

Hotel Reservations Becoming Hard to Get in San Francisco

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Plan- That is, unless you're a mem- ing hotel arrangements for the expected 30,000 to 40,000 GOP visitors and newsmen said there would be no problem.



BIG JOB AHEAD—CBS television executives from New York pay a visit to San Francisco's famed Cow Palace to check plans for television coverage of the 1956 Republican convention.

The hotel situation will be a bit tight, of course, but nobody feels it will be necessary to lodge delegates in Pullman cars or aboard ships in the bay as some pessimists predicted when San Francisco was chosen as the convention site.

(Franklin D. Roosevelt had headquarters aboard the battleship New York when the Democrats held their convention here in 1920, but he was assistant secretary of the Navy then.)

Harold M. Strong, secretary of San Francisco's convention and visitor's bureau, said between 9,000 and 10,000 rooms already have been contracted for in more than 150 hotels.

He foresaw no trouble lining up the few remaining rooms needed for the 10,000 total guaranteed by the city when it made its successful bid for the convention last year.

"The only difficulty will be over the allotment of rooms," Strong said. "Convention headquarters will be at the Fairmont and Mark Hopkins Hotels on Nob Hill, and everyone is going to want to stay at one or the other."

That's not Strong's problem, however. It belongs to Ted Dalton of Radford, Va., chairman of the convention's housing committee.

Actually, the hotels lose money on a big convention such as the GOP jamboree, Strong said.

During a normal tourist season they are 99 per cent full. But when they contract to have a block of rooms ready at a certain time it means that many rooms stay empty for several days before the deadline because the management can't accept any long-term guests. Nor can it force paying guests to leave against their will.

And when the convention ends, the hotel is suddenly left with a flock of empty rooms which take several days to fill up again. It will be more profitable for the huge Cow Palace where the convention meetings will be held. The state-owned building will cost the Republicans \$1,000 a day for rent alone. The management also has reserved all food and drink concessions (no liquor).

Rebelle at Name
The Cow Palace built by the WPA in the late 1930's, is noteworthy for both its name and size.

Its name is a controversial topic in newspaper letters-to-the-editor columns. Some San Franciscans think it undignified. It was coined many years ago by a brevity-minded reporter who rebelled at writing "The Grand National Livestock Exposition Building of the No. 1-A District Agricultural Association."

As for size, the management says the huge Quonset-like structure could lose Madison Square Garden inside. Hard-top auto races were run there last year, marking the first time they had been held indoors anywhere.

About 17,000 seats will be available for the convention and therein lies a big headache for the management. Apparently all tickets for the individual sessions will go to the various delegations for re-distribution.

The Cow Palace, which, incidentally, is a few feet outside the south city limits, is situated in Visitation Valley in the path of cool ocean breezes. The climate factor found favor with President Eisenhower and other GOP veterans who sweltered at the Chicago convention four years ago.

Storm Toll Reaches 873 In West Europe

London — (U.P.) — Western Europe Saturday counted at least 873 persons dead in its worst winter of the century and weathermen predicted more cold and snow for the weather-beaten continent.

There has been virtually no break in the cold since a Siberian icy front swept over Europe 25 days ago. Weathermen said the cold is likely to hold over most of the continent for another 10 days.

Authorities were openly concerned over the prolonged siege of snow, ice and sleet. The cold wave, in addition to its tragic toll of dead, has wreaked heavy damage to crops and depleted food and fuel stocks.

In hard-hit France, the government imposed emergency measures to prevent food shortages from sending prices skyrocketing.

Stores in London applied voluntary rationing on potatoes and green vegetables.

Smith Addresses Ontario Chamber

Ontario — (U.P.) — Gov. Elmo Smith, addressing the Ontario Chamber of Commerce at a noon luncheon Saturday said he was well aware of the battle that was ahead of him as he seeks the Republican nomination to succeed himself in the May 18 primary.

Smith, making stops at several eastern Oregon cities, said that until May of this year he will be primarily interested in getting acquainted with the people of Oregon, particularly those living in the western part of the state.

The governor, who publishes two eastern Oregon weeklies, already is quite well known in the eastern part of the state. He was a comparative unknown figure in the more densely populated western section, though, until his recent sudden succession to the state's chief executive post upon the death of Gov. Paul Patterson.

Ministers Pledge Support of Boycott

Montgomery, Ala. — (U.P.) — Ministers of four large population centers pledged their support Saturday to a nationwide "deliverance day" sitdown on March 28 to protest the prosecution of Negro leaders of a bus boycott here.

