

World News Capsules

Democrats Select Sam Rayburn To Head National Convention

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(From the wires of the United Press)

Sam Rayburn, speaker of the House of Representatives, was endorsed as permanent chairman of the Democratic national convention to be held in Chicago July 21. Rayburn filled the same spot in 1948. Gov. Paul A. Dever of Massachusetts was named keynote speaker for the convention.

The endorsements were made by a permanent committee on arrangements, which includes members of the National Committee's executive committee.

Other convention officials were named, and members of two sub-committees were announced.

The compromise Tideland bill . . .

. . . passed the House Thursday by a roll call vote of 248 to 89. Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) said he will ask the Senate to take up the Tideland bill as a privileged matter Friday. He predicted Senate approval. But, said he, "confidently expects" President Truman to veto the measure.

With six senators present . . .

. . . the Senate unanimously passed a bill increasing pay of the armed services four per cent, and rent and food allowances 14 per cent. The bill was sent to the White House. Those present were, Sens. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.), presiding, and Francis Case (R-S.D.), Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.), Herbert H. Lehman (D-N.Y.), Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) and Pat McCarran (D-Nev.). The bill will cost \$484,000,000 a year.

Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon . . .

. . . said Thursday he knew of nothing in international law that requires a return of prisoners of war who voluntarily desire not to return to the country from which they came.

"We must race the fact that many of these prisoners fled from Communist China, renounced Communism and joined U.N. forces behind the lines," Sen. Morse said. He believes they would be executed if returned to Red China.

Morse also said he thought the armed services committee should investigate the entire Korean prisoner problem immediately. He suggested that the U.S. ask the U.N. to appoint a special commission to determine which prisoners want to return to Red China.

Korea is a police action . . .

. . . and only that, President Truman told the press Thursday. A reporter tried to get Truman to say that this country is fighting a war in Korea. He reminded the president that Acting Attorney General Philip B. Perlman asserted before the Supreme Court Monday that the nation is at war. The president compared the Korean conflict to anti-aggression moves in Greece and Turkey. Truman has not yet referred to Korea as war. Only Congress can declare war.

President Truman refused to discuss the steel case because it is before the Court. Perlman's statement about Korea was in defense of the President's seizure of the steel industry as legal under war conditions.

A nuclear test was postponed . . .

. . . apparently due to unfavorable meteorological conditions. The test had been slated for Thursday morning, at Yucca flat. The Atomic Energy commission offered no immediate explanation, other than cancelling a press conference. But atomic scientists have repeatedly emphasized that meteorological conditions could cause a postponement right up to the time a device is fired. Such factors as cloud layers, wind direction and temperature changes up to 50 miles in the sky could endanger surrounding populated areas.

Peru notified the United States . . .

. . . Wednesday that a proposed American import duty of three cents per pound on fresh tuna will be fatal to the Peruvian industry and upset the tranquility of the continent. A bill containing the duty was approved last week by the Senate finance committee. Secretary of State Dean Acheson said the state department is strongly opposed to the proposed measure.

An Austrian professor . . .

. . . who headed the recent lawyers commission which "verified" Communist charges of germ warfare in Korea, has been fired, Peiping radio said Thursday. A Communist broadcast said that teachers in Red China have protested to the Austrian minister of education over the dismissal of Prof. Brandweiner. The professor and eight other persons visited Korea and Manchuria last month under the auspices of the leftist International Association of Democratic Lawyers. They claimed to find proof of germ warfare.

Stassen Gives Views on Major Issues

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Stassen stated, must continue during future years. He noted that the United States, with one-sixteenth of the world's population, produces one-third of the goods and services.

4. America must work for the liberalization of the colonial policies, Stassen asserted. "The prospects for peace in the world during your lifetime" will depend as much upon the progress of the hundreds of millions of colonial or underprivileged peoples as upon any other factor, he observed. The campaigning university president criticized American foreign policy toward Indonesia in 1945, toward the "tragedy of Indo-China" and in the "tragic" Tunisian case in which the United States "turned its back" upon the Tunisian petition for a United Nations hearing on the Tunisian-France question.

5. Stassen asserted that "a thorough reorganization of the State department" is needed.

6. He stated that America should have "an outstanding academy of diplomacy" corresponding to the military academies of West Point and Annapolis.

7. Stassen affirmed that the United States should take the lead in efforts to amend and rewrite the United Nations charter, strengthening that document.

The speaker criticized "this defensive, negative and containment approach in foreign policy," asserting that it has not succeeded and cannot succeed. He expressed fears that the Soviet Union will strike next at the Balkans or Indo-China. He took a special blast at isolationism, observing that it failed during the 1920's and 1930's "and will fail again."

Bliss Stanley, junior in business, touched off a spontaneous burst of applause during the question-answer period following the talk when he remarked, "It's refreshing to hear a speaker speak out on these important issues instead of telling us what a fine state this is." (Stanley is a former resident of California.)

While answering the queries, Stassen listed these points:

- The United Nations veto power should be curbed or modified.
- A UN police force should be created.
- The UN should work for the advancement of peoples in trusteeship conditions.
- Aid to foreign nations should be accomplished by insistence upon their progress toward greater civil rights.
- The national budget should be balanced "by strict economies and careful management."
- The Korean War was caused by mistakes for which Owen Lattimore and his friends are partly responsible.
- Sen. Joseph McCarthy's (R-Wis.) manner of attacking Communism "has been unfortunate," but a result of the "tragic" administration foreign policy.
- A modern gold standard is needed, because it will protect savings against the effects of inflation.
- Universal Military Training should not be introduced "under present conditions."
- Present selective service laws are undesirable.
- The Voice of America should not be under control of the State department, and its head should be appointed by the President, confirmed by the Senate.

• We shouldn't go as far as government counsel urged in the recent steel seizure case.

While stating that foreign aid should be accompanied by certain conditions, such as advancement of civil rights, Stassen emphasized that the United States should not dictate any foreign nation's vote in the United Nations.

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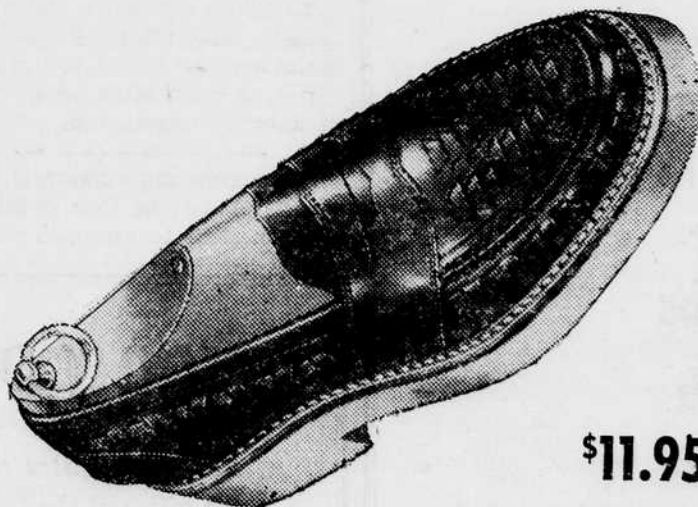
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