

GOP Convention Gets Under Way at Philadelphia

Truman's Desk Piled High With Bills After Congress Makes Adjournment Deadline

Washington, June 21 (U.P.)—President Truman's desk was piled high today with bills passed during a marathon wind-up session by the congress he called the "second worst" on record. Despite the president's own promise to keep the vetoes coming if he finds more legislation "objectionable," he was expected to approve most of the major last-minute bills. These include the 19-through-25 draft, foreign and appropriations, a compromise farm bill and pay raises for most federal workers.

Three Persons Killed in Blast At Powder Plant

Kenvil, N. J., June 21 (U.P.)—An explosion which was felt 50 miles away ripped through three buildings of the huge Hercules powder company plant today, killing three persons. Company officials in New York said three of the 12 plant buildings were completely wrecked. The Kenvil branch of the sprawling plant manufactures high explosives. Mrs. Israel Starke, proprietress of the Kenvil hotel, said workmen reaching the hotel from the explosion reported at least three persons had been injured. Four blasts, beginning shortly after 1 p. m. EDT, rocked communities in a wide area of northern New Jersey. In New York City, 50 miles away, skyscraper office workers said they felt the shock waves. State police said the explosions occurred in a nitro-glycerine neutralizer. The Hercules plant is spread over several hundred acres. It is bunkered and otherwise protected against blast concussion. Police blocked off highways leading into Kenvil and roped off the explosion area. However, an hour after the explosions emergency calls to ambulances and police emergency cars in all Morris county stations were reported cancelled.

Draft Directors Called to Meet

San Francisco, June 21 (U.P.)—A conference of the selective service directors of the eight western states will be called this week, Gen. Mark Clark, sixth army commander, announced today. The calling of the conference resulted from the passage of the new draft bill, which now necessitates the expansion of western facilities, Clark said. He named specifically Fort Lewis and Fort Worden in Washington, and Fort Ord in California. "I am delighted," Clark said, "with enactment of the new law for selective service. I have felt all along that passage of such legislation was a national necessity. Every American parent can be assured that not only the sixth army under my command but the entire United States army will give the youth of America good military training, adequate moral leadership and opportunity for mental, spiritual and physical growth."

Russia Seals Off Berlin and Plans Own Currency Reform

Berlin, June 21 (U.P.)—Russian plans for currency reform in the soviet zone of Germany went into high gear today while the western allies wrestled with the problem of supplying their garrisons in landlocked Berlin. The soviets called the German economic council for the Russian zone into special session today. They summoned the chiefs of finance of the German states in their zone to a meeting with bank directors of the main banks in the area tonight. The whirl of Russian financial activity was touched off by the currency reform in the western zones, which in turn sealed the zonal border between east and west Germany and virtually isolated the American, British and French sectors of Berlin except by air. Marshal Vassily D. Sokolovsky, the Russian military governor, announced that the soviets were forced to take protective measures to secure the economy of the soviet zone and Berlin. Sokolovsky's notice and warning were served in identical letters to the military governors of the three western zones. The "protective measures" were not defined. Presumably they were the sealing off of the soviet zone and consequent isolation of Berlin. Sokolovsky charged that the currency reform in the western zones violated all existing four-power agreements on currency. Traffic at the east-west zonal border was at a standstill as soviet and western authorities strengthened special currency control checkpoints.

Scouts Leave for Montana



Five Bend boys, members of the Explorer troop No. 120, sponsored by the Elks, left this morning for a two-week outing at Melita Island on Flathead lake, near Glacier national park. In the picture, from the left, are Tom Niebergall, Dick Rasmussen, Dick Gohrke, Joe Dyssart and Larry Prichard. They are making the trip to the Montana lake with a bus load of scouts from other parts of the Modoc district.

Foreign Policy Plank May Cause Party Fight; Housing And Civil Rights Other Issues

Philadelphia, June 21 (U.P.)—A foreign policy plank patterned after the Vandenberg brand of internationalism may set off the biggest intra-party fight at the republican convention. The tip-off came today from Sen. Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut as the republicans hammered their platform into shape. Baldwin frankly disagreed with the view of Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., Mass., that the proposed 2400-word statement of party principles is one which all elements of the party can support enthusiastically.

