

# Republican Platform Pledges To Revise, Improve Taft-Hartley Labor Law

## Minimum Wage Extension for Many More Seen

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Republican platform writers today pledged their party to "revise and improve" the Taft-Hartley labor law and to extend minimum wage coverage to many more workers.

The top convention's Resolutions Committee hewed out a labor plank that also advocated federal help for areas with chronic unemployment.

A tentative welfare plank pledged "extension and perfection of a sound social security system." It promised renewed efforts to get through Congress some such school building program as failed of passage this year.

The 106-member Resolutions committee worked far into Sunday night in a drive to complete work on a 1956 campaign platform which will be submitted to the national convention Tuesday.

**Civil Rights Plank Approved**  
One major hurdle was cleared when the committee approved early today a compromise civil rights plank that both northern and southern delegates pronounced acceptable.

Southern delegates had been fighting against a proposed plank which would have pledged the party to carry out the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public schools. Text of the compromise was not immediately made public, but southern members said it was a toned-down version they could live with politically.

The Republicans did not propose any increase in the minimum wage, which now is \$1 an hour. In the platform adopted at their convention last week Democrats pledged to increase it to \$1.25.

The recommended GOP labor plank proposed to "revise and improve the Taft-Hartley Act so as to protect more effectively the rights of labor unions, management, the individual worker and the public." This would be effected by amendments recommended previously by the President, a softening of the law's closed shop provision.

**Bargaining Strengthened**  
The plank pointed with pride to the relatively short duration of the steel strike this year, "in contrast to the six months' upheaval, presidential seizure of the steel industry and ultimate Supreme Court intervention" under the Truman administration.

"The process of free collective bargaining has been strengthened by the insistence of this administration that labor and management settle their differences at the bargaining table without the intervention of the government," the plank said.

The Republicans said labor has never had it so good as during the past four years.  
"The Eisenhower administration has brought to our people the highest employment, the highest wages and the highest standard of living ever enjoyed by any nation," the platform proposal said.

The welfare plank urged "re-insurance and pooling arrangements" to speed expansion of voluntary health insurance.  
"We shall continue to seek extension and perfection of a sound social security system," it said.

**Peace Theme Stressed**  
A foreign policy plank, made public Sunday, was pitched on a peace theme. It said the threat of global war "has receded," and the Red advance "has been checked, and at key points, thrown back."

Mr. Eisenhower did much to ease cold war tension with Russia and lessen the danger of a third world war at the 1955 Geneva meeting, the plank said.

Preservation of Israel as an independent Jewish state was put forward as "an important

# Survey Shows Nixon Holds Overwhelming Majority for First Ballot

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A United Press survey of state delegations to the Republican Convention showed today that Vice President Richard M. Nixon can command an overwhelming first ballot majority for renomination. The survey, based on reports from chairmen and key members of delegations, indicated Nixon's first ballot strength to be at least 1,156 votes. There are 1,323

votes in the convention, with 662 required for nomination. Smattering for Stassen Reports found only a smattering of favorable sentiment for Harold E. Stassen's "Dump Nixon" move and some of that was in delegations bound by the unit rule. Under that rule, the candidate favored by the delegation majority gets the state's entire vote. Only five definite anti-Nixon

votes were turned up in delegations not bound by the unit rule. The remaining 162 votes were either uncommitted or could not be ascertained. A few delegations, late in arriving, had not yet held caucuses. There were lone holdouts against Nixon in Wisconsin, Michigan and New Hampshire. West Virginia had "one or possibly two" delegates against Nixon.

Brief summations of state opinion, with delegate strength indicated in parenthesis: No New York Opposition New York (96 votes): No opposition to Nixon known by spokesman Harry O'Donnell; unit rule expected to prevail. California (70): Unit rule imposed over Gov. Goodwin J. Knight's wishes; caucus Tuesday expected to bind entire delegation to Nixon. Pennsylvania (70): Adopted pro-Eisenhower-Nixon resolution May 19; Chairman Sen. Edward A. Martin has heard no opposition to Nixon. Illinois (60): Chairman Morton Hollingsworth: "We're for Nixon."

Ohio (56): Sen. John W. Bricker reported all backing Nixon. Texas (54): Chairman John Q. Adams: "Not a single member . . . supports Stassen . . ." Michigan (46): Forty-five for Nixon; Chairman Clifford O'Sullivan described John Thorp of Oakland county as "not necessarily against Nixon but agrees with Stassen."

Massachusetts (38): Spokesman said: "We will do what Ike and Gov. Herter want." Minnesota (28): Sen. Edward Thye cannot find "any sentiment to support Mr. Stassen."

Tennessee (28): Bound by state convention to Nixon. Wisconsin (30): Committeeman Robert L. Pierce reported 29 for Nixon and "one for anyone else." Iowa (26): Sen. Bourke Hickelooer: "No indications of any anti-Nixon sentiment." Missouri (32): Twenty-five known for Nixon; seven abstentions Sunday night at caucus where threatened ouster of pro-Stassen Chairman Elroy W. Bromwich was compromised with selection of new vice chairman, Richard Erickson. Kansas (22): Secretary Wilbur Leonard: "It would be hard to find a stronger Nixon state."

