



Congress Adjourns

THE 82nd Congress, numerically controlled by Democrats but dominated by a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats unfriendly to the Administration, slipped into history this week.

For the record, the 82nd Congress appropriated more money than any other peacetime Congress, enacted more legislation than most of its predecessors, and did nothing to ease strained relations between Capitol Hill and the White House.

Some members tried to impeach the President because he seized the steel mills. Congress sharply cut his requests for continuance of the foreign aid program, refused to give him all the authority he sought to control wages, prices and other elements of the nation's economic life, and trimmed about 10 billion dollars from his budget requests for new appropriations.

Positive Achievements

On the other hand, the 82nd Congress increased social security benefits; extended to veterans discharged since the Korean fighting began, education, unemployment and loan benefits already given to World War II veterans; raised the pay of Federal employees; increased the pension benefits of retired railroad and civil service workers extended the draft law; continued, with modifications, the foreign aid program; continued on a limited basis the Defense Production Act and boosted the pay of all military personnel.

Just before they departed from the capital, members of the 82nd Congress approved bills to:

1. Provide \$11,793,776,339 to finance atomic expansion, foreign aid and military construction around the world.

2. Provide more than half a billion dollars for river, harbor and flood control projects.

The lawmakers were anxious to wind up business for this session and get to work on some political fence mending. Some 400 House members and 31 Senators will be seeking reelection in November.

In Short

Approved: by Iran's lower house of parliament, the reappointment of Mohammed Mossadegh as premier.

Announced: by East Germany's Communist government, completion on construction of a 300 kilowatt radio transmitter claimed to be the most powerful in Europe except for Radio Moscow.

Killed: at least 643 persons in accidental deaths over the three-day Independence Day weekend.

Broken: by the S.S. United States, all transatlantic speed records for liners. From New York to Bishop Rock, at the Eastern end of the western ocean race course: 3 days, 10 hours, 40 minutes.

Dates

Monday, July 14

Keel laying for new Navy carrier at Newport News, Va.
U. S. civil defense workers go on 24-hour alert.

Bastille Day, major national holiday in France commemorating the start of the French Revolution in 1789.

Wednesday, July 16

Democratic Platform and Resolutions Committee starts public hearings in Chicago.
Seventh anniversary of the first atomic bomb explosion at Los Alamos, N. M.

Saturday, July 19

Joint air defense exercise to be held by the United States and Canada.

The WORLD This WEEK

REPUBLICANS TAKE THEIR STAND



The 25th Republican National Convention

IT WAS a thunderous showdown as victory-starved Republicans took their stand for the 1952 presidential election.

The declared purpose of the GOP platform builders was to complete a campaign structure of triangular planks. One side was concerned with winning voter support in November. It outlined the party's position on foreign policy, labor, civil rights, corruption, farm support and other key questions.

The other two sides were shaped and polished to mirror views acceptable to both moderates and extreme right wingers in the party.

Other Major Planks

The GOP platform builders also worked out promises of progressive relief from excessive income taxation and a plan to free the Federal Reserve System from the domination of the Treasury.

A major part of the platform was taken up with an attack on Democratic rule for the networks of crime disclosed in Congressional investigations and a promise of a cleanup.
Greater protection for private enterprise at lower levels and further

States down" in supplying fighting forces in Korea.

Down With Democrats!

Even though this 25th Republican Convention was one of the bitterest national conventions in the 96-year-old party's history, the delegates agreed on one thing—1952 will be a winning year for the GOP.

The delegates and partisan spectators had a chance to join in shrieking denunciations of the Democrats who have been in power 20 years.

Dwight Eisenhower himself sounded the battle cry when he appealed for Republican harmony so the party can "kick the Democrats so far November 4 it'll take them about 20 years to get back."

Agriculture Squabble

One of the thorniest issues before the GOP platform drafters involved the Secretary of Agriculture's powers to fix farm price and other policies.

The platform builders, in a move to take farm problems out of politics, proposed stripping the Secretary of Agriculture of this power.

The alternative called for such policies to be determined by a non-partisan board, operating in the farm field much in the manner that the present Federal Reserve Board sets banking and other monetary policies.

The fact that Democrats have had better success than Republicans in winning farm votes in recent elections was a recognized motivation for the proposal.

Civil Rights Issue

The civil rights issue also gave the Republican platform builders some tough moments. The majority of a subcommittee on civil rights supported a plank endorsing a Federal fair employment commission which would carry on an education campaign against racial discrimination.

A minority of the subgroup, however, insisted that the platform take the stand that the problem of handling racial discrimination was purely a local and state problem and not Federal.

The question finally was ironed out in a closed meeting tussle.

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Secret Truce Talks Bring Wave of Hope

AS LONG as both sides talked in secret at Panmunjom, the possibility of something constructive coming out of the negotiations existed.

