

Platform Okayed By Acclamation

CHICAGO (AP)—Weary of name-calling and intra-party feuds, Republicans Friday had a four-year program with which they hope to drive the Democrats from office.

The official 1952 platform won a roaring shout of approval late Thursday at the Republican convention. But its plank on civil rights came within a splinter of causing an angry party fight.

Democrats were quick to chop away at the platform. Early comment from the rival camp included denunciation by two men out to win the Democratic nomination and election as president—Averell Harriman and Estes Kefauver.

The racial questions posed by the civil rights issue had not been settled Thursday even while the 6,000-word platform was up for convention action.

Even as deep-voiced Sen. Eugene

Millikin of Colorado, chairman of the resolutions committee, which drafted the statement of principles, was proudly reading the document, the threat of a civil rights battle hung over the hall.

That it never materialized was a tribute to Millikin, who had worked day and night to produce a plank acceptable to both North and South Republicans.

A few hours earlier, Harold C. Burton of New York called a strategy huddle of other Negro delegates and alternates to back a stronger civil rights plank. Assured of recognition by the convention chairman, they had a substitute plank ready.

But they were advised a floor fight probably would be futile. Sen. Irving Ives of New York and Gov. Alfred Driscoll of New Jersey, both known to favor strong civil rights legislation, promised to back such a fight if made but said they did not expect to win.

Then the entire document came up for a vote. It carried by acclamation. Something like a high wet-up throughout the convention hall.

Such accord was a relief to many party leaders who had feared a platform battle would widen party wounds already opened by the bitterly-partisan campaign for presidential nomination.

The civil rights plank promises "federal legislation to further just and equitable treatment in the area of discriminatory employment practices." But it adds: "Federal action should not duplicate state efforts to end such practices."

The platform as a whole bristled with denunciation of President Truman's administration. It plotted a course for a "march into a new day." It promised to end what it called a corrupt socialistic government unable to cope with Communism and replace it with an efficient positive administration that would "wage peace and win it."

Harriman, mutual security administrator and a candidate for the Democratic nomination, told a news conference at Detroit the platform is "one of the most unconvincing documents of all time."

Kefauver, Tennessee senator who also seeks the Democratic nomination, issued a statement in Washington saying the platform makes the American worker "the forgotten man." He said labor proposals got "the wastebasket treatment."

A United Textile Workers (AFL) statement criticized the platform as "viciously reactionary" and "plainly anti-labor."

16-Year-Old To Play Role

ASHLAND — Stage names are not at all common among the young actors and actresses who make up the Oregon Shakespearean festival, yet oddly enough, one of the younger members of the large group has one—officially.

He is Gerald Gardner, Sheridan High School student who is also a student at Ballet House in Portland.

Gerald, a talented 16-year-old who is appearing in all of the plays in Ashland this season, will go on tour with Ballet Oregon next January under the name of Michele Valenno. On festival billing, he remains plain Gerald Gardner.

Young Gardner is one of three high school students—another from Oregon and the third from Oklahoma—who have speaking roles this season. The rest of the festival cast are from professional or university theaters.

As well as appearing in the plays, Gerald will dance with the Tudor Fair folk dancers before performances this season, and will serve in various backstage jobs.

Two weeks of rehearsals remain for festival casts before the season opens here August 1. Although two of the plays, "Julius Caesar" and "Henry V," have unusually large casts and "Much Ado About Nothing" and "The Tempest" presents special problems in staging and direction, producing director Angus Bowmer and his staff—Allen Fletcher, Richard Graham and Philip Hanson—are still high on prospects for the most entertaining festival season.

"Caesar," directed by Fletcher, promises to be one of the most exciting plays ever staged here, while "Henry V," directors believe, will be the most popular of all the chronicle plays done locally because of the richness of its comic sequences and its color and pageantry, Hanson directs.

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Truce Talks Still Secret

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—Negotiators held their eighth secret session Friday in a futile effort to agree on a Korean truce.

No information was released on what progress, if any, was made during the 26-minute meeting at Panmunjom. Another session was set for 11 a.m. Saturday (6 p.m. Friday).

United Nations and Communist delegates agreed on a news blackout eight days ago in an effort to resolve the remaining issue blocking an armistice—prisoner exchange.

Ike's Brother Makes Visit

CHICAGO (AP)—A man approached the outer guard Friday in the corridor that leads to the suite of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Blackstone hotel.

The guard stopped the stranger and asked "are you one of the members of the Louisiana delegation?"

"Heck, no, I'm Ed Eisenhower from Tacoma and I'm looking for my brother," the newcomer replied.

Edgar Eisenhower was admitted at once. Two other brothers of the general also are here—Earl of Charlevoix, Mich., and Milton, president of Pennsylvania State College.



SWEET VICTORY POSE—Dwight D. Eisenhower with his two grandchildren in a "Victory morning" pose following his win over Taft forces in the Texas and Georgia vote dispute. At left is Barbara Anne, 3, and at right, David, 4.

