

Demos Set Convention Date; Republicans Discuss Plans as 'Draft' Ike Movement Mounts

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Washington — (U.P.) — Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler said today the party's 1956 convention will begin July 23 in Chicago if no changes are made in certain state election laws.

Butler said that if certain states do change their election laws quickly to permit later conventions the Democratic conclave will open on Aug. 13, 1956.

Butler made the announcement as President Eisenhower met here with Republican party strategists to discuss the time and place of the 1956 GOP convention at which it is likely he will be nominated for a second term.

Butler suggested to Democratic leaders in several states possible changes in their state election laws to permit later presidential nominating conventions.

State Laws Interfere
An examination of state statutes, he said, shows that several states require certification of the presidential candidates anywhere from 70 to 98 days before election day.

For instance, Connecticut requires that candidates be certified to election officers as early as Aug. 15. That would make it impossible to hold conventions after or near that date.

He announced that members of the Democratic National Committee in a mail poll had voted to hold the 1956 convention in Chicago as unanimously recommended by the site committee.

Butler said that opening the Democratic convention on July 23 is the "latest possible date" in view of the existing laws.

The Democratic National Committee prefers a later convention date and a shorter campaign. Butler noted that the Republicans also would prefer a later convention and briefer campaign.

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GOP National Chairman Leonard W. Hall requested today's conference on 1956 procedure. The committee will meet here Thursday to discuss convention plans.

Lincoln Day Kickoff
Today's huddle is a natural follow to the Lincoln Day kickoff of the draft-Eisenhower movement in New York. The executive committee of New York's National Republican club called on the party Saturday to rally around the draft.

Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. was principal speaker before the club's 1,000 Lincoln Day dinner guests and fell easily into the pattern of recent eulogies of the President which point toward a draft movement.

There was dissent from Chicago where right wing Republicans made Lincoln Day the occasion for a stop-Eisenhower maneuver. Utah's Republican Governor, J. Bracken Lee, spoke at a lunch related to a series of discussion meetings sponsored by Chicago Republican groups.

The governor challenged Mr. Eisenhower's party loyalty and suggested that right wing Republicans and Democrats might need to get together to form their own party if neither of the older groups can find room for their point of view.

Sen. Prescott Bush (R-Conn.) said Sunday that he thought Mr. Eisenhower would be renominated and elected in 1956, even though right wing Republicans sought to form a third party.

Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) also cast his lot with the President. Smith said he also favors the renomination of Vice-President Richard M. Nixon.

Sen. James H. Duff (R-Pa.) also was among the week end promoters of the Eisenhower-in-1956 movement.

The President is keeping his own counsel, explaining publicly that he will cross the second term bridge when he reaches it. He will lunch with Republican National Committee members next Thursday.

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LEAVING MEETING ROOM in Miami Beach, Fla., where they worked out plans for merger of American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations. AFL President George Meany and CIO President Walter Reuther (right) shake hands. Final step will be approval of unions' committees. Smiling in center is CIO Steelworkers' David McDonald. (International)

On The Side By E. V. Durling

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Love is wonderful. With that claim I am in complete agreement. I also concede marriage has much to recommend it and that everybody should try it at least once. However, I have grown weary of the domination of the television screen by dramas dealing with love and marriage. Therefore, I was greatly entertained and refreshed by viewing that television play titled "Patterns."

It was a powerful play, powerfully acted. The love interest was subordinated to a highly dramatic clash of personalities. The performance of Jack Livesley in "Patterns" was the best I have seen on television so far.

Stupidity
A New York lawmaker proposes legalizing off-track horse wagering to be handled by licensed bookmakers. All taxes on same to go to the government. There are several stupid angles to this proposal but one that stands out like tan shoes on an undertaker is it would so decrease the mutual machine wagering at the track that they would be unable to operate. Big bettors would patronize the bookmakers so their wagers would not affect the mutual prices. That would deprive the tracks of so much revenue they would soon be far in the red. You may not be interested in the

turf. However, you should be deeply interested in any proposed taxation based on ignorance and therefore, unjust. It could happen, and may have already happened, to something you are vitally interested in.