A U.N. Command spokesman said the truce delegates were talking only of the prisoner issue. The Korean truce talks, meanwhile, passed a first anniversary while delegates huddled in the secret sessions trying to settle the last remaining obstacle to an armistice in Korea.

Steel

Strike Effects Widened

The steel industry's Big Six, the Administration and the CIO, United Steelworkers have been involved in a game of sitting on the hands in the economy-crippling steel strike.

Each has waited for the other to make a move while some 1,025,000 workers across the nation have been idled. The figure mounted daily as steel-dependent industries laid off additional men. Steelworkers alone have lost more than 300 million dollars in wages.

Both union and management said they were ready for new negotiations, but vowed a fight to the finish at the same time.

The thorniest issue remained the Wage Stabilization Board recommendation for a union shop, which the industry rejected.

Reconciliation Hopes Dim

Charles M. White, head of Republic Steel, said: "We have fully explored the possibility of reconciling the union shop with the CIO and we see no possible compromise."

The union, meanwhile, kept at its campaign to sign up smaller companies while the steelworkers pressed unfair labor practice charges against the Big Six, claiming the companies refused to bargain in good faith.

Speaking before a cheering crowd of striking steel workers in Duquesne, Pa., CIO President Philip Murray said the union would win its strike despite a "diabolical" conspiracy on the part of the big companies to defeat it.

Murray asserted the industry's reluctance to accept the union shop recommendation was "sudden trickery designed to undermine the union."

He emphasized his conviction that none of the companies was strong enough to "lick" the union.

Arms

Emphasis on the Atom

The United States and its allies, according to some higher ups in the Pentagon, have one big advantage over Russia—a monopoly on sea-borne power.

The parade of new atomic weapons designed for use especially on naval craft indicates that the U.S. intends to exploit its advantage in a big way in the event of a showdown with Russia.

John J. Floberg, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, revealed that the Navy is converting two cruisers to guided missile ships and added "there's some appreciation of the submarine as a guided missile ship in the plans the Navy is making."

Roswell Gilpatric, Undersecretary of the Air Force, said the whole concept developed from guided missiles and other types of armament "puts very heavy emphasis on the use of atomic weapons."

Both Gilpatric and Floberg predicted that guided missiles will have atomic warheads.

Gilpatric adds that the day of complete replacement of aircraft by guided missile will dawn gradually—"more or less a process similar to the replacement by jet engines of conventional piston-type engines."

Floberg said Navy and Marine air wings—including 12 attack type carriers with carrier air groups—are being expanded from 14 to 16.

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U.N. officers still felt that the progress painfully achieved over the past year could be taken as an indication that an armistice would eventually be worked out.

In a letter to chief U.N. delegate, Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, North Korean Gen. Nam Il protested that U.N. soldiers had killed two Communist prisoners of war and wounded eight on Koje Island last week. Nam Il's protest coincided with an official U.N. announcement that two North Korean POWs were killed and nine wounded on the prison camp island last week in a series of isolated incidents.

Red Attacks Heavier

In the war, a force of 14 Communist tanks—the heaviest concentration of Red armor in a month—supported a probing attack by a Chinese company against U.N. positions on the Korean central front.

In a one-hour fight, which ended up hand-to-hand combat, about 200 Chinese were thrown back.

Along the Nam River Valley in the Kumsong area, Red artillery pounded U.N. positions and, in one engagement repulsed U.N. troops attacking a Communist-held hill.

U.S. Fifth Air Force planes gave tactical support to ground troops by destroying Communist bunkers and other enemy positions. Other fighter bombers destroyed supply buildings and shot up Communist motor vehicle installations.

Quotes

Alben W. Barkley, Vice-President of the United States, commenting on his decision to put on a race for the Democratic presidential nomination instead of sitting back and accepting it if it is offered: "There are several honorable, worthy and able gentlemen who are seeking this nomination. But I am sure it will do no harm, either to the party or to the country, to broaden the field from which the selection will be made."

Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, when asked how she felt about the prospect of hitting the campaign trail with her husband: "I'll go along with him. After all, I've followed him for 36 years."

Prices

New Peaks Ahead

Housewives, who match budgets with prices every week, are due for a break if the economic outlook for the next six to 12 months holds good.

A staff memorandum of the Senate-House Economic Committee says that although the outlook is for prices to rise to a new all-time peak in that time, food prices are expected to be generally stable.

The memorandum said the increase might be something like one to three per cent, resulting from a continuing rise in rents and services, a recovery in clothing prices and a slight upturn in consumer durable goods.

A moderate rise in production, employment and income is also predicted. The memorandum is based on several assumptions, including quick settlement of the steel strike, a preservation of the status quo in international relations, and the carrying out of the planned military buildup.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN CHICAGO

● Ohio's Rep. George Bender, in charge of music for the Taft organization at the GOP Convention, decided he was too hoarse to try and equal his feat of the 1948 Convention when he sang Taft's theme song, "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover," 745 times. This time, Bender dreamed up a "bombast band," consisting of marchers bouncing broomsticks with cymbals on top.

