

Red POW Stand Hit by Harrison

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—Brig. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr., Thursday accused the Communists of simultaneously agreeing and disagreeing with Russia at the deadlocked Korean armistice talks.

The senior United Nations negotiator made the statement after hearing the Communist reply to his charge that Red insistence on forced return of war prisoners is inconsistent with the policy of Russia in World War II.

U.N. refusal to return prisoners who do not want to go home has blocked a Korean armistice for months.

SOMEWHAT EMOTIONAL

"It is not apparent how you can at one and the same time both agree and disagree with the acts and declarations of the USSR," Harrison told the Communists at a 35-minute no-progress session at Panmunjom. Another meeting was set for Friday at 11 a.m. (6 p.m., PST Thursday).

Brig. Gen. William Nuckols, U.N. spokesman, called the Communists' defense of their forced repatriation demand "somewhat emotional" and "confused."

It was in reply to Harrison's statement Saturday that Russian commanders in World War II promised surrounded Axis troops

at Stalingrad and Budapest return to the country of their choice at the end of the war.

North Korean Gen. Nam Il replied that Harrison "misinterpreted and distorted" the "ultimatum issued by the victorious Soviet army to the encircled German, Hungarian and Italian troops."

"VICTORIOUS ARMY"

The chief Communist negotiator declared:

"After the conclusion of the Second World War, the Soviet Union in strict adherence to the Geneva convention repatriated all of the war prisoners held by her—German, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese—and of other countries—with the only exception of war criminals."

He insisted that the guarantees made at Budapest and Stalingrad did not involve prisoners but were actions "of a victorious army demanding the surrender of a losing army during hostilities."

Critical Housing Area

WASHINGTON (AP)—Butte, Mont. and Roseburg, Ore., were designated Wednesday by the Defense Production Administration as critical housing areas. The areas will be eligible for government aid for private construction of homes for defense workers.



Because snow blanketed roads to Baltimore in December, 1831, only 135 delegates attended the first Republican, or Whig, convention. Like the Anti-Masons, the Whigs wrote a party platform, named a rules committee, and gave a unanimous vote to the delegate with a majority.



He was Henry Clay, suave Kentuckian fond of bourbon, poker and horse-racing. Nick-named the "Cotton Candidate," and depicted with Kefauver-type coonskin cap by cartoonists, Clay favored western expansion and internal improvement at government expense.



The following May, in Baltimore, the Democrats held their first national convention, signaling the death of the caucus system by which Congressional and State legislatures had nominated candidates. Their nominee was President Andrew Jackson, rough-hewn, half-educated Tennesseean of Indian-fighting fame. "Old Hickory" beat Clay handily.

Convention Plans, Operation Take Skill, Finesse

Job Details Are Important

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Will the 1948-model Republican and Democratic national committees prove obsolete under their big tests in July?

Since they are elected by the national conventions—after being selected by their states—the present committees reflect the politics and personalities of the

conventions which nominated Thomas E. Dewey and Harry S. Truman.

They were elected to carry on the campaigns of those two presidential nominees, to conduct general party business for four years and then to arrange for the 1952 conventions.

THEY'LL FIND OUT

They'll find out almost as soon as the conventions open whether the arrangements they have made are satisfactory to the present convention delegates.

Their selections for keynoters, temporary chairmen, and perma-

nent chairmen are subject to approval by the delegates. There have been at least two occasions in recent Democratic party history, in 1912 and 1932, when delegates turned down some of the selections of the committee, made nominations from the floor, and staged a full scale scrap right at the outset.

Republican committee staff members say Republican conventions have never turned down the committee's nominees for keynoter and so forth.

But, they add, they don't recall any Republican convention at which there have been so many contested delegate seats. Just before the convention opens, the committee will rule on most of the contests, deciding who are the rightful delegates. Decisions will be subject to approval by the convention and may produce a slam-bang fight. The contests involve 95 delegates and 93 alternates from nine states.

COMMITTEE POWERFUL

The committees, although created by the conventions, are powerful little machines which do much to control the giant mechanisms that produced them.

Committee members, one man and one woman from each state besides representatives of territories and the District of Columbia, are mostly people who have been helping to run party affairs for years yet have never run for office. They are typically the kingmakers and stringpullers. Once elected to the committee, they likely to be reelected again and again.

So if the 1,300 to 1,500 delegates to the conventions, mostly strangers to one another, get into any hot fights they are likely to turn to the familiar faces of the national committeemen for counsel.

Between the conventions and the election, the national committees could exercise a very great power by themselves. If a party's candidate for president or vice president died or for some reason did not run, the committee then would pick a new nominee. This happened in 1860 when the Democrats nominated Benjamin Fitzpatrick of Alabama for vice presi-

dent. He declined the nomination, and the national committee substituted Herschel V. Johnson of Georgia.

The two Republicans who have served longest on their national committee are Mississippi Negroes Mrs. Mary C. Booze and Perry W. Howard, a prominent attorney. Both were first elected in 1924.

Close behind them in point of service is Walter S. Hallanan, who was elected in 1928. A wealthy West Virginia oil man, he did most of the work on arrangements for the national conventions in 1944 and 1948 and this year.

HALLANAN REWARDED

This year Hallanan will be rewarded for his long labors. The national committee has picked him for temporary chairman.

Usually the keynoter is the temporary chairman. But Gen. Douglas MacArthur is the keynoter this year. MacArthur has not been a full-time politician, and committeemen thought it best to let Hallanan wield the gavel in the crucial time between the opening of the convention by national chairman Guy Gabrielson and the installation of the permanent chairman. Tricky matters such as votes on contested seats come up then.