Truman Okayes Flood Control

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman signed a bill Friday appropriating \$584,061,600 for the Army Engineers' river and harbor and flood control program.

One of two measures which nearly thwarted Congressional adjournment plans, the bill contains \$236,788,500 for rivers and harbors and \$255,742,800 for flood control work.

The funds are for the year which began July 1.

Following are Pacific Northwest projects for which appropriations differed in the original House and Senate approved bills, with amounts showing the conference recommendation:

River and harbor construction, Oregon—McNary lock and dam, \$3 million; The Dalles lock and dam, \$9 million.

Washington—Chief Joseph Dam, \$15 million; Ice Harbor lock and dam, none.

Flood control construction, Oregon—Detroit Reservoir, \$10,250,000; Lookout Point, \$16,625,000; Willamette River, \$400,000.

Newsman Ask Oatis Freed

PORTLAND (AP)—Delegates to the 19th convention of the American Newspaper Guild settled Thursday, at least temporarily, several administrative problems and called for the U. S. and U. N. to step up efforts to free William Oatis.

Oatis, an Associated Press correspondent, was imprisoned more than a year ago by Communist Czechoslovakia. The Guild's resolution said he was jailed because his "gathering and reporting news honestly and factually" was opposed by "forces which fear a free press."

The convention approved procedures which will permit international officers to take over the administration of a local Guild unit if the local gets into serious difficulties.

By voice vote the convention agreed to vote eight members of the Wire Service Council as delegates to next year's convention.

Wire service employees, now members of local Guild units, had asked that a separate wire division be established.

During the coming year the matter of wire service representation will be studied by the executive board and the subject will be brought up again at the next convention.

Japs Have Worst Rains

TOKYO (AP)—The worst rainstorms in 40 years killed 49 persons and injured 67 Thursday night and Friday in the densely populated Osaka area, provincial police reported.

Twenty-two others were missing. The region is the industrial heart of Japan.

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AGAIN HE PRESIDES

Representative Joseph Martin, House minority leader, raps for order as for the fourth time—a record—he takes over current G.O.P. convention in Chicago.

WATER SHORTAGE

BEAVERTON (AP)—The water supply here was holding up moderately well through the hot weather, then suddenly Thursday a main broke and water shot up through a dirt bank in the downtown district. The reservoir was all but drained by the time the break was fixed.

Spectators Get Best Seats As Crowds Jam Convention

CHICAGO (AP)—The biggest advantage to being just a housewife taking in the GOP convention is that we nobodies get the unprivileged balcony seats with a top-side view of everything going on.

In the big hall below, newsmen stand on the desks or on the back of their folding chairs to the accompaniment of loud groans as one occasionally collapses. Occupational disease of all reporters "downstairs" is bruised shins. Photographers in unlimited numbers grapple for position at the foot of the rostrum and hundreds of walkie-talkie girls and boys, pages, telegraph messengers and general factotums jam the aisles, not to speak of the bare feet that go on for position on the rostrum. The loudest bellowing of all—not excluding the politicians—comes from chairmen vainly pounding for order and pleading "clear the aisles." Biggest jam-up is the middle aisle where police now are stationed to stem the horde.

This makes it a little rough on the delegates who are the real stars in this show. Any one unfortunate enough to leave by one entrance and try coming back by another gets stopped in his tracks. That is if he hasn't gotten lost in the miles of corridors or trapped to death in the meantime.

I wonder how the "big" men take it... people like Governor Pine of Pennsylvania, Governor Dewey, Senator Morse, etc., can't open their mouths to yawn but what they are smothered under a mass of photographers.

From above, it looks and sounds like an engaging clam bake in the amphitheater which all these years has resounded to nothing more violent than a livestock exhibition.

The galleries are usually half-empty... even General MacArthur failed to fill all the seats. Too bad, since everyone in Chicago is biting everyone else in a vain attempt to rattle his way in to the big show. The only disturbance up here is the television mechanics hanging perilously from the rafters adjusting the huge klieg lights which pick out each delegation.

In front of me is a high school girl who in two days has chewed her inch-long fingernails to the quick. She did most of the damage.

Fire Crews Quell Blazes

MOUNT SHASTA—Fire crews on the Shasta National Forest had to suppress two man-caused fires on the 4th of July.

One of the fires resulted from an abandoned campfire on the Redding District, at the Allie Cove Campground on Shasta Lake. When controlled the fire had burned one-tenth of an acre. The Forest Service boat patrolman on Shasta Lake discovered the fire and with the aid of campers in the area the fire was controlled before it destroyed the excellent campground.

The second fire occurred on the Pitt Ranger District and was caused by a careless smoker, who was celebrating the 4th of July by shooting a rifle and pistol at newspaper targets. This fire burned 1/2 acre before it was controlled by Forest Service crews.

Both fires are still under investigation. Evidence found at both fires may lead to the apprehension of the persons who caused these fires.



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