The demonstration suggested by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Negro congressman from New York, gathered momentum across the country.

In this Alabama capital, thousands of Negroes completed the 11th week of their boycott against the segregated city bus system undaunted by the arrest of 90 of their leaders.

Communists Submit Allied Troop List

Panmunjon, Korea — (U.P.) — The Communists handed a long list of names to the United Nations Military Command Saturday, as their explanation of what happened to 2,698 Allied troops still listed as missing.

The list was 22 short of the U.N. list, which includes 450 Americans, 2,224 South Koreans and 46 men from other U.N. nations which fought in the three-year Korean war.

Berlin, Germany — (U.P.) — The Russians Saturday rejected a Western Allied protest against the formation of a workers militia in East Berlin.

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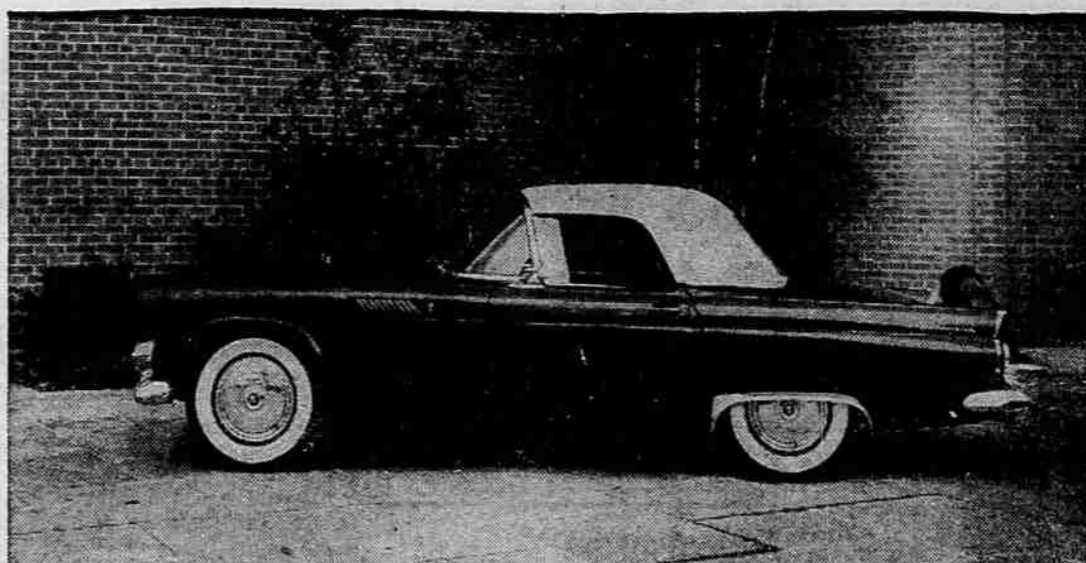
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As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Ignore Rude People At Social Gatherings
Rudeness reflects only on the person who is rude, not on the people to whom he is rude.

(Q) "When I attend a meeting or some social engagement, and people are talking, I am completely left out of the conversation. If I try to talk to them, they pay no attention to me, as if I weren't there. Sometimes, I have the feeling they are talking about me or telling about something I can't understand. Other times, I feel as if I weren't wanted and go home and try to forget being with them again. I like to go places once in a while without the feeling that I am not wanted there. What is the matter with me that people treat me this way?" —M.L.W.

(A) Do all people you come in contact with treat you this way or does it happen only occasionally? That is important for you to answer because it will determine whether you or the other people are to blame.

If everyone treats you this way, it suggests your methods of approach antagonize them. Do you literally "butt into" other people's conversations without

waiting for them to ask you to join them? When you see two or more people talking together, you should not join them unless they make it clear they want you to. They may be talking about something rather personal and would not want someone else to be there.

Should Be Courteous
If, on the other hand, this experience happens only occasionally, then you may safely conclude the other people are being rude. Even if they were talking about something personal when you joined them, they should have been courteous enough to switch the conversation to something you could join in.

When people are rude, especially at social gatherings when everyone is expected to be on friendly terms and polite to everyone else there, then those who are rude should be ignored. It reflects on them, showing that they have neither good manners nor the right feelings about their social obligations. Under such conditions, ignore them in the future and devote your time to people who are more courteous and gracious in their behavior.

Algiers, Algeria — (U.P.) — French forces disclosed Saturday they killed 27 terrorists in an attack on a strong rebel band spotted by helicopter in the Soumman Valley.