## GOP Conventions of '52, '56, Said Dissimilar; Tickets Short

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Alernate Delegate  
San Francisco — The pre-convention activities of the 1956 GOP National convention are as similar to the 1952 GOP National convention as January is to June.

In 1952, each delegate and alternate was constantly bombarded with literature, propaganda, buttons, stickers and almost anything else that was reasonably calculated to win friends and influence people by the Taft, Stassen, MacArthur and Eisenhower forces. Each candidate had headquarters and the main occupation of delegates was headquarter-hopping. The suspense was terrific and the atmosphere tense.

The most notable thing to date about the 1956 convention is the traffic jams around the Sir Francis Drake and St. Francis hotels and the Fairmont, Mark Hopkins and Huntington hotels on Nob Hill.

**Tickets Short**  
The ticket shortage probably has caused more conversation to date than any other topic. Of course there is an occasional inquiry: "How do you feel about Nixon?" On this question, however, we Oregonians don't have much to say.

Oregon law provides that our delegation is bound to the candidate who wins in the primary election until his possibility of election is remote. Since Nixon by a write-in vote won the vice presidential spot, the Oregon delegation is committed to Nixon.

The 9 a.m. caucus of the Oregon delegation Monday will be the first official meeting of that body. The delegates have been drifting in all week. Gov. Elmo Smith arrived Saturday evening and a group of Oregonians were on hand to welcome him.

State Sen. Howard Belton, a member of the credentials committee of American foreign policy. Support of Israel against aggression was pledged. But the Republicans did not promise arms shipments for Israel, as the Democrats did in Chicago last week.

Continued support was pledged to the United Nations and for collective security pacts such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The plank promised that Republicans "shall continue to seek" reunification of Germany and liberation of the Western European countries enslaved by Russia behind the iron curtain.

**Economic Aid Pledged**  
Reduction of world trade barriers "on a gradual, selective and reciprocal basis" was pledged—but "with full recognition of the necessity to safeguard" domestic agriculture, industry and labor "against unfair import competition."

The plank also pledged continuance of economic and military aid to friendly countries, and "progressive elimination" of international barriers to "the free flow of news, information and ideas."

Continuance of "bipartisan development of foreign policies" also was promised.

The plank opposed admission of Red China to the United Nations and "any trade with the Communist world that would threaten the security of the United States and our Allies."

committee, Mark Hatfield, Republican candidate for secretary of state and a member of the platform committee, Jess Gard and Wendell Wyatt, Oregon's Republican National Committeemen, and Republican National Committeewoman Mrs. Marshall Cornett, all arrived last Tuesday and have been hard at work with various phases of convention preparation.

**Mrs. Bash Here**  
Kathleen Bash, Jackson County Central committee chairman and an alternate to the convention, has been here since last Wednesday. With her are her husband, Frank Bash, daughters, Judy and Jane, and her mother, Mrs. Thomas Ness. Also with the Bash party is Mrs. Wayne Stine of Medford.

Jackson County Judge and GOP Delegate Rodney Keating arrived Sunday evening, while this writer and his wife came down Saturday.

Mrs. Bereth P. Hopkins, Jackson county clerk, and her husband are also here, and a number of other southern Oregonians are in the area or will arrive shortly. Among the late arrivals will be Glen Jackson and his wife, who are scheduled to be here Tuesday afternoon.

Steve Nye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve A. Nye, is also at the convention as one of the members of the Stanford Young Republican club.

Look for the Republican candidate for U.S. senator from Oregon, Douglas McKay, to be doing a bit of campaigning when he introduces the keynote speaker, Washington's Gov. Arthur B. Langlie.

A prominent position by Oregonians can be expected on a civil rights plank if it develops. Governor Smith has spoken out strongly for a firm stand on civil rights, and Mark Hatfield has been taking an active part in the fight in this issue.

**Social Service as Future Career Cited**  
Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Young people considering a career are advised not to overlook the field of social service, which has become a \$20,000,000,000 business annually.

Dean Donald S. Howard of the UCLA School of Social Welfare reported career possibilities in social work are almost unlimited and that "there just are not enough qualified people to go around."

Howard said there is an increasing demand for professional social workers for federal, state and municipal agencies, employment services, rehabilitation centers, mental hygiene societies, child guidance and psychiatric clinics, hospitals, health centers, correctional institutions and probation and parole services.

"The modern social worker does far more than hand out checks," he said.

"He must not only know his own field, he must also be able to work in close cooperation with doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, the courts and school officials. And above all, he must like people and know what makes them tick."



**ARABS ARM** — Sheikh Abdel Rahman Tag, rector of Al Azhar University, principal theological institute of Islam in Cairo, Egypt, carries rifle as he and other Moslem sheikhs get instructions in use of weapons. The nine Arab league nations pledged they would consider any attack on Egypt an attack on all. They also backed President Nasser's proposal for Egyptian-sponsored conference on Suez Canal crisis.



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