Nineteen Boys Leave for Camp

Nineteen boys from the Modoc council, Boy Scouts of America, left Bend by bus this morning for the senior scout base at Melita Island, on Flathead lake adjacent to Glacier national park. In the group were five Bend scouts, Tom Niebergall, Dick Rasmussen, Dick Gohrke, Joe Dyssart and Larry Prichard, all members of Explorer troop No. 120, sponsored by the Elks' lodge of Bend. At Melita island, the Bend scouts will join two other local boys, Jack Symons and Henry Herbring, who left for the Montana lake last week. Leo Herbring and Dr. R. E. Johnson, who accompanied the two boys north last week, returned to their homes here over the week end. The third boy who enrolled in the camp last week, William Niskanen, has returned, to take summer school work at the University of Oregon. Heading the Modoc delegation that left for the Flathead lake region this morning was R. H. Lamott, area executive. Other adults in the group included Rev. Glen Morton of Malin and Ora Blay, of Crescent. Navy Chief James Johnson, who heads the Elks' patrol, was among those present this morning to see the Bend boys off. While at the scout base, the boys will have an opportunity of visiting Glacier national park. Herbring and Dr. Johnson report that the Logan pass route has just been opened to travel.

Year's Sentence Given by Judge

Melvin A. Taylor, pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of a calf today in circuit court and was sentenced to the state penitentiary for a term not to exceed one year. Circuit court judge Ralph S. Hamilton said the final disposition of the case would lie with the state parole board. Willard J. Baker, 17, pleaded guilty to the same charge and was put on probation for a period of five years, with instructions to report to the state parole board monthly during that time. Taylor's wife, Bernice J. Taylor, pleaded not guilty to the larceny charge. Her bail was set at \$500. Judge Hamilton said he imposed the minimum penalty on the offenders because they had no police record and he considered the theft an "isolated incident."

Contract Given For Infirmary

Contract for the construction of the county infirmary was officially awarded Saturday to Robert W. Bowen, general contractor from Prineville. The contract will be signed Tuesday or Wednesday and construction will start immediately, according to the county judge's office. Bowen submitted a bid of \$72,750. Other bidders were A. W. Benold, Bend, \$81,750; H. G. Carl, Salem, \$87,866.88; Wegman and company, Portland, \$89,440; Western Construction company, Newberg, \$92,221; Teller Construction company, Portland, \$92,829; and R. P. Syverson, Bend, \$104,034.60.

THIEF LEAVES SCENT
Portland, June 21 (U.P.)—Forest R. Feight, 66, Portland, was in jail here today accused of shoplifting perfume. The vial broke in Feight's pocket during a getaway attempt and police picked up the scent.

BIRTH DATE FORECAST
London, June 21 (U.P.)—Princess Elizabeth has been told by her physicians, according to a published report today, that her baby probably will be born Saturday, October 16.

Draft Law Signature Is Expected Soon

Washington, June 21 (U.P.)—Draft-age youths who want to take advantage of the new draft law's "escape hatch" apparently will have to act fast. Congressional sources said today that President Truman's approval of the 19-through-25 peacetime conscription act is expected "in a matter of hours." The draft bill exempts members of the national guard or other active reserves—but they have to join before Truman signs the bill into law. He has 10 days to act.

Many Sign Up
National guard recruiting offices across the country were answering hundreds of phone calls today. Some reported a speed-up in enlistments from men eager to take advantage of the "escape hatch."

Miami, Fla., reported between 10 and 15 applications this morning, compared with a normal daily total of one or two. Cleveland, Ohio, guard headquarters got 100 applications in an hour. Meanwhile, army officials estimated that between 200,000 and 230,000 men would be inducted during the first year of the draft. The exact number, they said, will depend to a great extent on the number of volunteers.

Approved Saturday
As finally approved by congress on Saturday, the selective service bill would make men in the 19-through-25 age group eligible for 21 months' service. The first draftees could be called up three months after the president signs the bill.

