

Taft, Ike Forces Meet in Nation's First Convention

Reach Compromise To Avoid Showdown

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The political spotlight focussed on Oklahoma Monday where Taft and Eisenhower forces meet in the nation's first Republican state convention.

But some of the edge was taken off the outcome by a reported last-minute compromise made in an effort to avoid a showdown test of strength.

JACK BELL, Associated Press political writer, said backers of Sen. Taft of Ohio and Gen. Eisenhower got together in Oklahoma City hotel room conferences Sunday and tentatively decided on a slate of four at-large delegates including two for Taft, one for Eisenhower and one uncommitted.

Bell said the best estimate of political observers on the 12 district delegates already chosen is that four are for Taft, four Eisenhower, one favorable to Taft, two lean to the General, and one committed to Gen. MacArthur but likely to go to Taft.

IF TAFT GETS two delegates Monday, he would have a slight advantage, and, if the MacArthur support goes his way, a majority. While the number of delegates involved is small, the advantage is viewed more from the psychological standpoint.

Other developments: Taft said he will not enter Minnesota and California primaries.

He said it wouldn't be a fair test because he would be bucking "favorite sons" in both states—Harold E. Stassen in Minnesota and Gov. Warren in California.

But the possibility arose that he may be forced into the Minnesota race, in which Stassen, Eisenhower, and Gen. MacArthur already are entered on the GOP ticket. MacArthur may withdraw.

A RURAL editors' committee announced at Pierz, Minn., that all Presidential candidates—including Taft, President Truman, Warren and Sen. Kefauver who have not filed—will be entered in the March 18 primary by a petition now being circulated.

If they want to withdraw, they must sign an affidavit saying they are not candidates, and will not accept a nomination if it is offered.

Sen. Long, D. La., said in an interview in St. Louis that he believed Eisenhower could carry the south on either ticket if nominated. But he said chances of nomination do not seem "too good."

GOV. WARREN said in New York he will announce soon in which states he will enter Presidential primaries—and added he was giving some thought to those in Wisconsin and Oregon. He speaks in Boston Monday night.

Arthur H. Vandenberg Jr., said in Detroit he would run for the GOP senatorial nomination to succeed his late father if it would help promote the Eisenhower campaign in Michigan.

Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee plunged headlong into his New Hampshire campaign in the nation's first Presidential primary.

IN A NASHUA, N. H., speech he spoke out against moral decay and corruption in government, and took a slap at President Truman, also entered in the primary but not an announced Presidential candidate.

Kefauver, only Democratic candidate yet to announce, said he firmly believed in primaries as the democratic way to select officials. He said they were not "eyewash," as Truman classified them recently.

NATO Leaders Meet in Lisbon

LISBON, Portugal —(AP)—The United States is pressing Britain to agree quickly on an Allied Command in the strategic Mediterranean, informed American sources said Sunday night.

Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, lunched privately with RAF Marshal Sir John Slessor, British representative on the NATO standing military group, Sunday—the eve of Monday's top-level military committee meeting.

American sources said Bradley intended to stress that with Greek and Turkish membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization imminent, agreement is essential on the Mediterranean.

Britain has insisted that until a Middle East Command shall be postponed. The Americans feel the issues are entirely separate.

Four Blazes In Springfield

Springfield Fire Department reported four fires over the weekend, but little damage.

At 5:05 p.m. Saturday firemen went to Harlow Rd. but were unable to find a fire reported there; at 8:47 p.m. they went to 1614 Main St. where an oil stove at the L. M. Higgins residence caused a fire. No damage was reported.

At 11:22 p.m. firemen went to 868 21st St. to a trailer house fire. H. Waffords is owner. Firemen said little damage resulted. And at 4:10 p.m. Sunday they went to 6th and Main Sts. where a car was leaking gas.



NATIONAL HEART WEEK opened Monday in Eugene. Here Vincent Farina shows a group the flowers he will give to customers who donate to heart disease research. From left to right are Farina, Donna Lawson, Oren King, Shirley Boner, and Bob Cummings, regional chairman for the campaign.

10,000 Chinese on Burmese Frontier

American Arms Reported Used by Nationalist Band

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RANGOON, Burma.—(AP)—An informant claiming to be familiar with the border situation said Saturday Nationalist Chinese irregulars on Burma's northeastern frontier are sporting "brand new" American arms.

The informant, whom it is impossible to identify for publication, said the Chinese Nationalist forces number 10,000. Their leaders, he continued, boast openly they will "kick the Communists out of Yunnan with United States and British help."

YUNNAN is the Chinese province directly east of Burma. Burmese Information Minister U Thant said recently the uncommitted Chinese Nationalists numbered between 4000 and 6000 men.

Concerning Russian and Chinese Communist charges that Americans actively are supporting the Nationalists, under Gen. L. M. the informant said there was "no proof." He said "white people" had been seen with the Nationalist forces but that the last such report had been received several months ago. They could have been anyone, he said.

Because of the delicate border situation, the Burmese government has prohibited foreign news from visiting the area.