Nationalist, Reds Accuse Each Other

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Nationalist and Communist China accused each other Saturday of shelling civilian areas in their latest artillery duel around the offshore islands.

A Radio Peiping broadcast monitored here said the Nationalists on Quemoy Island plastered civilian areas of the Communist mainland islands of Amoy and Tateng with 190 shells. It said civilian homes were destroyed and one person was wounded.

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Russians Adopt Style Of American Farming

Moscow — (U.P.) — The historic 20th Communist party congress which changed the course of Soviet thinking ended at the great Kremlin palace Saturday in song and cheers for Leninism. Stalin's name was not mentioned.

Last announced official acts of the 1,500 delegates was to elect members to the party central committee and hear a report that Russia is adopting an American-style farm program which will include milking cows twice a day.

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OUT OF THE WOODS

The Blue Ox League ... A hundred years ago "Sacramento" was yet ringing as a golden bell to young men of adventure around the globe. There was gold to be prospected all the way to the Sierra-Nevadas, and as far north as Gold Hill and the Blue Mountains in Oregon.

The historic word, "Sacramento," today means lumber sales to a sizable segment of the fir and pine industries of Oregon and to not a few mills in Washington.

Nowadays the valleys of the Sacramento and the San Joaquin are centers of the ceaselessly growing building boom of the Golden State—mighty markets for rail lumber shipments from the northern lands of Paul Bunyan and his Big Blue Ox.

This fact has been graphically dramatized by a group of Sacramento wholesale lumbermen under the title of "The Blue Ox League." The 15 firms have committed themselves to a code of business conduct that fits in handsomely with the principles and practices of West Coast lumber manufacturing. In fact, the "Blue Ox Code" of the Sacramento wholesale lumber distributors is a fine one to adapt to any line of American private enterprise.

A Code of the Hills ...
Let me say that I commonly try to practice what I preach. I've already drafted an adaptation of the "Blue Ox Code" to the business of concealing and distributing big timber tales about Paul Bunyan—who never in all this world found a tree tall and strong enough for him to lean on without its falling over.

My code of the timber tales is offered to my old friend, C. D. LeMaster, Sacramento laird of Hoo-Hoo and editor of "Western Building Review," who has made a fine feature out of the "Blue Ox Code" of the wholesale lumbermen in his February issue.

Their principles are stated in six paragraphs, each preceded by one letter from the name "Blue Ox." They deal with technical lumber trade practices. My adaptation is not so technical.

The Bunyaners ...
Any man who packs a card of membership in the "Tall Timber Bunyaners" must sign up on the following statement of belief and trade practices:

B... that truth is stranger than fiction any day in the week;

U... that Paul Bunyan was a giant of the timber country, heart, soul and hide, and nothing else;

N... that the tall tale teller who can't or won't stick to the

Unusual Aurora Seen In Alaskan Skies

Fairbanks, Alaska — (U.P.) — An Aurora Borealis of the type seen only four times in the past 40 years stretched across the northern sky here early Saturday. University of Alaska geophysicists reported.

Dr. C. T. Elvey said the northern lights which flashed at 12:15 a.m. (Alaska time) contained a pure red arc. Such a phenomenon is so unusual, he said, that Norwegian geophysicist Karl Stromer has received only four reports of the arc in 40 years of research.

above prime and fundamental truth and fact should be made to go climb a tree;

Y... that the unethical Siwash of bunkhouse or campfire yarn-spinning who tries to tell how Paul Bunyan dug a mine or drilled for oil ought to be tied down and given a flat-top haircut with dull sheep shears;

A... that tales about the old-time Paul Bunyan, who represented the pioneering lumber industry, should show him not just as a logger but a land-clearer for farmers.

N... that tales about the new Paul Bunyan of the lumber woods must be tagged with the truth that the modern lumberman prevents forest fires, grows new tree crops amid the stumps of the old.

I know this code calls for much working over. Suggestions from Sacramento and elsewhere will be welcomed.

Five File Intentions In State Politics

Salem — (U.P.) — Ward H. Cook, Portland, filed Friday afternoon for the Democratic nomination for state senator from the 12th district (Multnomah county).

Other filings were: Wayne R. Giesy, Monroe Republican, for representative from the 11th district (Benton county).

S. H. Burleigh, La Grande, for judge of the Circuit Court, 10th judicial district.

Eddie Ahrens, Turner Republican, for representative from the 12th district (Marion county).

Jack R. Quinby, Portland Republican, for state senator from the 12th district (Multnomah county).



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