

Rooftop Heliport, Indoor Rail Spur Ready at Demo Headquarters

Editor's note: Following is the second of three articles on advanced planning for the Democratic National convention.

By EVERETT R. IRWIN
Chicago—(U.P.)—Democrats will hold their national convention this summer in a "new look" International Amphitheatre complete with a rooftop heliport and an indoor railroad spur that has "room for a presidential special."

Merton E. Thayer, general manager of the big exposition building, said today that news-reel and TV services already have contracted for a helicopter shuttle service to fly film between the Amphitheatre and Midway Airport.

He didn't know what use the Democrats would make of the trackage that can accommodate 10 cars under one roof. But Neale Roach, manager of the convention, had a ready comment:

"We'll use it for a presidential special in 1960."

Thayer said the amphitheatre management is going all out to make the Democrats comfortable at the convention opening Aug. 13.

"Since the Republican and Democratic conventions were held here in 1952," he said, "we've conducted a \$2,000,000 improvement program and now have 420,000 square feet of floor space all under one roof."

A huge new exhibition hall has been added at the south end of the amphitheatre. Parking areas for 2,000 cars have been hard-surfaced. The press workroom area has been partially air-conditioned. A half million dollars has been spent on new electrical facilities. And a combination super service station-restaurant-motel has been built on the grounds.

For the first time in history, Roach said, the Democrats have leased space for an industrial-commercial fair at the convention. The fair, to be known as the "American Showcase," will allot space to exhibitors in the building's north wing. A New York exhibition firm is handling the affair.

Plotting the workroom facilities and assignment of space is under way, Roach said. But the actual construction of special radio and TV studios, the working press stands in the Amphitheatre, the press workrooms backstage and other temporary facilities won't begin until about Aug. 1.

Even grimy old Halsted st., on which the amphitheatre is located, has been dressed up. During the past year its trolley tracks have been removed, old cobblestone has been replaced by black top, and new lighting installed.

Andy Frain, head of the world-famed "crowd engineering" firm

that will usher the Democrats around the amphitheatre, said he hasn't "done a thing yet."

"National conventions like this are just a breeze," he said. Frain said political conventions give his ushers trouble only because there are so many big-wigs present.

"Everyone's a big shot back home," he said. "National committeemen just can't understand it when we send them back to their hotels to get the convention pass they forgot to bring along."

(Next: Chicago hotels planning for pandemonium.)

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, a newspaper editor, a women's page editor and two newspaper writers. These consult with clergymen of all faiths and denominations. All letters are held in complete confidence.

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Mrs. P. E.—Our youngest daughter, aged 26, is a problem to us. Our three older children have all been happily settled in their own families for years. But Helen shows no sign of being anywhere near marriage.

She is a lively girl, and used to be very popular. But she is just too choosy. Sometimes I don't think she wants to get married at all. She refused to even go out with some of the nice young men who have liked her. Now all her friends have gotten married and the number of eligible men gets fewer all the time.

Helen has had some bad breaks. She was in love a few times with men who, for one reason or another, wouldn't give her a tumble. But she treats some of the nice young men who fall in love with her like dirt. My husband and I are not getting any younger and we want to see Helen married.

We are very worried about her as she has become terribly nervous and looks unhappy.

Helen E.—My mother seems to think that I am being deliberately stubborn and that I don't really want to get married. The fact is I am very eager to get married, but I can't do it just to please my parents. I want to marry someone I can love and respect and I just haven't been able to feel that way about any of the men who have liked me.

The Council: It is no wonder that Helen is nervous and looks unhappy, considering the pressures being brought to bear on her. She apparently shares her parent's anxieties and has found an effective way of evading some of the pressure and at the same time punishing herself for her guilt in disappointing her parents by falling in love with men who do not care for her.

Mrs. P. E. is probably right in her feeling that Helen doesn't

want to get married—not at this time, at any rate. The girl who wants to get married can usually find one young man from among several, whom she can "love and respect." Also, many a girl falls in love with a man who does not respond, but if the experience is repeated several times as in Helen's case, it indicates no mere "bad break," but a pattern that is sought.