The Democratic committeemen are Mrs. Elizabeth Conkey of Illinois, Frank Hague of New Jersey and Mrs. J. Borden Harriman of the District of Columbia. All have served since 1928.

Work on the conventions began well over a year ago. The two chairmen first got together and agreed on the city and hall. The two major parties have used the same hall in 1932, 1944, and 1948. They find it saves money, and usually the city which is politically good for one is good for the other. Decorations are easily carried over since both favor red, white and blue.

QUARTERED AT HILTON

The two national committees announced their convention plans in May 1951, and early last January both parties sent their arrangements committee to Chicago. Both set up headquarters at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

The Democrats turned over all

work on the convention to a manager, who with a staff of five does all the actual work, subject to instructions of the arrangements committee. The chairman of the latter committee is the national committee chairman, Frank E. McKinney. The convention manager is William Neale Roach, assistant treasurer of the Democratic national committee.

The Republican arrangements committeemen themselves do the actual work on the convention. Gabrielson is chairman of the committee and has turned over the supervision to Hallanan. Wheelhorse of the committee is a staff member, Charles Hacker.

DETAILS IMPORTANT

Every detail of the vast job of preparing for all activities and contingencies could have political significance. Doorkeeping and the allotting of admission badges, for instance, are a major operation, in which huge police details give a hand.

Neither party has forgotten the experience of the Republicans in the famous "Wigwam" in Chicago in 1860, when Lincoln's followers packed the galleries before the ticket holders arrived at a crucial session. No one could get them out, so they stayed on, a powerful cheering section for the Lincoln faction.

The Democrats have issued a booklet telling delegates the rules and what to expect after their keynoter and temporary chairman, Gov. Paul A. Dever of Massachusetts, has spoken and handed over the gavel to the permanent chairman, Rep. Sam Rayburn of Texas.

PLATFORM LIKE BRIDGE

It tells them, among other things, that the platform of the hall is like the bridge of a battleship while the convention is in session—it should be kept cleared for action, and if they have business on the stage they should get it over with and move off as fast as possible.

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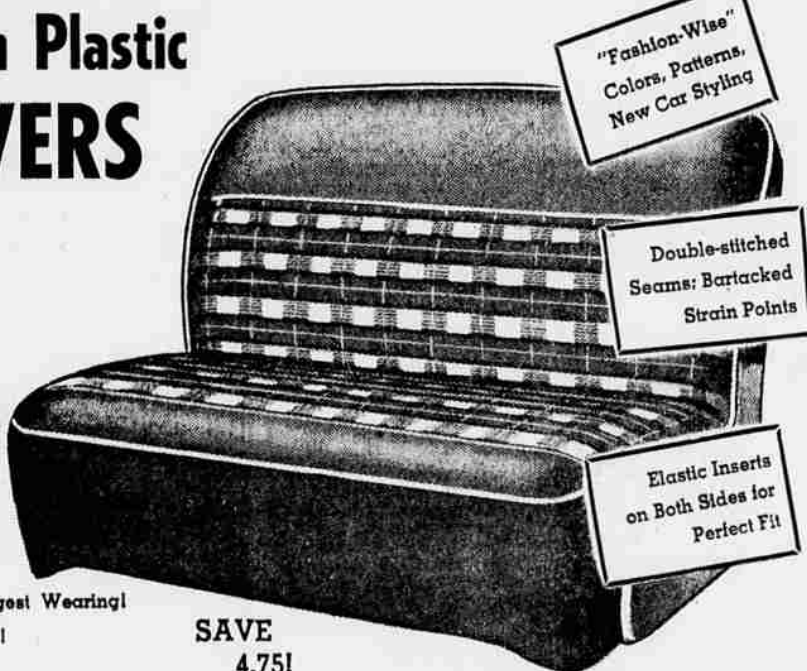
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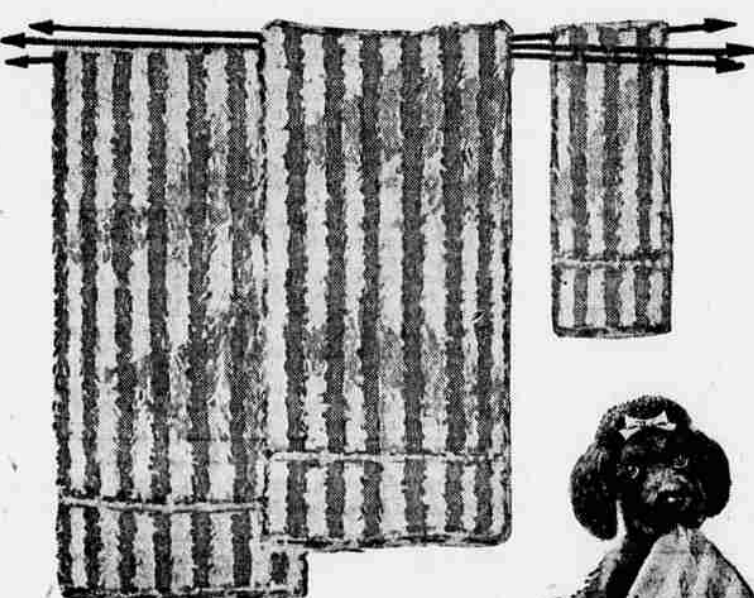
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