Veterans Exempt
World war II veterans with at least 90 days' service between Pearl Harbor and V-J day would be exempt. So would those who put in a 12-month hitch between Sept. 16, 1940 and the day the bill becomes law. The president has authority to defer men with dependents, as well as "necessary" men in agriculture, industry, government and research, and scientific and medical students. Also exempt are regularly ordained ministers and those studying for the ministry, and conscientious objectors who are opposed to all types of service, even non-combat duty.

Forest Planning For Guard School

The Deschutes national forest will open its 1948 guard camp with class work to start at 8 a. m. Wednesday. Present for this year's school, to be held at the Pringle falls experiment station, will be 30 trainees and 10 instructors. Gail C. Baker, Deschutes national forest fire assistant, will be in charge. The guard school will end on June 25, with Kermit Linstedt, assistant regional forester in charge of fire control, to be present that day. Instructions to be received by the trainees will range from map reading to the operation of trenching equipment. Classes will start daily at 8 a. m. Recreation has been planned for off hours, in the evening, and events will include baseball game, chopping, bucking, compass and pacing contests. Thursday evening. Members of the Deschutes national forest headquarters staff, including Supervisor Ralph W. Crawford, will assist with the guard school, primary purpose of which will be to assist trainees in fire control problems.

Flood Area Needs Household Goods

Vanport and other flood refugees of the Portland area are in need of various types of household equipment. H. B. Collier, regional commander of the Salvation Army, has notified W. L. Van Duren, Bend. Articles needed include cooking utensils, and hot plates. Linens and sheets can also be used.

Persons who can assist with contributions are being asked to notify Mrs. Van Duren, whose telephone number is 588. Only serviceable material can be used. It was stressed.

Candidates All Forecast Own Victory

Philadelphia, June 21 (U.P.)—Rivals for the republican presidential nomination came up with these predictions as the GOP national convention got under way: Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York—says he expects to win "on an early ballot." Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio—sees it largely as a race between himself and Dewey and "I think I have a better chance of winning." Former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota—"I'll be in third place on the first ballot and in first place on the final one." Gov. Earl Warren of California—says he has a "fair chance" to win the nomination if it isn't settled "in a smoke filled room." There were also victory predictions from advocates of two prominent dark horse possibilities—Senate president Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan and Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Hospital Drive Reaches Crisis; Fund Needs High

In a final appeal for support of the Memorial Medical center, Carl A. Johnson, general chairman, declared today "we are faced by a serious problem because it is necessary to raise, in a few days, considerable more money to reach the amount necessary to build and equip the medical center than originally planned." The campaign for the center is to be terminated in a few days. Johnson's statement follows: "It is impossible for a few volunteer workers to visit all who could donate funds. Workers in Gilchrist, Lapine, Silver Lake and Sisters and those covering the Bend area are meeting with almost 100% success. The great trouble is we have too few workers to visit all who should be given an opportunity to subscribe. The problem now faced by each citizen of Central Oregon is to obtain a modern medical center with ample hospital facilities, also special operative equipment that cannot be found in small hospitals. Surely every man in Central Oregon is as much concerned with this problem as are the volunteer workers in this campaign."

Donations Asked
"Persons who have not donated may help now in this crisis. Cooperation within the next few days will determine whether or not we reach the maximum amount needed. They may make donations to any campaign worker or telephone the campaign headquarters, Bend 1661. "All should keep in mind that this Medical center will be one of the best in Oregon, having two major and two minor surgeries, two emergency operating rooms, modern laboratories, X-ray department, the latest in a maternity department and a section for treatment of polio and other paralysis cases. If for no other reason, you should donate because Bend has been designated by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis as one of the five polio emergency centers in Oregon."

In his appeal to the citizens of Central Oregon Chairman Johnson said: "There will come a time when you or some member of your family will use this Medical center—why not help build it! Any donation you make—\$100 to be a voting member—a memorial for a loved one, or a memorial to perpetuate the memory of your service to mankind—any sacrificial donation will be like writing a check payable to yourself, because some day you will use the Medical center. The service you now render will come back to you. You cannot afford not to do all you can today in order to make this Medical center possible. Do it now, because only a few days remain."

