

Sen. Taft Cites 'Socialist Trend' 'Fantastic Spending' Threatening Nation'

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Sen. Taft of Ohio, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, says "fantastic" government spending threatens American liberty and independence because it is leading the nation "straight down to road to socialism."

And socialism, he told 1000 guests at the 15th annual meeting of the Delaware Chamber of Commerce at Wilmington Thursday night is "nothing more than he growing part the government plays in the life of the people."

HE ALSO TOOK a crack at supporters of Gen. Eisenhower who claim solid support of the New York delegation for the general.

He said the pledge of eight Taft delegates by a Queens County GOP leader is "significant of the truly grass roots Republican sentiment in New York City which has been steadily claimed by my opponents."

About the same time Michael V. DiSalle, quitting as price administrator to run for Democratic nomination as U.S. Senator in Ohio, said Taft might have trouble carrying his own home state if he gets the Republican nomination.

PRESIDENT Truman's comment that state primary elections are eyewash brought retorts from Republican contenders for his job. "President Truman's statement is an example of the cynical attitude toward the rights of the people," said Harold E. Stassen.

"The election process in this country is never eyewash," was California Gov. Warren's comment.

Truman's remark at his weekly news conference followed his announcement he was taking his name out of the March 11 New Hampshire primary.

McCarthy Raps 'Name Calling'

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) called pathological and a character assassin by President Truman Thursday, says the President should answer a few questions about one of his aides instead of sidestepping the issue by "name calling."

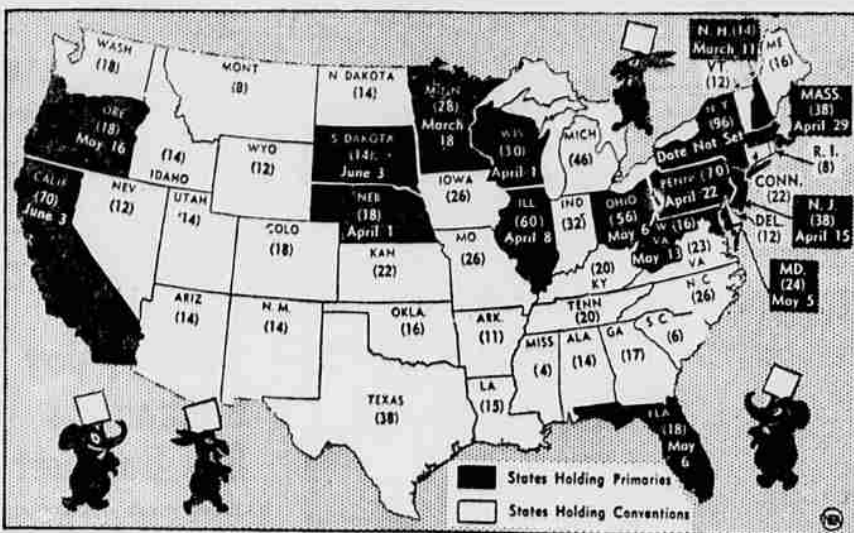
McCarthy said recently that Philo Nash, a White House special assistant on minority problems, had close associations with Communists in the 1940s. He said FBI reports to a loyalty board linked Nash with active Communist workers. Nash denied McCarthy's charges.

Asked about this at his news conference, Mr. Truman referred to the Wisconsin Senator as the pathological Mr. McCarthy, called him a character assassin, and said the attack on Nash was the type McCarthy makes on all government men he does not like.

"Instead of name calling, the President should answer several questions," McCarthy said in reply. The questions:

"Did I properly quote from the loyalty board records regarding Nash? If not, where did I misquote? If he admits I properly quoted from the loyalty board hearings, why is he willing to keep Nash on as an adviser?"

Death Rate Lower
SALEM—(AP)—Oregon cut its traffic death rate slightly last year, state officials said Thursday. The toll was 428, the same as in 1950, but the rate dropped from 7 deaths per 100 million miles of travel to 6.7 deaths.



