

Squabble Over Texas Delegates Tops Republican Policy Dispute

By The Associated Press
Sen. Robert Taft said Wednesday he believes the Republican National Committee—not the Texas state body—should decide which delegates from the Lone Star State should be seated at the GOP national convention.

Backers of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Taft's chief opponent for the Republican presidential nomination, have been charging that the Taft organization in Texas, dominating the state GOP committee, has been trying to steal the delegation. They have said the quarrel should be settled at the national rather than the state level.

In other major political developments:

Averell Harriman, the mutual security administrator, scored a surprising 4-to-1 victory over Sen. Estes Kefauver in the Democratic presidential primary in the District of Columbia.

Harriman won six convention

votes in a campaign in which he pledged all-out support of a compulsory federal civil rights program.

Taft's statement on the Texas squabble came shortly before a decision was to be announced on the issue by the GOP National Committee.

The 38 Texas delegate vote could be vital to the choice of the party nominee.

In the statement, put out by his campaign headquarters, Taft said he had examined the national committee rules and decided the Texas dispute properly should be placed before that body.

Harriman's triumph in the D.C. primary followed an intensive streetcorner campaign in which he

and Kefauver both bid for support for the Democratic nomination for president.

Kefauver has won all but one of 15 previous presidential primaries—that one being Florida's on May 6, copied by Georgia's Sen. Richard Russell.

Harriman claimed President Truman's approval—but not formal endorsement—of his campaign. The President reportedly is cool toward Kefauver's candidacy, although he has said all the would-be Democratic nominees are good men and qualified for the presidency.

Complete, unofficial returns from Washington's 45 precincts showed Harriman with 14,075 votes, Kefauver with 3,377. There were the only names on the ballot but write-ins were permitted and scattered strength was shown by Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, Sen. Russell and President Truman.

Kefauver still leads the pre-convention race for delegate strength, as tabulated nationwide by the Associated Press. With 616 needed for nomination, Kefauver has 246 to Russell's 114 1/2 and Harriman's new total of 91 1/2.

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower was meeting in Denver with GOP delegates from Oregon and Arizona after meeting Tuesday with delegates from Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. His strategy in these huddles is the same: Hold the support you have and get more.

Taft is ahead in the Associated

Press tabulation with 464 to Eisenhower's 392. Nomination at the July 7 GOP convention—2 1/2 weeks away—requires 694 votes.

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Korea Fighting Subsides

By MILO FARNETI
SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Bloody Hill T was comparatively quiet Wednesday after six days of savagely fighting for that Western Front high point. U. S. infantrymen wrested it from the Chinese last Thursday.

For five straight nights the Chinese threw battalion size—about 250 men—counterattacks against Americans holding three rocky knobs of the hill. Each attack was beaten off.

The Chinese failed to strike Tuesday night.

"There was no contact and very little artillery and mortar fire," an officer said Wednesday. "The shelling was light Tuesday and early this morning, about 85 rounds."

The U. S. Eighth Army reported "very heavy" Red shelling resumed shortly before noon but tapered off to sporadic fire by mid-afternoon.

At the peak of the battle the Reds fired as many as 5,000 rounds daily into Allied positions. The most recent Chinese assault was beaten off early Tuesday. An estimated 157 Reds were killed or wounded, some in bayonet fighting.

Action decreased all along the 16-mile front, the U. S. Eighth Army reported, and was limited to patrol skirmishes.

1st Marines Due Home

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The transport Gen. William Weigel headed for the Golden Gate Wednesday with 21 Oregon Marines among the 1,929 members of the First Marine Division and First Marine Air Wing, coming home on rotation from Korea.

Those from Oregon include:

Upstate:

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Sgt. Alfred J. Ellis Jr., Box 1742, McNary Dam.

Cpl. Lawrence J. Gilles, Wickert Apt. 3, McMinnville.

Cpl. Herman T. Haral, 2739 11th St., Baker.

Sgt. Kenneth E. Knizley, Aurora.

S. Sgt. Charles E. Matze, Box 946, Seaside.

2nd Lt. Merrill H. Newman, Box 823, Fairview.

Cpl. Lawrence F. Olmsted, 3802 Fisher Rd., Salem.

Sgt. Edward J. Stewart, Rt. 2, Grants Pass.

Cpl. Esmiel Veasquez, 393 T St., Springfield.

Sgt. Patrick L. Wassell, McNary.

U. S. GROWTH
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