

Senate GOP Split On Part Played by Unions in Politics

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans split sharply Sunday on the issue of organized labor's participation in politics.

Chairman Goldwater (Ariz.) of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee said the newly merged AFL and CIO have "no right" to endorse any presidential candidate in 1956.

Sen. Case (R-N.J.), spokesman for a pro-Eisenhower wing in the Senate, described as "hysterical" such statements as those made by Goldwater and Sen. Knowland of California, the Republican leader, that labor union leaders are trying to take over the Democratic Party.

Goldwater took exception to reports that the AFL and CIO—holding their first convention in New York starting Monday—may be asked to back one of the rival presidential aspirants next year.

'Infringing Rights'
"They will be infringing on the rights of independent and minority members of their organizations if they endorse any presidential candidate," Goldwater said in an interview.

"They have no right to give any such endorsement. They have no more right to take such action than any other public organization like the American Legion. The Legion doesn't give any political endorsements and neither should the AFL-CIO."

Case said in a speech prepared for an international labor press dinner in New York that labor organizations have "a clear right to encourage members to exercise their franchise at the ballot box." "At the same time," he said, "they have a clear duty to bring before their members the real

facts about each candidate, regardless of party.

Attacks Unwarranted
"Blanket attacks on the Republican Party are unwarranted. The Republican Party must always respond to the needs of men and women in the ranks of labor just as it does to other segments of our population. I am confident that it will."

In obvious reference to Knowland's and Goldwater's previous charges, Case said that some people seem to think that "political action is a dirty word."

"They interpret such groups as the Political Action Committee of the CIO and Labor's League for Political Education of the AFL as major steps toward creation of a labor party," he said.

"As the two big unions approach merger, the cries of such persons have become even more hysterical—a third party is upon them."

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.), who may seek his party's presidential nomination next year, joined in the fray.
Kefauver said in a speech for the labor press dinner that Republicans "fear" the labor voter because their party's record has been one of "favoritism to special interests, big corporations, the families of great wealth, the great land owning interests, the utilities and the big bankers."

CANOE ON THE MOVE

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP)—A 12-foot dugout canoe of the type used by South Sea islanders washed up on the beach. It was believed the canoe, hand-carved of red mahogany, was blown across the gulf from the West Indies, sped on its way by the late summer hurricanes.

Slang 'Snows Under' Foreign Military Officers

FT. MONMOUTH, N. J. (AP) — The resplendent Italian Army Major scratched his head with embarrassment:

"I don't understand this 'you're in hot water' — what could it mean . . ."

A little Korean Army sergeant came behind him:
"I tink I know vat it means, it means 'you are in trouble . . .'"

"Troppo difficile . . ." the major commented.

"Do you mean 'you are in trouble' and 'snow him under' are the same thing?" asked an officer from Thailand.

"I do not know," the little Korean replied. "I know what 'you are in hot water' means but I have never heard of that snow thing . . ."

The three nations could not reach an agreement.

The conference was held a few days ago at the Army Signal Corps center here, where more than 100 allied officers from 20 different countries are trying to learn some of the intricacies of the American slang and colloquialisms.

Ingrid Bergman to Appear in Canada

PARIS (AP)—Spanish musician-impresario Cesar De Mendoza has announced the signing of Ingrid Bergman for 40 or more appearances in Canada, Latin America and possibly the United States next summer in "Joan at the Stake." The tour starts June 4 in Rio de Janeiro.

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Nationalists Defy Tunisia Party Leader

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Moderate and popular politician Habib Bourguiba had his first serious brush with diehard nationalist demonstrators Saturday.

Bourguiba, leader of the Neo-Destour Party, accepted recent home rule agreements with France but extremists in the party refused to go along.

Despite Bourguiba's great personal popularity in Tunisia, the extremists staged a demonstration at the village of Korba where he was speaking Saturday and in a short but violent shooting affray one man was killed and another injured.

The fight was precipitated by followers of extremist Salah Ben Youssef, with whom Bourguiba has been feuding.

In another demonstration in Tunisia, the automobile of moderate Premier Tahar Ben Amar was stoned by a crowd of about 300 persons but the Premier escaped unhurt and police quickly quelled the crowd.

In Morocco, the party convention of the Istiqlal (Independence) Party heard for the second straight day a string of speakers calling for total independence, a Moroccan army and the right to maintain their own foreign affairs—three items which the French government is likely to resist with grim determination.

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Chiang Troops Claim Capture of 6 Red Vessels

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — Chinese Nationalist commandos captured six fully laden Communist supply junks in Formosa Strait just off the mouth of the Min River Friday, the Nationalist Defense Ministry said Sunday.

The supplies were confiscated and the crewmen were taken to the nearby Matsu Islands for questioning, the ministry reported. Number of the crewmen was not disclosed.

The announcement said also two Nationalist guerrilla patrol boats

fought a brisk action with nine Communist boats off the Min River mouth Friday night and sent the Red craft fleeing in the direction of the mainland.

The Nationalists' official Central News Agency said Sunday Chinese

Reds are building up the military strength of Pingtan Island in Formosa Strait to counter growing Nationalist strength on the Matsu Islands.

Pingtang is 23 miles south of the White Dog Islands, southernmost of the Matsu group, and 75 miles west of Formosa.

Central news said 30 pieces of artillery, including 122 mm and 155 mm guns, had been placed on Pingtan, apparently to harass Nationalist naval patrols.

The agency said also the Reds were using motorized junks and trucks to transport war supplies from Kwangtung to Fukien, mainland province opposite Formosa.

TRAVEL CHANGE DUE
LONDON (AP) — Third class travel soon becomes second class on British railways. Now there is no second class—only first and third. Sounds confusing, but the idea is to conform with a new plan to have standard first and second class only for transport on the European continent.

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