Mrs. P. E. and her husband would do well to try to overcome their own anxiety and to free Helen from the pressure of their hopes and fears. The fact that other children have made happy marriages is a reasonable indication that their home was a good one and that their children all have normal attitudes toward marriage.

Not everyone is ready for marriage at the same age and it may be that there were factors in Helen's environment that made her withdraw from forming such a relationship as early in life as her brothers and sisters did.

The parents would also do well to refuse to take Helen's unrealistic romances seriously and to reject the idea that she has had "bad breaks." This notion encourages a self-pitying outlook, which can easily become a substitute for seeking a constructive relationship.

Helen needs to concentrate less on marriage and more on developing interests that lead to wholesome pleasures and friendships.

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Klamath May Get Fourth Radio Station

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Paul S. Farrelle of Redding, Calif., said he plans to establish a fourth radio station in Klamath Falls.

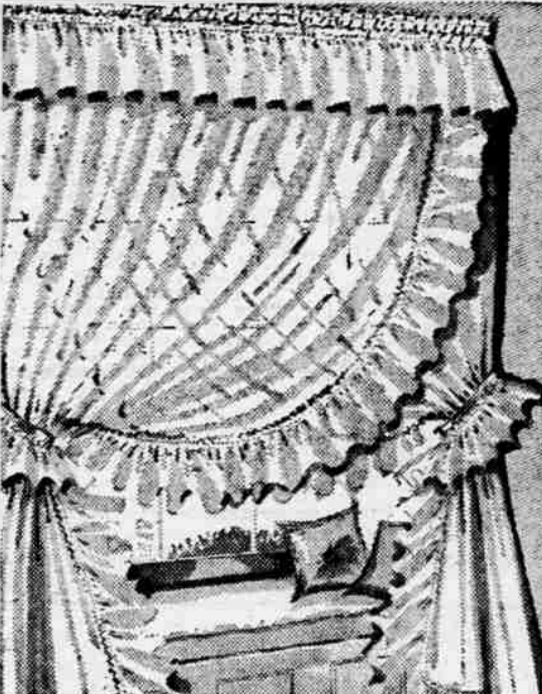
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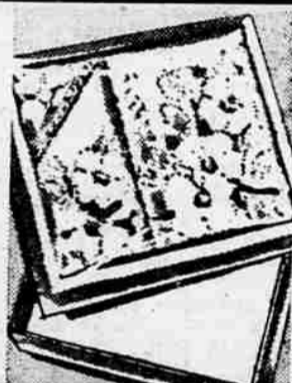
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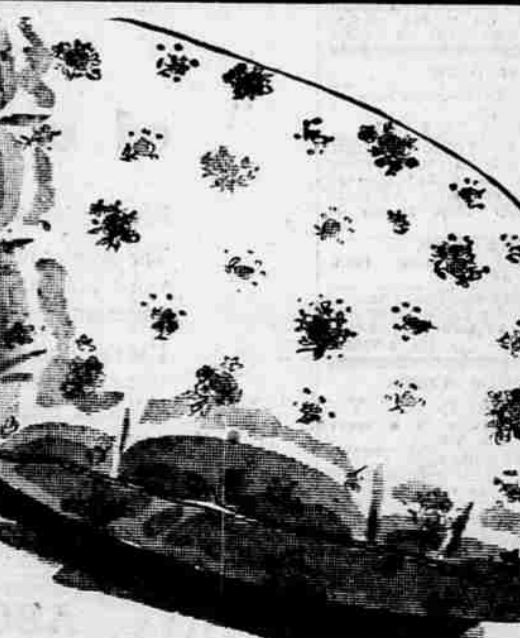
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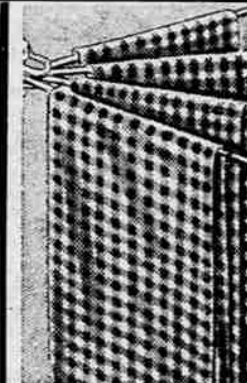
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