

California Democratic Party Rocked By Intramural Struggle Over Tickets

Los Angeles—UPI—The California Democratic Party, riding on a big popularity wave, was rocked today by an intramural struggle over tickets to the national convention here in 1960.

There were North-South overtones within the state to the bushwhacking by two factions, but the tentacles of the squabble also reached to Democratic Party headquarters in Washington.

A check of Democratic

leaders produced the consensus that Los Angeles would not lose the convention but it was conceded there may be feelings hurt before the dispute is resolved.

Butler vs. Butler

On the one hand in the Southland there was Edwin W. Pauley, finance chairman of the host committee, who has insisted that the national committee, headed by Paul Butler, promised the host committee 5,000 tickets to take

care of local party followers who are pledged to put up \$350,000 for the convention.

Pauley took the battle to Gov. Edmund G. Brown, who said he may have to appoint an arbitrator.

In the midst of the strife was Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, a Northerner from Kentfield and national committeewoman for the state.

"I have no personal knowledge of the basis on which Mr. Pauley feels he was promised 5,000 tickets. But personally I feel 5,000 is excessive. I'm hoping Mr. Butler will be able to conclude a contract on the basis of 1,500 tickets. He (Butler) told me in April that was the maximum to which he would agree. He has repeated it four or five times to me since. Fifteen hundred is really a fair number."

Dr. Finch's Maid, Girl Friend To Be Cross-Examined

West Covina, Calif.—UPI—Dr. Bernard Finch's maid and girl friend will be cross-examined today about their contradictory versions of events leading to the slaying of his socialite wife.

Carole Tregoff, 22, girl friend and former receptionist of the 41-year-old accused wife slayer, gave testimony in the preliminary hearing late Tuesday after lengthy examination of the maid. She has said she will stick by Finch in his fight against first

degree murder charges.

Deputy District Attorney Fred N. Whichello said Miss Tregoff's testimony included glaring contradictions of her earlier statements to police and testimony by the maid, Marie Ann Lidholm, 19, of Sweden.

Miss Tregoff testified that on July 13, the day Mrs. Barbara Finch, 33, was shot to death, she proposed Finch and she go to see his estranged wife to talk about settling their pending divorce.

Waited for Mrs. Finch

They drove from her Las Vegas apartment to his \$65,000 home here and waited for Mrs. Finch to return home, Miss Tregoff said.

"She got out of the car and bent down," said Miss Tregoff. "Her back was to me, but then I noticed she had a gun pointed toward me. Dr. Finch reached behind his wife into the car, threw something at me which hit me in the stomach and yelled at me to get out of there. The object he threw was a leather case."

"In 1956 at Chicago the host committee had 1,250 tickets."

San Francisco Still Bidding

In the wings was San Francisco Mayor George Christopher, a Republican, who has resubmitted his no-strings attached bid of \$350,000 for the convention but hastens to add, "we do not want to pirate the convention in any way to undercut Los Angeles."

Los Angeles Mayor Norris Poulson said, "I have said repeatedly that this is a problem which will be solved. This is no time to get panicked by outside interference. Los Angeles with the new sports arena and our other great facilities is a natural. The Democrats will have their biggest convention here in 1960."

Gruening Wants 49-Star Flag

Washington—UPI—Sen. Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska) learned with controlled indignation yesterday that the American flag displayed in the Senate chamber carries only 48 stars—and has not been replaced.

Gruening told the Senate he wanted to see a flag carrying Alaska's 49th star mounted behind the presiding officer's chair promptly—and would pay for it himself if the Senate could not afford it. A new flag would cost \$175.

"I respect economy but I must register my dissent," Gruening declared. "Alaska is entitled to display of the 49-star flag. It is true that Hawaii held elections yesterday, but a 50-star flag would not become official until July 4, 1960—almost a year away."

Mormon Missionary Dies in Pacific

Imperial Beach, Calif.—UPI—A Mormon missionary returning home from a 2½-year mission in Mexico died Tuesday when he passed here to swim in the Pacific.

Robert M. Cowley, 25, Missoula, Mont., died after life guards pulled him ashore when he slipped under the water briefly. Deputy Coroner O. M. Ladd said Cowley probably succumbed to some natural cause. He was believed under the water too brief a time to have drowned. An autopsy was ordered.

Cowley was accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cowley, and his brother, Kenneth, 12, from Monterey, Mexico, on his way home from his mission.

Miss Tregoff said she left the struggling couple and heard Mrs. Finch scream.

"I heard another sound from the garage and it sounded like Dr. Finch was in trouble. I started back in, quite cautiously. Then I saw Barbara on the right side of the car. She took off down the driveway."

"She had the gun in her hand."

Hit Behind Bushes

Miss Tregoff said she then hid behind some bushes until about dawn and drove back to Las Vegas alone, only to find Finch already there and in bed.