PRIMARY TIME IS NEAR — the newsmag above shows states holding Presidential preferential primaries and those holding nominating conventions. Date of each primary is given. Numbers in parenthesis denote each state's delegation to be chosen for the GOP national convention in July.

'Eyewash' Talk Applies to Democrats

GOP Primaries Important

By LYLE WILSON
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WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman was talking for Democrats only when he said preferential preference primaries are so much eye-wash.

The Republicans know better and have so known since they lost the White House back in 1932. If the Democrats ever are ousted from the White House, their preferential primaries will take on sudden and great significance.

DEMOCRATIC presidential primaries have not meant anything since FDR won his first White House term. He was party boss thereafter and chose the presidential ticket with himself on top as long as he lived. Democratic national conventions did his bidding.

Mr. Truman intends to pick the Democratic national ticket this time. His brush-off of presidential primaries was blunt warning of his intention to do that. There was nothing in the statement to suggest he would be bashful about picking himself again, either.

But if the President does not run himself, he certainly intends to name his successor—at the most to give the nominating convention a choice among two or three acceptable men.

SEN. ESTES KEFAUVER of Tennessee can take warning from the President's statement that Mr. Truman intends to hang that Democratic conkskin cap in his trophy room alongside the Republican scalp of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York. Mr. Truman felt he safely could leave Democratic primaries to Kefauver, and leave Kefauver to be dealt with by the July Democratic convention.

With an opposition party it is different. Wendell L. Willkie was blasted right out of the 1944 pre-convention contest for Republican nomination by primary returns from Wisconsin. He was a poor last to all hands in Wisconsin that year. Willkie read the returns and formally withdrew from the contest.

In 1948, Harold E. Stassen was going good or better in his campaign for the Republican nomination and Dewey was not doing

so well until they collided head-on in Oregon.

BOTH CANDIDATES campaigned the state and, finally, met in a radio debate which had an attentive national audience. Dewey won the debate and the primary and went on easily from there to win the Republican presidential nomination.

There will be at least one socko Republican presidential primary this year. That will take place March 11 in New Hampshire among Stassen, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen. Robert Taft.

Any pair of those three could be badly, perhaps fatally, hurt by a New Hampshire triumph by any one of them.

'Dead' Man Loses Reasoning Power

By GRAHAM BERRY
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LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Melvin Hewitt, 27, revived after his heart and breathing stopped for 15 minutes last Oct. 4, is recovering his health but doctors say he has a child-like mind.

However, his physician, Dr. Sidney Cohen at Brentwood Veterans Hospital said Friday: "He surprised the medical profession before, maybe he'll do it again."

The first surprise came when Hewitt was brought back to life after being pronounced dead following a fall. Fifteen minutes is believed to be the longest period in medical history that a person has been without life and then revived.

Doctors cut into his chest and massaged his heart. His action and his breathing resumed. But Hewitt was in a coma for a month.

he regained consciousness. But tragically, his reasoning powers were gone, doctors said. Lack of oxygen while he was "dead" apparently had damaged or destroyed many brain cells.

At Brentwood, Hewitt is being taught the fundamentals of living. He is given tools and handles them well. There are reading lessons. He can read some.

He receives medicines to improve the circulation in his brain and to improve his metabolism. He has gained 20 pounds in two months.

Dr. Cohen believes that Hewitt will show further improvement. The patient has come a long way already.

Hewitt is able to recall much of his earlier life, but not much that has happened to him recently. Tell him where a room is and the chances are he won't remember long enough to get there.

Draft Quotas Due for Drop

Hershey Estimate Blamed on Mixup

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Draft quotas for the spring months may be far lower than expected due to a drop in Korea casualties and an increase in enlistments.

This is the latest Selective Service prediction following a mixup Thursday in which Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey first forecast a sharp increase for the April-May period but later said a mistake had been made.