The informant interviewed Sunday is in a position to know the border situation thoroughly. Asked

for proof the straying armies were being supplied with U.S.-made arms, he declared:

"I have seen it. Much of it is brand new."

HE DID NOT name the weapons, but gave this picture:

The Nationalist Chinese soldiers are concentrated mainly in the Kungtung area where Thailand, Indochina, China and Burma almost come together, about 350 air

Army Uniform Includes Diaper

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Army Sunday introduced a new airtight uniform for protection against poison gas and germ warfare. Its cooling feature is an adaptation on the basic item of infant wear, the diaper.

The protective suit, made of non-inflammable Butyl rubber, is designed to be worn over the regular clothing. It is supplemented with a detachable hood, to be worn with a gas mask, and with rubberized boot covers and gloves.

By itself, this garment, so airtight that little body heat can escape, would prove quite uncomfortable. Accordingly, a "cooling suit" of diaper cloth is worn outside.

THIS SUIT consists of pajama-like trousers, a barber-style jacket and a hood. In use, this outer suit is drenched in water and, the Army said in a statement, "the evaporation of the water produces a marked cooling effect."

"This allows the wearer to perform his normal duties for several hours without undue discomfort." Protective clothing was first used during World War I and has been standard Army issue for many years.

The new suit, however, contains many improvements over the old types, especially in its resistance to the most recently discovered war gases, the Army said. It continued:

"IT PROVIDES body protection against the most powerful toxic agents known today, and enough comfort and convenience to allow the wearer to carry on his normal duties with comparative efficiency."

The Army said the new safety uniform is designed for plant and decontamination use, and will not be issued for general use.

Since all the pieces of the garment can be easily decontaminated, the suit is considered "non-expendable."

"This means the same suit can be worn many times if proper cleaning and neutralizing techniques are employed," the Army said.

Dog Thrown in Pokey After Wails Jam Radio

FORT WORTH, Tex. —(AP)—Police jailed a dog because the lonesome animal kept interfering with their radio calls.

The dog first was tied outside a cell block after being picked up with its master, who was charged with drunken driving. The animal's howls and whines, however, went out to police patrol cars every time the dispatcher opened his microphone.

Police Lieut. E. K. Lee solved the problem by putting the dog in the cell with its master.

miles north-northeast of Rangoon. Smaller bands roam the steep hills northward from Kentung and hold virtually all the land east of the Salween River to the northern Wa state border with China.

The troops seldom operate in groups of more than 200 as they have a difficult time getting enough to eat. They live off the countryside, sometimes employing rough tactics in taking what they want.

Discipline is poor. The men are hated by the Burmese. They have been recruiting "everybody they can get hold of" and many are untrained. The officers get slight respect from the men, who believe their superiors are lining their pockets through their position of authority.

THAILAND police on Feb. 1 arrested a former Chinese editor and charged him with tricking Thai youths to join the Nationalist armies in Burma. The police said the Chinese offered the youths jobs in northern Thailand, giving them an advance of \$50 in U.S. currency. Later they were impressed into the Chinese army, police authorities stated.

He did not say when they expected to get U.S. and British aid. The source gave this further account:

ALTHOUGH anti-Communist in conviction, the Shan states, where the irregulars are operating would welcome temporary help from any quarter in order to get rid of them. If the Chinese Reds came in, strictly to kick the Nationalists out, they would be welcome. But if the Reds decide to stay, the Shans would put up vigorous resistance.

"We are in a fix up there," said the informant. "No one wants the Kuomintang Nationalists but we need a ratio of 10 to 1 to handle them in that kind of country."

Where are their supplies coming from? The informant speculated they might be coming from Formosa or being supplied by private interests unconnected with any government.

Crippled B-36 Lands Safely

SAN DIEGO, Calif. —(AP)—An Air Force B-36 bomber landed safely Monday after nearly 13 hours aloft with landing gear trouble.

The huge six-engined plane, world's biggest bomber normally carrying 11 to 15 men in its crew, came down at 3:20 a.m. PST at the North Island Naval Air Station in San Diego Bay.

It was reported to have been heavily loaded originally and on a delivery flight, destination unannounced.

The public relations office of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Co., B-36 builders, later gave a brief statement in the name of Col. Steve Dillon, Air Force representative at the Convair plant here.

It said only that the plane developed landing gear trouble, that the crew repaired in the air and the ship made a normal landing. The statement added that it stayed aloft as long as it did in order to use up most of its fuel load before the landing.

The bomber took off from San Diego's Municipal Airport at 2:30 p.m.

9 Men Killed In War Games

Two Paratroopers Die in Mass Jump

CAMP DRUM, N. Y.—(AP)—A make-believe war at this rugged upstate military reservation became too real Monday as Army officials counted nine dead and about 80 injured in "Operation Snowfall."

Seven men were killed and 25 injured in three separate accidents Sunday. Two paratroopers plummeted to their death in an earlier phase of the maneuvers staged to test operations under arctic conditions.

A twin-engined C-46 transport plane crashed while taking off from Wheeler-Seaks airfield here Sunday. Three were killed instantly and a fourth died in a camp hospital. Eighteen were hurt.