Draft Dodgers
Discussion of the sudden demise of a notorious draft dodger of World War II brings to mind Grover Cleveland Bergdoll and the evaders of military service during World War I. In that war there were in the United States 337,649 draft dodgers. That was 11 per cent of the men inducted into the service! Of these, 163,738 were apprehended. The rest escaped service. The names of these draft dodgers or "slackers" were later published in the newspapers.

Among The Married
The husband, being the head of the house, should have the last word on how the family income should be saved, invested or spent. The "family income" includes any money earned by the wife. Such is the opinion of authorities on matrimony. Is your wife a career woman? Does she turn her pay check over like a good girl? Mrs. Bob Waterfield, professionally known as Jane Russell, does. The shapely screen siren always gives her pay check to her spouse to handle. He gives her an allowance. If she runs over her allowance, Jane says her husband punishes her. But she doesn't say how.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. What would you say was the greatest single defeat ever experienced by the United States Army? A. That would be the battle known as Custer's Last Stand. The defeat of the United States Army forces at Little Big Horn administered by Sitting Bull and his Sioux Indian followers. Q. Have you a reader in Hell, Mich.? A. Not that I know of. However, I have one in Paradise, Calif.

Disappointed
Too many books announced for publication never reach the bookstalls. Michael Arlen said he was going to write one titled "What Fun Frenchmen Have." He never did. I was greatly disappointed. Then a piano tuner of New York informed me he was going to write a book titled "What I Have Learned About Women While Tuning Pianos." I certainly looked forward to that. It was never written. I often wonder what the fellow really did learn about women while tuning pianos.

Passing By
Mike Todd, veteran showman. Mike's first stage production presented in Chicago was titled "Bring on the Dames." However, the hit of the production was not a dame. It was a penguin billed as "Pete, the Personality Penguin."

The main reason for that hope is the success of the Geneva Conference last year which dealt with problems at least as difficult, if not more difficult, than the present far eastern problems and yet we found a way out," Nehru said.

He made the statement to reporters shortly before his plane took off for New Delhi from the London Conference of British Commonwealth Prime Ministers. He planned a brief Paris stop-over for talks with former Premier Pierre Mendes-France.

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Do-It-Yourself Brings Warning By Safety Experts

Chicago — (U.P.) — The do-it-yourself craze is fine if you don't chop off a finger, the safety experts warn.

According to social scientists there are two basic urges behind the do-it-yourself predilection for putting.

One is the creative yen, and the other is the desire to save money and beat the high cost of living.

Another factor is the flight to the suburbs, where the typical new homeowner builds himself a work bench, if he never builds anything else.

As a result of all this, industry sources report that the sale of power tools has doubled in the last two years.

Naturally, minor accidents have mounted, and insurance companies are showing some concern. One has published a booklet on "how to do it safely." It offers these tips:

Keep Edges Sharp
Power tools—Stationary tools should be securely mounted. Tools should be run only on voltages specified. Portable electric tools should be grounded.

Clothing—Wear snug-fitting, short-sleeved clothes. Take off your necktie, rings and watch.

Hand tools—Keep cutting edges sharp. A sharp tool is safer than a dull one.

Blowtorches—Don't use a leaky torch. Fill the torch out of doors if possible and don't spill the fuel.

Saws—Hold rip saw at a 60-degree angle, crosscut saws at a 45-degree angle.

Screwdrivers—Never use one on an object held in the hand.

Wrenches—Pull, don't push, to avoid injuring your hand if the wrench slips.

Know Limitations
Soldering—Use tongs to hold the work you are soldering.

Painting—Provide adequate ventilation when using paint-thinners or removers.

Ladders—Place the feet of the ladder one fourth of its length from the wall. Always keep at least one hand on the ladder. On step-ladders, don't climb higher than the second step from the top.

Household appliances—Plug washing machines, dryers and the like into wall sockets—never into overhead lighting outlets.

Power mowers—Don't adjust a mower while the motor is running. Don't use an electric mower on wet grass.

Finally, the experts advise, face up to the fact that some jobs are beyond your ability. Leave intricate electrical wiring, furnace repairs and the like to the professionals.

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Visitors at the last meeting were Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Styler, Mr. and Mrs. Dillon and Mr. and Mrs. Bush, from Gold Hill Grange.