● Chicago's cocktail lounges caught convention fever, advertised the choice of:
Eisenhower Eye-Opener 85 cents
Stassen Stir 80 cents

Taft Teaser 80 cents
Warren Warmup 75 cents

● Eisenhower backers came up with a variety of ways to show how much they liked Ike. Some Ikemen showed up with straw sailor hats with red, white and blue bands and "Ike" on top of them. Women Eisenhower admirers wore blouses and umbrellas covered with the slogan "I Like Ike." Taft forces, however, settled for cardboard eyeshades labelled "Taft"—mighty handy under bright television lights.

● Temporary chairman Walter Hallinan introduced Congressman James

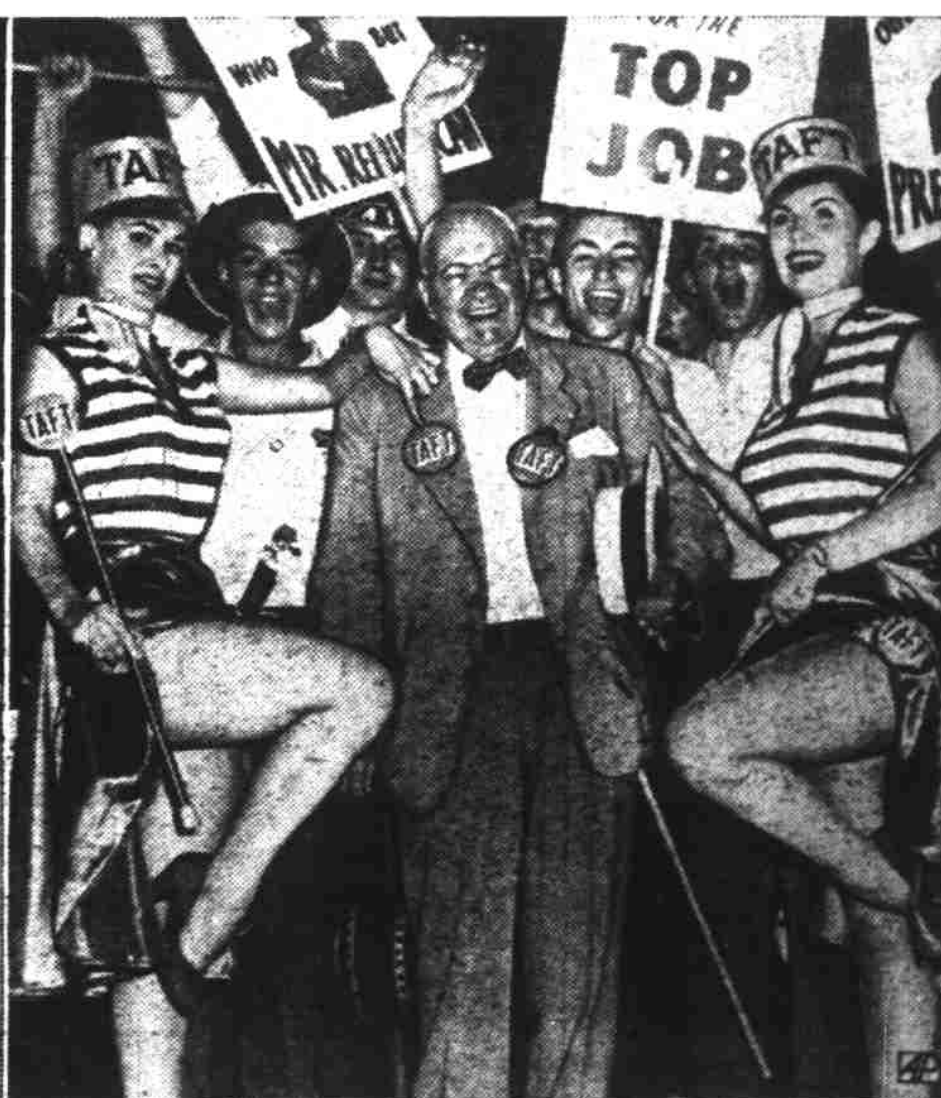
P. Devereux, of Maryland, as "former congressman from Maryland." He forgot how doleful a sound that word "former" is to most lawmakers.

● Sen. Eugene D. Millikin of Colorado, chairman of the Resolutions Committee in charge of working out the GOP platform, wanted to make sure the text of the new platform was kept secret. He posted guards to keep scoop-minded newsmen away until the proper time. Millikin probably was thinking of the big fight that developed four years ago at the convention in Philadelphia.

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CHICAGO BATTLE SCENE—Left to right, Gen. MacArthur delivering keynote address, Ike meets Indiana delegation, and delegate antics, pro-Eisenhower and pro-Taft.