

City Briefs

New Boy—Word has been received here of the birth July 9 of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sweet, Hixes, Oregon. The little boy, first child in the family, weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 1/2 oz. and has been named Kent. The baby was born at Myrtle Point. The mother is the former Caryl Vandervall, daughter of Mrs. Faye Wilson of this city. Before her marriage Mrs. Sweet graduated from Southern Oregon College, then taught for two years in the elementary schools of Ashland.

Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Baker, recently of Lawrence, Kan., are guests of Mrs. Baker's sister, Mrs. Guy Merrill and Mr. Merrill. While here they were surprised to find a former Lawrence resident, Sam Morris, manager of Taucher's Market in Cartersville. While here for two weeks of Mrs. Steenburen's father, George Tedrick, owner of the Pollyann Bakery. They came for the wedding of Mr. Tedrick and Maida Carmien, July 4.

Camp Fire Girls—bus for Camp Eather Angerate will leave the rear of Klamath Union High School at 10 a.m. daylight time Saturday. The bus is a chartered county school bus and will begin loading at 9:30.

Young Preacher—Eleven year old Negro boy will preach Friday, July 11, at the Church of God and

Truman Signs Military Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman signed into law Thursday a bill providing 4 1/2 billion dollars for the nation's military buildup for the year that ends next June 30. The measure supplies the money to raise the country's Air Force to a formidable 143 wings by mid-1955.

The total sum which the Defense Department was about 5 billions under what the President had asked if to Congress the Defense Department would need nearly \$1 1/2 billions as a bare minimum for its "stretch-out" preparedness program.

State Man Eyes Costs

SALEM (AP)—Assistant Secretary of State William Healy is busy figuring how much the November ballot measures will cost the taxpayers.

He said 12 of the 18 measures must carry the cost estimates, which also will be put on the ballot. The 1951 Legislature ordered that all initiatives and referendums must be accompanied by the cost estimates to enable the voters to know how much they would spend if the measures are passed.

When Healy's estimate is ready, it will be turned over to Secretary of State Earl T. Newby and State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson for final approval.



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New GOP Platform Attacks Fair Deal Program

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON CHICAGO (AP)—Republicans Thursday accused the present Democratic administration of sacking corruption and of shielding traitors to the nation in high places.

This blistering attack came in the long-awaited campaign platform handed to the GOP National Convention for expected approval during the day.

Slashing attacks on the "present administration's sordid record of corruption" overshadowed hard-fought compromises on the foreign policy, national defense and civil rights planks.

Only the "civil rights" plank—dealing with the touchy issues of racial discrimination—caused some fears of a possible floor fight.

Even so, this plank was shaped up to bridge north-south differences. It is toned down, reflecting a stiff committee fight, from the 1948 statement which backed whatever laws needed to end job discrimination against Negroes and other minorities.

This time the promise was for federal legislation to deal with racial discrimination in states which failed to. Whether this should be compulsory or voluntary was not stated.

Sen. Eugene D. Millikin of Colorado, chairman of the group that shaped the campaign document, told a reporter he expects quick convention approval.

In general, the related foreign policy and defense planks had been approved in advance by Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the two top contenders for the party's presidential nomination.

These planks favored the Democrats on foreign policy, saying "they swing erratically from timid appeasement to reckless blunder."

The GOP document promised that Republicans will seek "an honorable just peace" that would even bring hope to those now imprisoned under Communist domination.

On national defense, the GOP platform promised a quick build up to "completely adequate air power," something Senator Taft has stressed.

And then it balanced this, probably at suggestions from the Eisenhower camp, with a pledge for "simultaneous readiness of coordinated air, land and sea lanes, with all the necessary installations, bases, supplies and munitions, including atomic energy weapons."

All through the six thousand word platform the Republicans promised to clean house in government,

cut costs and reduce waste, overlapping and bureaucracy.

But the really blistering words came in the section titled "corruption."

"The present administration's sordid record of corruption has shocked and sickened the American people," it began. "Its leaders have forfeited any right to public faith by the way they transact the government's business."

"The platform said Republicans have exposed instances of "fraud, bribery, graft, favoritism and influence peddling" in the present administration.

"There have been disclosures of close alliances between the present government and underworld characters," it said, and it protested a "double standard" in enforcing tax laws.

"Political favorites including even some gangsters and crooks" were treated leniently, the platform draft said, while honest taxpayers were harassed over minor discrepancies.

Then it listed many of the scandals that have been exposed by congressional investigations and charged the administration with failing to clean house.

Another special plank on Communism said the Democrats had "permitted Communists and their fellow travelers to serve in many key agencies and to infiltrate our American life."

When Republicans protested and exposed these Communists, the platform said, the administration "raised the false cry of 'red herring' and took other measures to block and discredit investigations."

"There are no Communists in the Republican party," the platform stated.

"We have always recognized communism to be a world conspiracy against freedom and religion."

"We never compromised with Communism and we have fought to expose it and to eliminate it in government and American life."

The platform hit hard at "federal

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Senator Cain Calls For Republican Party Unity

CONVENTION HALL, CHICAGO (AP)—Sen. Harry P. Cain of Washington told the Republican National Convention Thursday its presidential nominee will face a tough fight in November and the delegates should not abuse him here.

The reference obviously was to the bitter intra-party fighting for the nomination and the harsh words that have been traded by opposing GOP factions.

"We have no assurance now of victory next November," Cain said in an address prepared for Thursday's session.

"All we have reason to believe is that victory will not be easy. Under the most favorable circumstances a victory will be exceedingly difficult to achieve. Under adverse circumstances, which we may create, victory will be impossible."

In a plea for party harmony, Cain said a GOP victory could result if all members of the party "understand what allegiance, loyalty and devotion to the principles of our party really mean."

Because a particular candidate's "every view and act does not coincide with mine or yours is not a legitimate excuse to abuse him here or to fail to support him as our nominee," Cain said.

"Each candidate we have is honest, healthy, intelligent, and devoted to the task of keeping America strong and the free world free."

BARRICADES APPROVED
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