

# Taft Supporters Claim Majority in Oklahoma

By The Associated Press  
Cries of "great victory" and "last fighting" spurred the backers of two entrants Tuesday in the Republicans' race for the presidency.

It was a day—the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth—when Republicans everywhere take stock and, in an election year like this, get primed for the back stretch drive.

In Oklahoma City, a field manager for Senator Taft hailed the outcome of Oklahoma's Republican state convention Monday as "a great victory for Taft." The session wound up with seven nominating delegates leaning to Taft, seven to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and two to Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

**PREDICTION**  
Victor A. Johnson predicted that 12 of the 14 Oklahoma delegates would vote for Taft on the first ballot at the national convention in July.

But Senator Carlson R-Kan., manager of Eisenhower-for-President headquarters in Washington, said the 4-7 score in Oklahoma represents a moral victory for Eisenhower "because a month ago it was generally assumed Eisenhower wouldn't get any of the Oklahoma delegates."

In Washington, Senator Aiken, R-Vt., said of General Eisenhower: "Unless he starts fighting, he's a dead duck. He is going to have to come home and campaign if he wants the nomination. If he doesn't he will be leaving a lot of his promoters out on a very long limb." Eisenhower, who heads Mutual said he will accept the GOP nomination but will not seek it.

The Democratic race also was moving along. The only announced entrant, Senator Kefauver of Tennessee, made two appearances Monday in New York and repeats Tuesday in Chicago.

In the Chicago address, for delivery at a meeting of the Inland Daily Press Association, Kefauver said:

"The corrupt politician threatens our democratic system on one front just as Communism threatens it on another front."

Taft addressed a GOP luncheon crowd Monday in Spokane, Wash., saying Republicans must have a presidential candidate who will enthrone party workers by "presenting the issues clearly." He left no doubt he considers himself such a candidate.

Stassen told newsmen in Oklahoma City he hopes to become a compromise candidate at the GOP national convention. "My chances are steadily improving," he said. "No one has a cinch."

# Queen Begins Official Work

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II conducted her first official ceremony at Buckingham Palace Wednesday, receiving Prime Minister Winston Churchill in a state audience.

Accompanied by 20 members of the House of Commons, Churchill presented an address to the Queen and received a formal reply, court attaches said. The texts of their remarks were not announced.

Among others from Parliament who participated in the brief ceremony were Opposition Leader Clement Attlee, the former prime minister, and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.



**JOHN L. RICHARDSON**, former manager of the Klamath Falls Social Security Office, is now assistant regional representative working out of the San Francisco Social Security Office. After leaving here he was assistant manager of the Portland office.

### SHOWERS, SNOW

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# Vote Defeats Constitution Saves Commie

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—The Social Christian Government of Premier Jean Van Houtte was defeated in a vote in Parliament Tuesday over King Baudouin's decision not to attend personally the funeral of King George VI of Britain.

A Socialist-Liberal motion expressing regret at Baudouin's action and blaming the government was not presented as a vote of confidence, however. The vote was 91 to 84 with one abstention.

Young King Baudouin has deputized his 17-year-old brother, Prince Albert, to attend the British King's funeral.

The Socialist Newspaper Le Peuple said the decision "will surprise and distress" Belgians. It said the government tried to persuade the King to change his mind.

One explanation is that Baudouin did not want to go himself because the Prince of Wales, now the Duke of Windsor, instead of King George V, attended funeral services for Belgian King Albert in 1934.

Another explanation was that Baudouin resents British criticism of his father, the abdicated Leopold, for surrendering to the Germans in 1940.

### INDIAN BUREAU SWITCH

WASHINGTON (AP)—Leonard M. Hill was named acting California director of the Indian Bureau Tuesday.

He succeeds James B. Ring, who asked to be relieved on account of his health.

### WASHINGTON (AP)

Reliance on his Constitutional rights at the right time has paid off for Steve Nelson, a Communist leader and key figure in investigations of Russian atomic spying.

"Even Satan would get a fair trial in the American courts," US District Judge James R. Kirkland told Nelson in acquitting him late Tuesday of contempt of Congress charges.

Nelson's defense in his two-day trial was that he was within his rights under the fifth Constitutional Amendment in refusing to answer questions put to him by the House Un-American Activities Committee on the ground he might incriminate himself.

When the committee called Nelson as a witness June 2, 1949, it asked him many questions related

### Oregon Scribes Win Honors

PORTLAND (AP)—Wallace Turner and Ron Moxness, Oregonian reporters, have received honorable mention in the American Newspaper Guild's Heywood Brown awards.

Turner's investigation and coverage of gambling in Clackamas County earned him the award. Moxness earned his because of his investigation of the State Liquor grand jury investigation.

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