broadcast, demanded "heavy punishment for those carrying on this barbaric atrocity."

Charges of germ warfare in Korea and China have been emphatically denied by U. N. Supreme Commander Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway and by Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Speakers Plan Busy Schedule Spring Term

Numerous public appearances for members of the symposium team have been scheduled for spring term.

Liz Collins, William Ruitter and Harold Neufeld spoke before the Canby Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night. They were accompanied by Anthony Hillbrunner, instructor in speech.

The topic was "Shall the government institute a permanent program of price controls?"

Two groups are speaking today. Kay Malone, Pat Adkisson and Wayne Metzger will speak at the Banks and St. Helens high schools and before the St. Helens Kiwanis club on the question "What can we as a nation do to improve our ethical and moral conduct?"

Nancy O'Connor, William Ruitter and Leland Johnson will speak before the Prineville Kiwanis, the Crook County high school, and the Sweet Home Junior Chamber of Commerce on the moral question.

Wednesday, Don Picker, Wayne Metzger and Karl Petermann will speak on the moral question before the Goshen grange.

Oratorical Contest Scheduled for June

Cash awards totaling \$300 will be offered in the annual Failing-Beekman senior oratorical contest which will be held in the music school auditorium on the Friday evening prior to commencement, according to W. A. Dahlberg, associate professor of speech.

Students wishing to enter should prepare a 15-minute speech on any subject and submit a manuscript of that speech to Dahlberg in the speech department. In the past the subjects have ranged from "Black Markets" to "Religious Tolerance."

The first place winner will receive \$150, the second place award will be \$100 and the third place prize will be \$50.

All seniors who expect to graduate in June are eligible and may receive help from Dahlberg's office in the selection of a subject, the preparation of the speech and the direction of their delivery.

Few seniors enter the contest, Dahlberg said, giving those who do an excellent opportunity of winning one of the awards.

Larry Davidson Joins Ad Agency

Larry Davidson, former night manager of the Student Union, will accept a position with an advertising agency in Portland. His resignation was effective Mar. 22.

A June, 1950, graduate, he has been with the Student Union since its opening in the fall of 1950.

Davidson will be with the Botsford, Constantine and Gardner advertising agency.



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