

Eisenhower Leaders Trying To Break Up Taft Hold on South

Atlanta—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's Dixie leaders met Saturday to discuss ways to crack Sen. Robert A. Taft's hold on Southern Republican machinery and to round-up convention votes for the general.

Some 30 Ike leaders from 11 southern states put their heads together with Rep. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), former chairman of the GOP national committee. They hoped to come up with a formula for translating Eisenhower's popular appeal into Ike-pledged convention delegates.

South Inspired
The growing Ike boom elsewhere in the nation has inspired Southern supporters of the general to step up their campaign to win convention votes in a territory once considered solid for Taft.

A United Press survey of 10 Dixie states indicated that Ike forces still have an uphill fight on their hands although they appear to have made some gains. The survey showed Taft apparently leading in six of the states and Eisenhower in one. Three others were doubtful.

"There is no question but that Gen. Eisenhower is the popular choice of Southern Republicans," said Atlanta attorney Elbert Tuttle, a Georgia leader for the general.

Georgia For Ike
Georgia at present appears to be the only state where the GOP machinery is dominated by Ike supporters. And a rival pro-Taft

faction may send a contesting delegation to the national convention.

John Minor Wisdom of New Orleans is the chairman of the Southern Eisenhower group.

Meanwhile, a Georgia backer of Sen. Estes Kefauver for the Democratic nomination urged Nebraska and Wisconsin voters to support the Tennessee crime hunter on behalf of Georgia voters who "have lost our freedom to express our preference for a presidential nominee."

New Law
A new Georgia law, aimed squarely at President Truman, will keep names of presidential candidates off the November election ticket in Georgia. Thus presidential electors will be morally and legally free to vote for whomever they please.

German Chancellor Cautions World on Russian Proposals

Editors note: World attention is focused on Soviet Russia's latest move in the cold war, proposing to the Allies unification of Germany and negotiation of a peace treaty with the former enemy country. A. L. Bradford, vice president of the United Press for Europe obtained a significant interview with German Chancellor Adenauer just before the latter's departure from Paris in which the German statesman gave a solemn warning that Russia's aim is to prevent organization of the defense of Europe.

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Paris—(U.P.)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer Saturday warned the world that the Soviet Russian proposal for unification of Germany and negotiation of a peace treaty with that country was an appeal to German Nationalist aimed at delaying integration of Europe and upsetting European defense.

The German Chancellor's warning was given in an exclusive interview when he received me Friday in his hotel suite immediately upon his return from the Quai d'Orsay. There he had his final talk with Foreign Ministers Schuman of France, Eden of Great Britain and American Ambassador Dunn, on the impending Western reply to the Soviet note. Shortly after the interview he left by plane for Bonn.

Adenauer said that any delay in the establishment of the



PLEASED—Smiling Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower leaves SHAPE headquarters at Rocquencourt, France, after hearing results of the Minnesota primary. Ike, whose name did not appear on the printed ballot, piled up 96,647 write-in votes, which even his supporters found amazing. Harold E. Stassen, Minnesota's favorite son, whose name appeared on the ballot, received 109,627 votes.

A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

BY HARMAN W. NICHOLS
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Washington—(U.P.)—The fire laddies of old Manhattan's volunteer departments were tough characters. Even so, you will find etched in the files names of some of the "400" of the day.



Big and little shots, the boys for more than 100 years used to fist-fight on the streets as they hand-pulled their fire wagons to disaster areas. The idea was to see which company could get there first. And maybe win a set-up of beer if they could hold down the damage. Many a home became cinders before anybody arrived.

All of this, and a whole lot more, is in print in a book by Kenneth Holcomb Dunshee titled "As You Pass By." Hastings House. The art and text carries one back across the years in the history of old New York.

Rivalry Displayed
The rivalry among the early

companies is displayed in the "logs" from some of the fire companies. Here are a couple of samples:

Fire Pine near Wm. Number of men out 33... We passed 15 trucks Christmas day."

"Saturday, November 3rd, 7th district. Fire Water and Roosevelt Street... rained like hell and that helped."

Anecdotes Priceless
Some of the anecdotes are old, but at the same time priceless. Dunshee looked into the matter of Barnum's museum, which was the scene of unusual events in the history of New York. In early times it was the center of the amusement world. The author dug out the fact that in 1849, Catherine Havens wrote:

"We always ask him to take us past Polly B's house. She set fire to a house and burned up ever so many people, and I guess she was hung for it, because there is a wax figure of her in Barnum's museum."

In the 1850's Barnum put on a show called "The Patriots of '76." The production called for a large cast of extras. In the

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Deputy Has Rough Time Obtaining Confession

Peoria, Ill.—(U.P.)—Ray Crafton, deputy sheriff, came out of one case with strained vocal cords.

A 74-year-old woman was accused of stealing \$25 from another woman in a tavern. She was partially deaf and used an old-fashioned ear trumpet.

Crafton nearly lost his voice trying to get the woman to confess. After a lot of Crafton's shouting, she did.

midst of the most exciting part, an alarm sounded. A man named Bill Racey ducked out of the wings and announced in a loud voice "boys, there's a fire in the 7th district." The cast—to a man volunteer firemen—deserted the stage and answered the summons.

Birds Freed

On July 13, 1865, flames broke out in a house of birds and animals on Ann street. Firemen, after fighting to see who would get the free beer, finally freed all of the birds. But the other inhabitants presented another problem. The occasion was a challenge to Johnny Denham, member of Hose Co. 15.

Johnny was a quiet, retiring

Ketchikan May Add Abalone Harvests

Ketchikan, Alaska—(U.P.)—Abalone harvests may one day be added to the fishery resources of Ketchikan, salmon-canning capital of the world.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has hired a deep-sea diver, W. E. Walker, and his boat to survey the main beds

sort of fellow. While bedlam was at its worst, a Bengal tiger cut loose from his cage and the spectators, who had no legal right on the scene anyhow, panicked.

Our Johnny was right there with an axe.

Bengal Dead Tiger

He handled same with great accuracy and the Bengal soon was a dead tiger. Cheers went up and as Dunshee records the event, Johnny Denham "felt a flow of feeling." He broke back through the lines, this volunteer fireman, and carried out the fat lady—a character who weighed about 400 pounds. Back again he went and lugged down two kids. On a third trip he brought out a woolly-headed albino woman.

As the author puts it: "Johnny Denham got no medals, but there is no doubt that he had his day."

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