

GOP Convention Gets Comic Relief

WASHINGTON (AP)—Let others worry about who will be the most likely presidential candidates when the conventions roll around this summer.

To less dedicated observers, who don't mind having their politics spiked with a jigger of humor, the big news today is:

Senor Marcelino Romani of Puerto Rico will be back.

Remember Romani?

Who in the great hall in Chicago on the night of July 9, 1952—or watching same on television—ever could forget him?

Most of the speeches quickly were at peace in a well deserved oblivion.

But Romani, merely by asking a few questions, remains strongly and hilariously etched in memory. No other Republican provided the badly needed comic relief. Not even the Democrats, who usually go in for such things, came close.

Convention in Uproar

You may remember how the convention was in an uproar over which Georgia delegation should be seated, the one favoring Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower or the one favoring Sen. Robert A. Taft?

As the argument wore on, the Grand Old Party got rough. Names were called. Tom Dewey, twice a GOP presidential candidate, was loudly booed.

Here Romani, a small, pot belled ex-judge, broke the tension. After Puerto Rico had cast three votes "no," Romani rose to ask: "Mr. Chairman, I call for the call roll of the delegation."

Incredibly, it took almost as long to call Puerto Rico's three names as it did New York's 96.

Convention Recalled

A typewriter is a poor instrument to recreate the confusion, the accent and inflection of Romani's voice, the delight of the delegates at the complete foul-up, but this excerpt should help:

Chair: "The secretary will read the name of the alternate to the delegate from Puerto Rico?"

Secretary: "Mrs. Providencia Ramos de Villamil."

Cheers from delegates at secretary's bold attempt to pronounce Spanish.

Romani: "What is the name please?"

(Gavel bangs unnoticed in attempt to restore order).

Chair: "The secretary will read the name of the alternate again."

Secretary: "Mrs. Providencia Ramos de Villamil."

Romani: "He is not here. It does not matter. She is not here."

Finally each delegate, or his alternate, or maybe even his alternate's alternate had been polled, and the convention, refreshed, tottered on.

So the news that Romani intends to be a delegate again is good news.

And though the same situation may never arise again, let us all look forward to the poll of the Puerto Rican delegation.

Men's Honorary Holds Initiation

Phi Eta Sigma, freshmen men's scholastic honorary, held its formal initiation and banquet Monday night in the Student Union.

Carlisle Moore, associate professor of English, spoke to the group on "Freud's Influence on Modern Literature."

The group of initiates included Robert Adler, Erwin Boring, Rupert Cederwall, Robert Davis, John Earle, Kimball Erdman, Roger Hagglund, Larry Hall, Thomas Howser, Peter McCart, Milton Morey, Donald Robinson, Walter Schreck, John Shaw and Oakland Wong.

Tryouts for Play Held at Villard

Tryouts for "The Magical History of Dr. Faustus," directed by Gordon Howard, will be held tonight at 7:30 and Wednesday at 4 p.m. Tryouts will be held in Villard 102.

The play is an original play written by George Hitchcock and will be directed by Howard, a graduate student in speech, as his thesis production. It will be presented early in the spring.

A number of men's parts are still open and a woman is especially needed to play the part of Helen of Troy.

Any persons who would like to try out for the play will be welcome.

Court Rules Pay For 'Indispensable' Extras

WASHINGTON (AP)—Workers must be paid for essential labor performed before and after their principal production job, the Supreme Court ruled Monday.

In two separate decisions written by Chief Justice Warren, the court unanimously held such payments do not come within the ban of the 1947 portal-to-portal act.

One of the cases involved butchers who had to spend preliminary time sharpening their knives; the other concerned a need for bathing at the close of a work day.

Warren said Congress did not intend to deprive employees of wage-hour law benefits for activities before and after regular hours when they are "an integral part of and indispensable to their principal activities."

Congress passed the portal-to-portal act to overcome the 1946 Supreme Court decision which resulted in workers' suits totaling some six billion dollars.

That decision said workers were entitled to be paid for activities such as walking to work places, washing, and changing clothes. It outlawed all portal-to-portal pay suits except those covered by wage contracts or by industry custom.

Monday's decisions applied specifically to certain employees of the Cumberland Battery Co., Nashville, Tenn., and the King Packing Co., Nampa, Idaho.

Wednesday Ends Lunch Ticket Sale

Dads' Day luncheon tickets will be sold through Wednesday at the Student Union main desk. Price per ticket is \$1.25.

University President O. Meredith Wilson will be main speaker for the event, Mary Jo Fourier and Lee Blaessing, co-chairmen, have announced.

Luncheon entertainment will include the Sigma Phi Epsilon pep band, the winning barbershop quartet and a duet provided by the school of music.

Under the Weather

Monday infirmary list includes Nancy Campbell, Nancy Riccio, Marjorie Grover, Sally Hosken, Eleanor Hammon, Norman Richmond, Edward Hirano, Donald McClain, Donald Rounds, Frank Pritchard, Earl Terry and Loretta Humphreys.

Friday Deadline For Fete Petitions

Canoe Fete committee chairmen will be chosen from petitions due Friday at 5 p.m., Darrell Brittsan, general chairman, has announced.

Chairmanships for the Junior Weekend event available are floats, finance and tickets, public relations, clean-up, and general secretary.

Regular ASUO petition blanks may be used. They may be picked up and returned at the ASUO petition box on the third floor of the Student Union, Brittsan said.

YWCA Cabinet Positions Open

Junior and sophomore women may petition for the YWCA senior cabinet elective offices of president, second vice-president, secretary and treasurer until Friday at 5 p.m.

Freshmen may petition for sophomore cabinet offices. Chairman and secretary are its elective offices.

A 2.0 fall term GPA is required for all petitioners, according to vice-president Jean Sandine, who is in charge of elections. Petitions may be picked up and returned at Gerlinger hall YW office.

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WORKERS FILL SANDBAGS and place them on the bank to strengthen the flood control channel passing through the heart of Long Beach, Calif. Thursday's rainstorm, one of the worst in Southern California history, for a time posed a serious flood hazard to 10,000 homes on the west side of town. At one time water was nearly at the top of temporary levee in foreground. (AP Wirephoto).