THE PLANE, on a mission with 32 white-uniformed paratroopers and a crew of four, careened 100 feet before crashing into an unoccupied parked airplane.

All of the dead were members of the plane's crew.

Some of the injured pulled themselves through the plane's rear door and stumbled to ambulances which rushed them to the camp hospital. All but five of the injured were treated and released.

MAJ. ROBERT EBY said the paratroopers had been ordered to fasten their safety belts, which held them fast when the plane crashed.

"If it hadn't been for strict air discipline, the death toll would have been much higher," Eby said.

The crash did not stop flight operations. Other planes took off over the wreckage while crews were removing the dead and injured.

LESS THAN three hours after the crash, maneuver officials were told two members of the 11th Airborne Division had been killed when a speeding 83-car New York Central freight train struck an Army truck at an open grade crossing near Spragueville, N. Y., about 50 miles north of the camp.

Five soldiers hurt in the train-truck accident were taken to a Gouverneur, N. Y., hospital. Their injuries were not considered serious.

The seventh man killed Sunday was a paratrooper. He died in a mass drop of about 2000 paratroopers on a snow-blanketed battle area.

Bankers Get Tips on Alarms

QUINCY, Mass.—(AP)—The man who installed the burglar alarms in the U.S. Treasury in Washington has a "lucky seven" he'd throw in the face of every bank holdup man in the nation.

Clarence L. Flagg, 71, retired former protection engineer says his "lucky seven" suggestions could wreck the plan of any "Slick Willie" Sutton who comes along.

"Bankers' Hours," Flagg says, are traditional and he would make use of them in foiling hold-up men. Flagg suggests keeping bank vaults closed with time locks set for 15-minute delayed openings. No handbills, he says, will wait 15 minutes for any vault to open.

His other suggestions: Monday morning, when weekend receipts are taken from night deposit boxes, place them in the vault and count them up only after bank doors are closed in the afternoon. That way there won't be any easy pickings for bandits.

Never let payroll messengers use the same routes, same times, and if possible avoid the same days.

Do not allow safe deposit box customers in the bank after closing hours. Someone else might be waiting to follow them in.

Don't let any "customer" just stand around looking at the inside of a bank. Ask if you can help him. That will avoid a chance of someone "casing" the bank for a holdup.

Keep a pile of worn bills in every cashier's cage—with the serial numbers recorded. Bandits won't spend new bills but they'll never suspect worn ones.

Keep checking up on branch banks and have branch employees always on the alert. With less help, such banks are more vulnerable.

Boy Sealed 4 Days In Railroad Freight

GRANITE CITY, Ill. —(AP)—A 15-year-old boy, frost-bitten and wild-eyed with hysteria, was found in a sealed freight car where he had been imprisoned without food or heat on a four-day trip from Connecticut.

William Melvin Wright was taken to St. Elizabeth's hospital where his condition was described as "pretty good." Railroad workers freed him from the box car on a railroad siding in nearby East Madison Sunday.

The boy told hospital attendants that he lived in Boston, Mass., and was trying to "hitch" a ride to Oakland, Calif., to see his mother. Attendants said his hysterical condition, however, prevented him from giving more details of his family. But authorities sought to locate his parents while he underwent treatment.

William said he hitch-hiked from Boston to New Haven, Conn., where he went to the freight yards and climbed into a box car. He said he hit his head on the side of the car when the train started with a jerk.

When he recovered consciousness, he discovered that the car was sealed. He huddled in a corner of the car with only thin clothing to protect him for his four-day trip half way across the country.

When railroad workers at East Madison heard his muffled cries and freed him, the Negro boy sobbed uncontrollably, then collapsed from exposure and malnutrition.

Hospital attendants said he was able to take "a little" food Sunday night and early Monday, and that they hoped he soon would be able to "tell his whole story."

The box car, belonging to the Nickel Plate road, carried a load of general merchandise.

Police said William apparently sneaked inside after it was loaded. Yard workers then came along, closed the door and sealed it on the outside.

"It is not normal for us to dedicate U.S. forces to restrain our friendly Allies," Dulles added.

HE MADE the statements in answering the question, "Would you take the wraps off Chiang's troops in Formosa?"

Dulles, principal architect of the Japanese peace treaty, said the U.S. Seventh Fleet was dispatched to the waters between Formosa and the Communist mainland in June, 1950, just after the Communist invasion of South Korea.

This, he said, was a "temporary emergency action," and the presence of the fleet there now is "somewhat abnormal."

"I would think that it would be in order to consider at least getting back to a more normal relationship," he added. "Normally we don't use our fleet to protect the Communist areas. We let them pay for that themselves."

DULLES ASSERTED the U.S. should "make clear our determination not to allow the mainland of China to remain under Chinese Communist control."

"A foreign policy is not adequate unless it is successful," Dulles said, "and the tide of despotism is now running against us in the Far East."

The U.S. should conduct a foreign policy that would make it "as tough as possible," for China's Red regime, he declared.

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