

TAFT MAY HEAD GOP COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Gains Support In Recent Weeks; Leaders Of Both Parties Reaching Chicago

Chicago, June 15 (U.P.)—Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, may be selected chairman of the highly important resolutions committee, which drafts the platform for the republican national convention opening here June 26, without opposition next week, party leaders indicated in off-the-record talks today.

Taft, who is serving his first term in the senate, has gained added support for the chairmanship in recent weeks, GOP leaders said, and already has the backing of Gov. John W. Bricker's supporters.

Has Dewey Backing
In addition, it was believed that Taft also had gained the confidence of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's supporters.

Both democratic and republican leaders have begun arriving in Chicago for important pre-convention conferences and the democratic committee on arrangements will hold its initial meeting tomorrow.

Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan will call this first meeting to pick a keynote speaker and permanent chairman and to fill other administrative offices.

Gov. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, one of the leading candidates for keynoter, will attend the meeting of the committee.

Sergeants-At-Arms
Nineteen republican congressmen have been named as acting sergeants-at-arms and will help keep the records of delegates' votes and in the parliamentary procedure of the convention.

J. Russell Sprague of New York, one of the principal Dewey backers, will arrive Saturday to open headquarters for the New York governor.

Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms, New Mexico, already has opened an unofficial headquarters for Dewey supporters, while Bricker supporters have had space at the Stevens hotel for some time.

Of the 150 million bushels of apples ordinarily grown each year in the United States, at least 20 million never reach the processing plant or the open market, and are largely left in the orchard to waste.

TALENT BOY HAS TROUBLES WITH ENGLISH MONEY

News of a Yank's difficulty in mastering problems of English money, expressions and customs came recently in the form of a letter written to a Medford friend by Pvt. Edward L. Walters, former Mail Tribune carrier now stationed "somewhere in England" with an American infantry unit. A graduate of Talent high school, Walters is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Walters of Route 1, Central Point.

Walters writes that England is a "very pretty country with many old and historical buildings and castles. Sheep and cattle graze on the countryside fields, making a beautiful setting."

Stationery is hard to obtain, the local boy says, but mail from home is always welcome to the soldiers.

He continues, "The thing that looked the queerest at first to us is the fact that they drive on the left side of the road. English money was our biggest problem, most of us have it figured out now but this pounds, crowns, shillings, etc., was sure a mystery at first."

"The English people seem quite friendly and treat us well. They are a little hard to understand unless they talk slowly. They use a lot of different names than we do such as pubs, bobbies, petrol and others."

Johnson Brothers Meet By Chance In South Pacific

Two Jacksonville brothers, Pvt. Simon and Pvt. Arthur Johnson, recently had a surprise meeting at an army camp in a South Pacific island, the two servicemen meeting by chance as they both walked on the camp grounds. Neither brother knew that the other had been assigned to the island, an exchange of information showing their camps to be but a quarter of a mile apart.

In letters to their mother, Mrs. R. A. Johnson of Jacksonville, the brothers told of the surprise meeting. Two other brothers are also in the service. Sgt. William Johnson is stationed in England and Sgt. Carl Jensen is stationed in Kansas.

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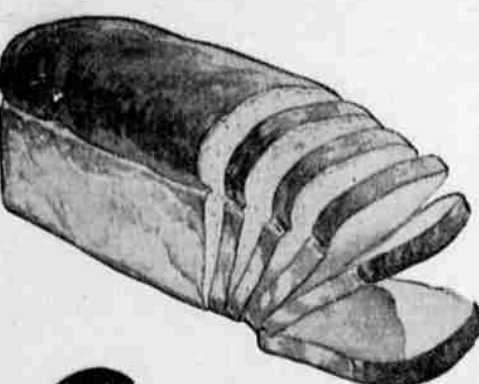
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