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Gabrielson Calls For Party Unity

CHICAGO (AP) — Republican National Committee Chairman Guy George Gabrielson Monday called for a united party front to end what he termed "the scandalous Democrat years."
"This will be a fair convention," Gabrielson said in a speech pre-

pared for delivery at the opening of the GOP's 25th national convention.

"The only steamroller in this amphitheatre," he said, "will be the determined will of a majority of the 1,206 delegates." The chair will recognize any delegate who seeks recognition.

Two Queried In Bank Theft

LANGLEY, Wash. (AP) — Two armed men robbed the bank in this little Whidbey Island town of \$5,421 early Monday after forcing the banker to open the doors at 4:30 a. m.

Two Seattle men were arrested an hour later at a roadblock near Coupeville. Sheriff T. W. Clark of Island County said they had fled in the car of Ralph Noble, the banker. He said an amount of money corresponding to that taken from the Langley State Bank was found in the car.

The two men were held for questioning.

The robbers entered Noble's home and forced him to go to the bank and open it after beating him with their fists and threatening him with a pistol.

Sheriff Clark said time locks on the main vault, set for banking hours opening, prevented the robbers from getting a bigger haul.

favoring Eisenhower were approved to 22 for Taft. Eisenhower backers want more delegates seated who would favor their candidate. To gain them the Eisenhower forces will ask that the convention rules be changed to bar disputed delegates from voting in delegate contests.

The Oregon delegation voted its approval of this convention strategy.

Among those in Chicago with the Oregon delegation are Kiowell C. Paget, Portland, head of the Taft campaign in Oregon, and John C. Higgins, president of the Dewey for President Club in 1948 and leader of Dewey's Oregon campaign.

Meantime Thomas J. Mellon of San Francisco, vice chairman of the California delegation, told reporters that Oregon delegates have shown interest in Gov. Earl Warren of California as a possible second choice.

candidates for nomination.

Gabrielson said the 1952 pre-convention campaign was the hottest in the party's recent history. He said it demonstrates determination and strength and is fine if kept in bounds.

"But after this convention makes its decisions," he said, "there can be no room for disunity in the Republican party. We must close ranks against the common foe." He then read pledges from Taft

and Eisenhower and two other presidential hopefuls—former Gov. Harold Stassen of Minnesota and Gov. Earl Warren of California—to support whoever is chosen as the party's nominee.

Eisenhower qualified his pledge with the phrase: "Assuming that the Republican platform is what I believe it is going to be."

Gabrielson said he found it unnecessary to attack the Democratic party. He added: "The Democratic party has con-

demned itself .. by preaching peace and waging war by waste and squandering of the people's money by winking and blinking at the menace of communism and by shameful corruption of the federal government."

"The detailed indictment of the scandalous Democrat years will be presented by other speakers from this platform."

The convention, Gabrielson said, will "nominate the next President

and Vice President of the United States." He said it will also "restate the fundamental principles

essential for the peace and security of the world." End advance to be held for release expected shortly after 9 a.m.

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Taft Talks To Oregon Group

CHICAGO (AP) — Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio dropped in for breakfast Sunday with the Oregon delegation to the Republican Convention.

The delegation, all pledged to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, applauded Taft's brief talk. But as soon as he left, they voted to affirm their opposition to what they called steamroller tactics on the part of Taft and his backers to get the Republican presidential nomination.

Gov. Douglas McKay, head of the Oregon delegation, wore an "I Like Ike" button during the breakfast with Taft. He said later that Taft headquarters had asked if the senator could join the Oregon delegation for breakfast.

Taft, who did not ask for the Oregon convention votes, said he thought the "compromise settlement" of the contest between the Texas Eisenhower and Taft forces was fair.