Whichello pointed out that her story was much more elaborate and precise than the one she told to police after Finch's arrest July 12 in her apartment.

Miss Lidholm, who spent most of the day on the stand, said she heard Mrs. Finch cry for help, rush to the garage and there found Finch standing over his wife with a gun.

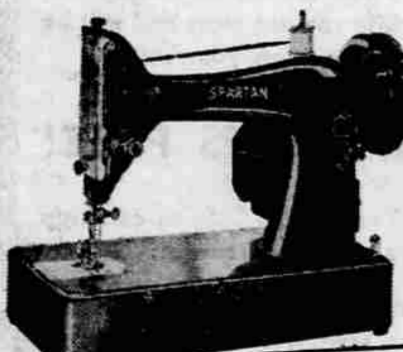
"I was frightened when I saw Dr. Finch," said Miss Lidholm, "because when I saw his eyes he was not himself. I saw he had a gun in his right hand. I was scared. I begged him not to kill me."

She said Finch banged her head against the wall and fired a shot at her which went wild. She last saw him, she said, chasing Mrs. Finch across the lawn.

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Accident Injures Eagle Point Girl

Joan Beth Konopasek, 14, of route 1, box 727, Eagle Point, was reported in "good" condition at Sacred Heart hospital this morning, following a traffic accident near Camp White yesterday afternoon.

State police said she suffered a possible concussion and sprained back.

According to police reports, the girl was a passenger in a pick-up truck being operated by her mother, Mrs. Elaine M. Konopasek, Mrs. Konopasek was driving south on Bigham rd. near Dutton rd., police said, and swerved to avoid an oncoming traffic. The truck went into a ditch.

Another passenger, Maria B. Anderson, 59, of Lincoln, Neb., reported suffered minor injuries and two other Konopasek children, Eugene, 10, and Annamarie, 6, were reportedly uninjured.

Mrs. Konopasek was informed by police that there would be a complaint issued against her, for failure to operate on the right side of the highway.

Fund Established By Neuberger

Washington—UPI—Establishment of a \$500 memorial scholarship at the University of Oregon in honor of the late Oregon Democratic Chairman David C. Epps was announced today by Sen. and Mrs. Richard L. Neuberger.

Neuberger asked University President O. Meredith Wilson to have the scholarship fund assigned to the school of physical education. He added the money came from income received by Neuberger for a recent article in Harper's Magazine entitled "When I Learned I Had Cancer."

Neuberger said Epps was a close friend during his days on the Oregon campus and also was an outstanding baseball and basketball player.

Since his election to the Senate Neuberger has provided similar scholarships at 11 other Oregon institutions of higher education from his writing income.

Light Plane Sought In British Columbia

Vancouver, B. C.—UPI—Nine Royal Canadian Air Force and civilian planes were searching Tuesday for a light plane missing with four persons aboard on a flight from here to Quesnel in the British Columbia interior.

The plane, which is known to have hit severe weather, left here Monday morning.

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'Passengers' Steal Portland Taxicab

Portland—UPI—Radio cab driver Ernest Link reported to police that two "passengers" stole his car early today after threatening his life with a sawed off shotgun.

Link told police two youths got in his cab, and near the 3300 block of North Williamette blvd. demanded his cab. He said that one of the youths took a sawed off shotgun from a small blue bag and his companion muttered: "Blow him head off." Link said he jumped from his cab and fled down the street.

He said the youths, one about 16 and the other 20, raced off in the cab. It was found abandoned about 10 minutes later near North Columbia blvd. and Argyle st.

London has 15 passenger bridges over the Thames.

Arthur Handley to Take Wisconsin Job

Salem—UPI—Arthur Handley, 31, assistant secretary of the State Board of Control for the last four years, said today he was leaving for a new post in Wisconsin.

Effective Aug. 24, Handley will be deputy commissioner of the Administration department of Wisconsin.

PUC SETS HEARING

Salem—UPI—The valley and Siletz Railroad company's application to withdraw its agent from Hoskins station will be heard by the public utility commission Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 10 a.m. at the depot building at Hoskins, the PUC has announced.

The 112-mile air stretch between Indianapolis and Dayton, Ohio, was the first in the U. S. to have painted rooftops and other markers to guide pioneer air transportation.

Justice Threatened In Anonymous Letter

Vancouver, B.C.—UPI—Justice A. M. Mason of the British Columbia Supreme Court said here Tuesday that he had been threatened with death in connection with contempt of court proceedings against three top officials of the Ironworkers Union.

Mason said he received the threat in an anonymous letter which directed him as to what

findings he should make in the proceedings before him.

Three members of the union were alleged to be in contempt for failing to obey an order issued by the judge last month. The order, which was ignored, was an injunction directing the union to instruct its members to return to work on the second Narrows Bridge here.

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