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GOP LEADERS START WORK ON CAMPAIGN

By The Associated Press

Republican leaders at Chicago started work today on drafting a platform designed to help the campaign to put their candidate in the White House a candidate the party chairman says will be named by next Wednesday.

That is the third day of the party's national convention which starts Monday; Chairman Harrison E. Spangler settled on it in a prediction there will be no balloting deadlock.

From the various campaign headquarters of presidential possibilities, meanwhile, there continued to flow expressions of praise for their men.

Roy D. Moore, for Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio, said "the responsible leaders of the Dewey forces are, as convention nears, retreating" from what Moore called fantastic claims.

J. Russel Sprague, for Dewey, commented "we are confident of the results."

Victor Johnson, for Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, said the former Minnesota governor "is the only one who talks" the language of voters under 40 in and out of the service.

Also in Chicago, the anti-fourth term organization American democratic national committee voted to call a convention of all organizations opposed to the renomination of President Roosevelt.

It voted down a once-approved recommendation that the republicans nominate a coalition ticket such at Bricker and Harry F. Byrd, Virginia democratic senator.

Other political developments:

Supporters in congress of Rep. Everett Dirksen of Illinois announced they would present his name to the republican convention for the vice presidential nomination.

Dirksen said in an NBC radio speech last night that the Roosevelt administration has started "collectivism on the march" in America.

The North Carolina delegation in the house of representatives formally recommend that the democrats nominate Gov. J. M. Broughton of the Tar Heel state for the job Vice President Wallace now holds.

Sidney Bones of Los Angeles, negro member of California's republican state central committee, called on Governor Dewey at Albany to outline plans for a nationwide drive to pile up the negro vote for the republican ticket. Bones called his visit very satisfactory.

KING DISCLOSES FLEET COMMANDS

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP)—Admiral Ernest J. King, navy commander-in-chief just returned from European conferences and an inspection of the invasion coast, disclosed today the commands and assignments of eight U. S. task fleets.

At a news conference, he described the numerically designated units as task fleets equipped to carry out any type of operation.

He said that originally the system of command called for task units, then for larger task groups, then task forces. The task forces were combined to form the numerical fleets, or "task fleets."

He announced the commands and assignments of these eight task fleets:

Pacific—Third fleet, Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr.; fifth fleet, Admiral Raymond E. Spruance; seventh fleet, Vice-Admiral Thomas Kincaid, in the southwest Pacific; ninth fleet, Vice Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher, Aleutians.

Atlantic and European—Fourth fleet, Vice Admiral Jonas Ingraham, South Atlantic; eighth fleet, Vice Admiral Henry K. Hewitt, Mediterranean; twelfth fleet, Admiral Harold R. Stark, European waters; tenth fleet, Admiral King, anti-submarine operations.

"They are all task forces," King said, "and vary in composition, according to the work they have in hand."

Willamette Waste Survey Proposed

PORTLAND, June 21 (AP)—A survey of wastes discharged by Oregon municipalities into the Willamette river and its tributaries was proposed by the state sanitary authority today as preliminary to cleaning up the river system.

Representatives of the authority and the League of Oregon Cities will confer with Governor Earl Snell at Salem tomorrow to request $9000 for the survey. Oregon State college has offered to provide experts in refuse disposal problems for the study.

SHIP CHRISTENED

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 20 (AP)—The first of 27 troopships to be built by the Kaiser yard here was christened today by Mrs. J. Wallace Neighbor, wife of the medical director of Northern Permanente hospital.

The ship was named S. S. Oconto for a Wisconsin county.

If you want to sell it—phone The Herald and News "want ads," 3124.

Trailers Here For Stop-Gap Housing

This picture shows a few of the trailer houses which have been moved here to be set up near the federal row-housing project, to take care of housing needs temporarily until the more permanent structures are completed. The trailer site adjoins the row-housing site near the southeast city limits. Utilities for the trailers are now being installed.

ACQUITTAL VERDICT DENIED IN TRIAL

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP) Judge Edward C. Eicher today denied a defense motion for a directed verdict of acquittal for the 29 defendants in the mass sedition conspiracy trial.

Eicher announced the decision at the opening of today's session. The trial, now in its 10th week, still is in the preliminary testimony stage.

Defense attorneys based their arguments largely on the supreme court's recent Hartzel decision. In that case the tribunal reversed the conviction of Elmer Hartzel under the 1917 espionage act on the ground the prosecution had failed to prove "specific intent" to impair the morale of the armed forces through circulation of pamphlets.

In the present trial, the 29 defendants are accused of conspiring among themselves and with nazi officials in Germany to undermine the morale of the armed forces and to set up a nazi type of government here.

Eicher said a reading and re-reading of the Hartzel decision led him to the conclusion that the supreme court had in mind "independent publications by citizens, without any association with foreign sources."

Soldiers Solve Manpower Problem

PORTLAND, Ore., June 21 (AP)—Sailors and soldiers who want fatter paychecks than Uncle Sam can furnish are solving the manpower shortage for a Portland war plant.

W. L. Swearingen, manager of the B. P. John Furniture corporation, now 80 per cent converted to war materials, disclosed today that 1000 servicemen have pinch-hit at the plant during the past year.

The soldiers, given working permission by the AFL local after it found union members were too scarce to keep the plant running, earn 95 cents an hour. Some G.I.'s come just once. Others turn up every time they get a pass.

Committee to Decide On Mackinac Island Resolution

WASHINGTON, June 21 (AP) A terse, streamlined version of the foreign policy declaration worked out by republican leaders at Mackinac Island, Mich., last September will be presented to the party's resolutions committee at Chicago Friday with the unanimous backing of a six-member subcommittee.

The Mackinac declaration called for "responsible participation by the United States in post-war cooperative organization among sovereign nations to prevent military aggression and to attain permanent peace with organized justice in a free world."

GENERAL KILLED

WITH THE U. S. NINTH TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, June 10 (Delayed)—(AP)—Brig.-Gen. Don F. Pratt, a commander of air-borne troops, was killed in France on D-Day when his Glider—one of the first down—made a crash landing, pilots returning to this base reported.

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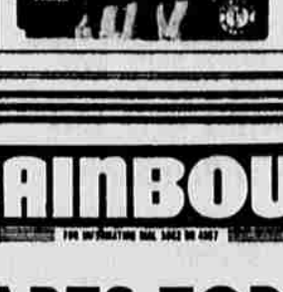

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