

Circus Style Hoopla Accompanies Republican Nominating Speeches

Convention Hall, Chicago — (U.P.)—There can't have been anything like it since Vesuvius blew up. They nominated candidates for the presidential nomination Thursday night and early Friday. It is a tradition of American politics for partisans at nominating conventions to stage organized riots for their men.

Nobody that lived through this session, and thousands did, will ever forget it. In the small hours tempers got short and at 1:26 a.m. a pushing, shoving brawl broke up in front of the speaker's rostrum over a California standard.

Near Battle

Fists came close to flying when angry California delegates tried to recover a state standard from supporters of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, one of five men put in nomination for president.

It took six or seven ushers and several policemen to restore order. One husky MacArthur supporter was wrestled violently to the floor by a policeman and removed from the hall.

Delegates roared and chanted and shouted and made with sirens, cap pistols, rattles and cowbells until every seismograph in the country should have gone off the dial.

Planned Pandemonium

It was a sort of planned pandemonium with overtones of jungle frenzy and camp meeting ecstasy.

It was planned, the way a circus is planned, because four-foot balloons, 30-foot standards, and placards and banners in the special colors that show up well in black-and-white TV don't just materialize. Neither do such properties as elephant masks, lion heads, and dizzy hats designed to make pretty girls look silly.

So in a way the night's demonstrations were about as spontaneous as Brooklyn Bridge — at the start at least.

How else explain the red-faced, overweight, middle-aged couple that suddenly took to dancing among the tubas of a brass band during the demonstration for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower?

Taft Demonstration First

The first big demonstration was for Sen. Robert A. Taft, nominated by Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, Ill. Non-delegate Taft

backers who had been lurking for hours at the gates suddenly stampeded into the arena and the riot was on.

They went mildly wild when Dirksen was introduced but reserved most of their firepower until he concluded.

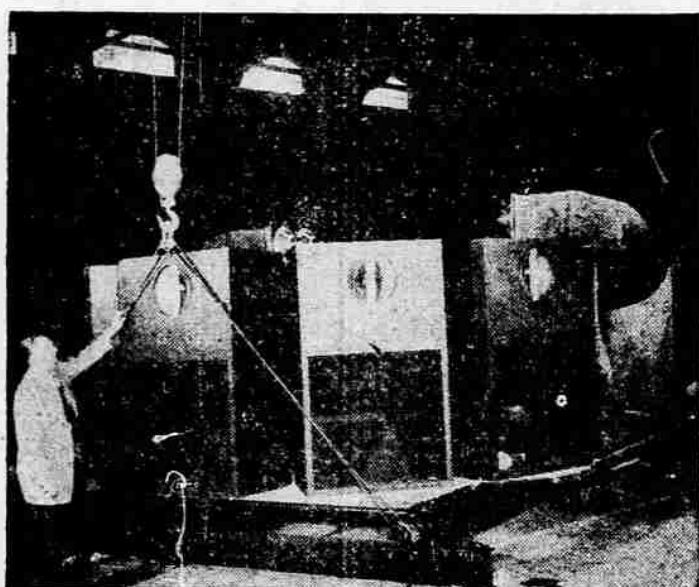
Warren Effort Noisy

The Warren people couldn't equal to Taft show because they were outnumbered by hundreds. But individually they seemed noisier. They had more cowbells. Stars of the Warren spectacle were the governor's lovely daughters, Nina, Dorothy, and Virginia.

The loudest and longest and craziest bedlam of the evening was produced by victory-scented demonstrators for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. It lasted 11 minutes longer than Taft's. Ike Ruckus

James M. Reynolds, swivel-hipped young man from Pasadena, Calif., son of the pen manufacturer, led the Eisenhower ruckus from the rostrum. Martin looked at him and remarked, "He's the noisiest Republican I ever heard."

The audience was tiring by the time Harold E. Stassen was put in nomination by Mrs. C. E.



CONVENTION MUSIC—Music for the Republican convention in Chicago has been largely furnished by a Connsonata electronic organ, the huge loudspeaker unit of which is shown being hoisted to a place under the 80-foot ceiling of the vast International amphitheatre. The Connsonata, a line handled by Pruitt's Music Center in Medford is an all-electronic organ manufactured by C. G. Conn Ltd., of Elkhart, Ind.

Story of 'Roxy' On National Chain Saturday Morning

Medford and Jackson County will be in the nation's spotlight for a time Saturday morning.

NBC Farm and Home Hour program will feature Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association and the Lewis L. "Doc" Simpson family in a special broadcast originating in the studios of KMED.

Highlight of the broadcast, which will be heard locally at 10:30 to 11:00 a.m., will be the story of "Roxy" the industrial radiotelephone system which has won national prominence for its public service work. (It was featured in a special article in The Mail Tribune last Sunday).

Jerry Seaman, of Milwaukee, Wis., producer of the show, is in Medford with two technicians from Hollywood to handle details of the program whose local master of ceremonies will be Jennings Pierce, manager of KMED.

Another visitor in Medford for the special event is James Stevens, Seattle, author of "Out of the Woods" feature which appears regularly in The Mail Tribune. Big Jim Stevens wrote the script for this broadcast. Stevens is best known for his Paul Bunyan books which have been best sellers for a quarter century. He is the author of an even dozen books, and a contributor to many of the nation's leading magazines.

Mrs. Almina Thompson Dies in Klamath Falls

Mrs. Almina Thompson, 80 formerly a resident of Medford and Ashland, died Wednesday, July 9, in Klamath Falls, friends here said today. Mrs. Thompson resided in the Rogue valley from 1934 to 1941.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Bertha Barbee, Medford and Mrs. Alma Foster, Klamath Falls; two sons, Earl F. Jones, Medford, and C. L. Jones, Klamath Falls, eight grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday in Klamath Falls.

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