Burns Hospital Given Approval

Burns, June 21—Approval by the state board of health of the Harney county hospital, a 31-bed structure to be erected at a cost of \$270,862, has been announced by Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer. A site for the building has been approved. According to plans, the Burns building will be T-shaped, of one-story construction with masonry exterior walls.

Victory in November Forecast By Speakers; Dewey, Stassen And Taft Rank as Favorites

Philadelphia, June 21 (U.P.)—The republican national convention opened today in a flood of chest-thumping oratory with Dewey, Taft, and Stassen odds-on favorites to lead the field on the first ballot for a presidential nominee. After hearing four speeches, all forecasting victory in November, the delegates transacted some routine business and adjourned at 12:57 p. m. EDT until 9 p. m. EDT. The balloting for presidential nominee, the biggest piece of business before the convention, won't start until Thursday. Today was the day for big talk—talk of what the republicans plan to do to the democrats come fall.

Stop-Dewey Move Failure, Claims Campaign Chief

Philadelphia, June 21 (U.P.)—Herbert Brownell, Jr., campaign manager for Thomas E. Dewey, said today a move to stop the New York governor's nomination had failed and predicted an early ballot victory. He told a press conference that the stop-Dewey move "has been going on for two years—ever since Gov. Dewey was re-elected by the largest majority in New York's history." "We are not worried about any stop-Dewey move or anything else," Brownell said. "We are very confident that Gov. Dewey will be nominated on an early ballot."

"He said Dewey has picked up considerable strength since delegates arrived in Philadelphia for the convention. Many unpledged delegations have called at the governor's hotel suite to give their support, Brownell added. Asked to identify sponsors to the stop-Dewey move, Brownell said, "Why everyone who wants to be a candidate." He denied that Sen. Arthur Vandenberg's followers had cut into the Dewey strength, saying: "On the contrary we have constantly picked up delegates and the Dewey march to victory is continuing. I have complete confidence in the outcome."

Brownell declined to say just how many votes he expected from doubtful Pennsylvania. Dewey was lurching with Sen. Edward Martin, one of the state's influential leaders who will get Pennsylvania's first-ballot votes. Dewey knows he must win on an early ballot if at all.

Dewey Toughest, Claims Truman

Washington, June 21 (U.P.)—President Truman believes that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York would be the toughest opponent the republican national convention could give him. He feels house speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts would be the easiest to beat in November. White House sources said today Mr. Truman listed his choices during a recent "bull session" with some members of his staff. The president's selection—from hardest-to-beat to easiest opponent—reportedly were as follows: Dewey, Harold E. Stassen, Gov. Earl Warren of California, Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R. Mich., Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., Sen. John W. Bricker, R., O., and Martin. Gen. Douglas MacArthur apparently was not included on Mr. Truman's list of GOP possibilities.

Destroyers Given Palestine Duty

Washington, June 21 (U.P.)—The navy today named the three destroyers of the U. S. Mediterranean fleet that are being detailed to Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations mediator for Palestine, for use in supervising the truce. The ships are from destroyer squadron two, commanded by Capt. John F. Walsh. They are the Putnam, commanded by Cmdr. D. M. Swift, North Arlington, Va., the Henley, commanded by Cmdr. D. L. Moody, Los Angeles, and the J. C. Owens, commanded by Cmdr. R. H. Weeks, Alexandria, Va.

Heat Wave and Kleig Lights Put GOP in Shirt Sleeves

Part of the heat was generated by the delegates and convention officials themselves. They expended billions of ergs of energy patting each others' hands. The coolest place was the gallery. The big lights missed the people up there. Arrangements committee chairman Walter S. Hallanan had it the roughest. It was a hard convention to get going. He pounded with his gavel 28 times by actual count before he could make his voice heard above the tumult of chatting delegates. "The delegates had the look of a hungry bear by a honey tree. They have no doubt whatever that this is the GOP's big year. Republican national chairman Carroll Reece stopped by the press box long enough to mop his brow and size up the show. "This," he said, "is our greatest convention."