

GOP Chicago Convention Captures World Interest

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For the first time, an American political convention has captured the unfeigned interest of most of the rest of the world. The battle for delegates at the Republican National Convention in Chicago is front-page and often bannerline news in newspapers from London to Tokyo.

Never before, in the opinion of most Europeans and Asiatics, have they had so much at stake in a party presidential race. **Have Taken Sides** And, like most Americans, they have taken sides in the contest between Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen. Robert A. Taft, with self-interest justifying their choice.

Britain and Western Europe are in Eisenhower's corner. They know and respect Eisenhower for his inspired leadership of the World War II invasion armies

and the North Atlantic Pact Supreme Command.

They believe that Eisenhower would keep American military and economic aid flowing to them if he won the presidency. They fear Taft would return the U. S. to isolationism, at least so far as Europe is concerned.

Asia Favors MacArthur

The situation is reversed in the Far East. Gen. Douglas MacArthur still is revered both in Japan and in Formosa, all that remains of Nationalist China. If they can't have MacArthur, they would settle for the man MacArthur supports — Taft. Both, they believe, would see that the Far East isn't slighted for Europe.

Of all the nations closely following the convention, Britain probably is the most interested. The U. S. embassy in London early took cognizance of this and prepared a 15-page booklet explaining the American electoral system.

It has become a best-seller, with two editions already sold out.

London newspapers, headed by the state Times, are devoting both their news and editorial columns to the Republican contest.

Times Against Taft A Times editorial Monday warned Britons that the Republican Party was in danger of being "captured by its neo-isolationists and 'Pacific-firsters.'" It accused Taft supporters of "brazenly" using party machinery to win control of contested delegates.

Even the Sunday newspaper News of the World, whose exploitation of sex and crime has boosted its circulation to a world record 8,423,112, shoved these

aside to give top spot to the GOP Convention.

French newspapers also played up the Chicago developments. The left-wing socialist newspaper *Franc Tireur* said the convention's choice "will influence . . . the policy of a power the U. S. which has taken, and in which the rest of the world has confided, an overwhelming responsibility."

Like "Favorite Son"

West German newspapers are worried over the fate of Eisenhower, their favorite "son." One commented that Eisenhower's "Alice in Wonderland innocence" is no match for Taft's professional political know-how.

In Japan, the Tokyo newspaper *Mainichi* devoted half its front page to a report on the first day of the convention.

Only Russia and her Communist satellites profess to be disinterested in the outcome of the race. They regard all American political leaders as war-mongers and "slaves of Wall Street."

Taft Holds 101 Margin In Delegate Standings

Chicago—(U.P.)—Here is the way delegates line up on the second day of the Republican National Convention. The United Press tabulation is based on pledges and known first-ballot preferences. It includes contested delegates as decided by the Republican national committee, whose ruling on contested delegations in Texas and some other states was appealed to the credentials committee Tuesday.

Sen. Robert A. Taft	548
Gen. Eisenhower	445
Gov. Earl Warren	78
Harold E. Stassen	25
Gen. Douglas MacArthur	5
Gen. Albert Wedemeyer	1
Uncomm. or Unknown	108
Total	1,208
Needed to nominate	604

Jacksonville Property Changes Hands Recently

Jacksonville — Several pieces of Jacksonville property have changed hands recently, according to Mrs. Lois Fretwell, city recorder.

Archie Kitchen has purchased property at 303 North Oregon street belonging to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Reinking and F. L. Kingston bought the former Kitchen place at 701 Applegate road.

Clyde F. Sutherland, superintendent of Jacksonville schools, has obtained the Fred Reisdorf property at 305 North Fourth street and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Algeo bought the house on the corner of Fifth and California streets.



GOING REPUBLICAN — Mrs. Borden Stevenson won't vote for her ex-husband, Governor Adlai E. Stevenson, for President, or any other Democrat. Speaking from Chicago, Mrs. Stevenson said, "Illinois needs him for governor, but our country needs a change of administration."

Vote for Each State On Test of Strength

Convention Hall, Chicago — The following is a state-by-state roll call vote on the first test of strength which occurred Monday between the forces of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen. Robert A. Taft at the Republican National convention here. A "yes" vote favored a Taft-sponsored motion to amend delegate contest rules and a "no" vote favored the position taken by the Eisenhower forces.

State	Yes	No
Alabama	12	3
Arizona	12	2
Arkansas	11	0
California	0	70
Colorado	1	17
Connecticut	2	20
Delaware	13	7
Florida	15	3
Georgia	17	0
Idaho	14	0
Illinois passed.		
Indiana	31	1
Iowa	11	15
Kansas	2	20
Kentucky	18	2
Louisiana	13	2
Maine	5	11
Maryland	5	19
Massachusetts passed.		
Michigan	1	45
Minnesota	0	28
Mississippi	5	0
Missouri	4	22
Montana	7	1
Nebraska	13	5
Nevada	7	5
New Hampshire	0	14
New Jersey	5	33
New Mexico	8	6
New York	1	95
North Carolina	14	12
North Dakota	11	3
Ohio	56	0
Oklahoma	10	6
Oregon	0	13
Pennsylvania	13	57
Rhode Island	2	6
South Carolina	5	1
South Dakota	14	0
Tennessee	20	0
Texas	22	16
Utah	14	0
Vermont	0	12
Virginia	13	10
Washington	4	20
West Virginia	13	1
Wisconsin	24	6
Wyoming	8	4
Alaska	3	0
Dist. of Columbia	6	0
Hawaii	7	1
Puerto Rico	2	1
Virgin Islands	0	1
Illinois	58	2
Massachusetts	5	33
Final Vote	548	658

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