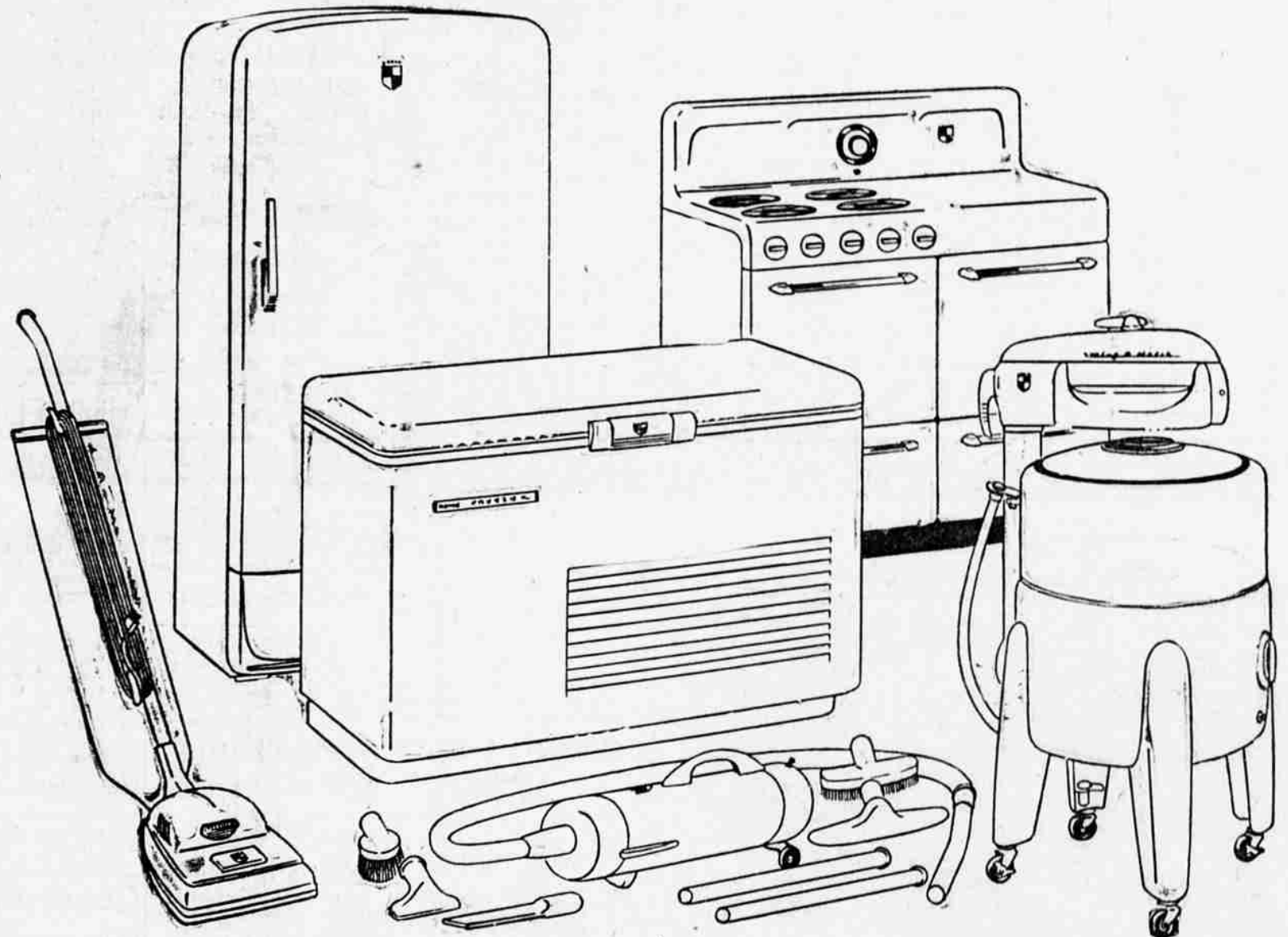
This settlement was sharply criticized, though, by National Committeeman Ralph Cake after Taft left.

Cake explained that of the disputed Texas delegation, 16 of those

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