

our Convinces Taft He Has West GOP Majority

By JACK BELL
CINCINNATI (AP) — Senator Taft of Ohio said Tuesday his political tour of the West has convinced him he has "a substantial majority of popular support among Republicans" there.

Back from a five-state speaking trip in behalf of his bid for the GOP presidential nomination, Taft told reporters he thinks he will get "the predominant majority" of convention delegates from Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, and Colorado.

U.S. Youth Queries Russ

ALTIMORE (AP) — What do the boys think of the Korean War? That may be the question asked at Panmunjom? Those are two of the questions to Klump, 17-year old Baltimore school boy, in asking in his 2nd letter to Radio Moscow. Klump got a reply to his first letter in a Radio Moscow broadcast. He wasn't sure whether he would continue the correspondence but he said he was amped with telephone calls from far away as Los Angeles, urging him to reply.

INGER — The letter he got from Moscow is most Americans, not among top men, had trouble getting enough food to keep body and soul together. That was the same line that Moscow had broadcast when Gene had the program and it prompted him to write the query. Gene questions the use of the word "body and soul" in letter 2. I have always been led to believe that religion is not carried or believed in Russia. If this is so, why do you mention the word "soul"? Gene asks.



RAY J. EDWARDS, Marine medic son of Mrs. David Johnson, 432 Division, is back in the States after a tour of duty with the First Marine Division. Edwards, an ex-Malin boy, will be discharged this month and plans to live with his sister and brother-in-law in Tulelake, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin A. Beck.

Gallant 24th Out of Action

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — The gallant 24th Infantry Division, first to fight and first to lose a man in the Korean War, has been taken out of combat and sent to Japan.

Maj. Gen. William F. Dean—now a Red prisoner—led the division into the war in early July, 1950. It was withdrawn from the Central Front almost 20 months later.

In that time "The Old Professionals" had earned a Distinguished Unit citation, six Medals of Honor and hundreds of other decorations.

FIRST DEATH
At 5 p.m. July 5, 1950, Pfc. Kenneth Shadrick of Wyoming, W. Va., was killed by a Korean Red machine gunner. He was the first American killed in the war.

When the 24th ended its Korean fighting, only two remained of those first handfuls of green soldiers who met the onrushing Reds in the dark days of July, 1950.

The others were dead, wounded or home on rotation.

MORE CASUALTIES

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department Monday identified 34 more battle casualties in Korea in a new list (No. 503) which reported nine killed, 18 wounded, two missing and five injured.

Egg Price War Ends in Eugene

EUGENE (AP) — An egg price war ended here Monday after a weekend in which eggs got down to 10 cents a dozen, and finally were given away—a free dozen with every \$4.50 worth of groceries.

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Loyalty Oaths Ineffectual?

EUGENE (AP)—Charles D. Byrne, chancellor of the state system of higher education, believes that faculty loyalty oaths are "a most ineffectual method of fighting communists."

He told a group of alumni Saturday that "those who hunt for Communists in a great university mistake their natural habitat, for a free university is not a place where Communism can thrive."

Byrne recalled that at the last minute a bill was tabled in the 1951 legislature which would have required a loyalty oath for Oregon teachers.

Had it passed, he said, it "would have been a serious step backward for higher education in Oregon."

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