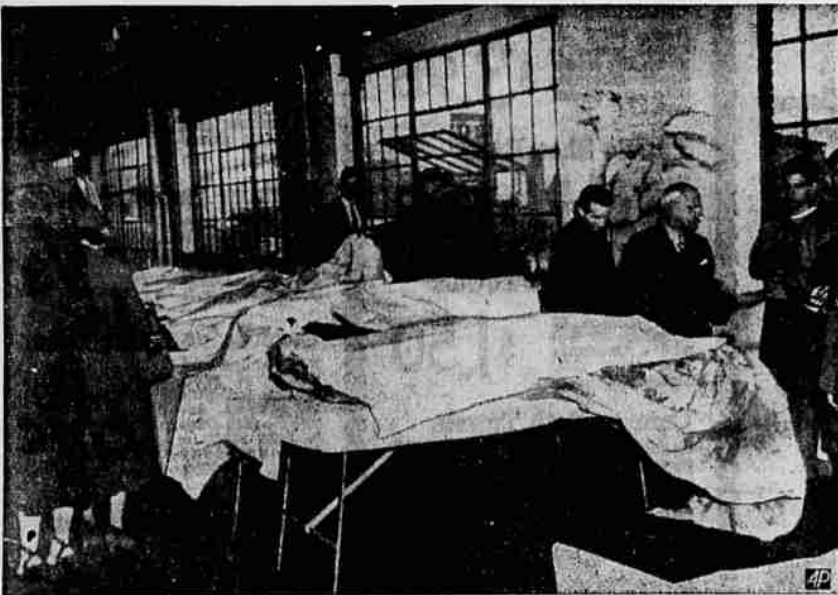


Body Recovered from Debris—Rescue workers amid the debris of the explosion blasted office building of a Sioux City, Ia., packing plant (Swift & Co.) are preparing to remove a body from the wreckage. At least 14 perished in the blast. (AP Wirephoto)



Relatives Look for Dead—Relatives of persons killed in Sioux City, Ia., blast of a packing company office building seek to identify bodies in a naval reserve armory which was set up as a morgue. At least 14 were killed and more than 80 injured. (AP Wirephoto)



Body Removed from Wreckage—Firemen carry a body from the blasted office building of the Swift & Co. plant at Sioux City, Ia., after an explosion turned parts of the building to a shambles. (AP Wirephoto)

GOP Must Shed 'Me-Tooism' To Give Voters 'Clear Choice'

Chicago, Dec. 15 (AP)—Republican party strategy leaders were reported today that the GOP must shed "me-too-ism" and give the voters a "clear choice" on 1950 election issues.

Arthur E. Summerfield, Michigan national committeeman, voiced the view. He said the GOP national strategy committee which he heads is in general agreement with him.

The strategy group, in a one-day closed meeting Tuesday, took no formal stand on policy. That is a matter left up to a policy group not yet named and eventually to be decided by the party's national committee in January or February.

But the strategists were said to feel that any campaign plans they recommend for local party workers depend a great deal on "a clear-cut, positive" set of principles.

In effect, Summerfield's declaration suggested that GOP success next year and Guy Gabrielson's future as the party's national chairman hinge more on what the party offers — and how soon — than on how it goes about offering it to the voters.

Gabrielson, who has some critics in the 23-member strategy group, promised to get busy.

He said he will appoint a policy-drafting committee by the first week in January and he hopes the national committee will have a policy statement

whipped into shape by February.

Gabrielson declared that the strategy group crystallized sentiments that "we should adopt a clear cut point of view and an affirmative program." He also told newsmen:

"We didn't win in 1948 because we didn't put up a fight. We think we will regain control of congress in 1950. We are optimistic. If we fail we are going to make a hell of a lot of noise in doing it."

Neither Summerfield nor Gabrielson mentioned Thomas E. Dewey of New York by name in discussing his defeat as last year's GOP presidential nominee.

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Eight divisions were organized with the following leaders and officers elected:

Cooking I—Mrs. Eula Lande, leader; Joyce Jones, president; Norma Bender, vice-president; Sandra Knox, secretary; Lavern Wright, song leader; Carolyn Helm, news reporter.

Cooking II—Mrs. Eleanor Smith, leader; Donna Peabody, president; Shirley Mohler, vice-president; Joan Turndize, secretary; Pauline Brizex, song leader; Shirley Wagner, news reporter.

Woodworking, Paul Johnston, leader; Deo Brizex, president; Dracy Dark, vice-president; M. A. T. L. Stewart, secretary; James Courtney, song leader; Jack Jones, news reporter.

Forestry, Kora Prichard, leader; Dean Mansfield, president; Richard Bales,

inee. But Summerfield told the committee: "God knows we need a change in strategy and tactics."

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Sewing II—Mrs. Alice Huber, leader; Daphne Billington, president; Marlene Prichard, vice-president; Gloria Curv, song leader; DeLora Boatman, news reporter.

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