INSTEAD OF Hershey's original estimate of 90,000 a month, the figure probably will be between 40,000 and 50,000 men called monthly during the period, officials said.

This compares with the January call of 60,000, February 52,500, March 28,600, and the monthly average of 46,000 since the draft was reactivated in September, 1950. Highest figure was 80,000 for March, 1951.

HERSHEY, in a statement to the House Armed Services Committee backing up Universal Military training, said indications were the Armed Forces would call upon Selective Service for 430,000 men during the seven months ending next June 30.

That would have meant a sharp jump during April, May and June—far above average.

However, Selective Service officials a few hours later said the 430,000 figure was an estimate made last November, and that the sharp reduction in Korea casualties attributed largely to truce negotiations had made it likely the total would be cut to between 275,000 and 300,000 "barring unforeseen things."

Reclamation Budget Cut

WASHINGTON—(AP)—More than 100 million dollars was slashed from the Reclamation Bureau's proposed budget for the year starting July 1, a spokesman told a Congressional committee Thursday.

Goodrich Lineweaver, assistant reclamation commissioner, testified at a House Interior Committee hearing the bureau requested \$348,190,570. The budget recommended by President Truman called for \$224,620,000.

Lineweaver said the bureau proposed starting 21 new reclamation projects but the Budget Bureau cut this to one, Elders Dam in Kansas.

He said the Yakima-Kennewick division of the Yakima project in Washington, the Yakima-Roza power plant, and the American Falls power division in Idaho were among six new projects the Reclamation Bureau had listed as essential.

Korean Conflict Exceeds War I

TOKYO—(AP)—Saturday Americans will have been at war in Korea as long as they were in World War I.

So historians at Far East Naval Headquarters prepared to move the Korean conflict into second place in the list of wars fought by the U.S. in this century.

A SPOKESMAN said World War I covered 584 days between April 6, 1917, and Nov. 11, 1918. Saturday will be the 584th day since the U.S., on June 28, 1950, officially entered the Korean conflict, which had begun three days earlier.

American casualties in the First World War totaled 364,800, more than treble the 105,000 U.S. casualties for the same period in Korea.

Navy air forces started World War I with 24 planes and suffered only 19 casualties throughout the entire war. Modern carriers still were a dream of the future. Pilots

flew with their caps turned backward, goggles over their eyes and with gauntlets and leather leggings. They were called aeronauts. Many carried shotguns and rocks on their combat missions.

TODAY NAVAL pilots can drop more than 4,000 tons of explosives on the Communists every month. World War I Navy fliers dropped 100 tons on the Germans during all of World War I.

Ships and planes of the Navy are even breaking World War II records. Last December the Destroyer U.S.S. Marshall fired more than 5,600 five-inch shells at the Communists. That is more than she fired in 30 engagements with the Japanese in a year and a half of World War II.

Trio Approves Plevin Plan

PORTLAND—(AP)—Three speakers Thursday night approved the Rene Plevin plan for a Western European army. They spoke on the World Affairs radio forum broadcast over Portland radio station KOIN.

The three included James T. Brand, chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court; Charles A. Sprague, publisher of the Oregon Statesman, Salem, and Dr. Kenneth Livingston, member of the executive committee of the World Affairs Council.

Justice Brand, who was a judge at the Nuremberg trials, said that Germany must be included in the rearmament plan. Sprague questioned whether the program of swift rearmament might not be provocative to war.

Baby Born Dead
HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—Academy award winning movie actress Mercedes McCambridge was reported "doing fine" Friday after her baby was born dead.

The child, a boy, was delivered by caesarean section Thursday at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

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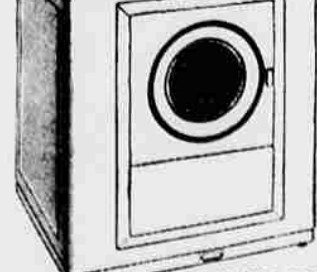
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