

# Labor Union Political Force Fades

CHICAGO (AP) — Labor union leaders feel they will have a lot to say about the Democratic nominees and platform but the focus seems to be against any "Clear it With Sidney" situation like the party's 1944 convention.

The late Sidney Hillman, ex-chief CIO political strategist in 1944, was credited with being that convention's big wheelhorse. It was said, and also denied that the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt instructed politicians to "Clear it With Sidney" on convention strategy.

Both AFL and CIO leaders hope to team together this year and steer through next week's Democratic convention a pair of candidates for President and vice-president and a platform friendly to the aims of labor unions.

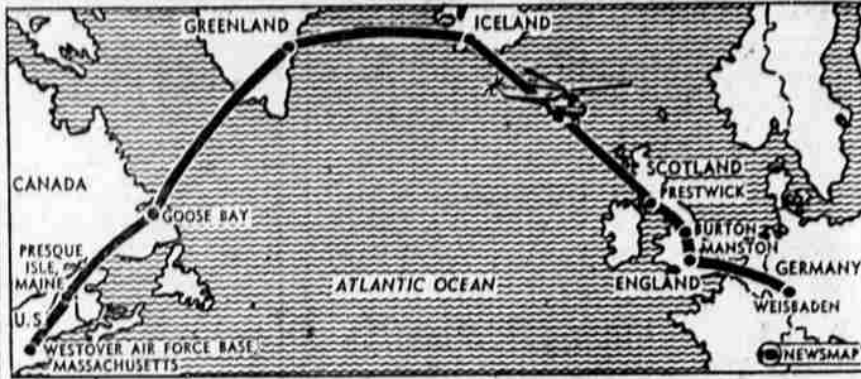
But while a potent force, the organized labor contingent realizes there will be plenty of other people trying to sit in the driver's seat.

CIO President Philip Murray, rushing here from his Pittsburgh steel strike talks to take part in pre-convention talks, told newsmen that he didn't expect any work from President Truman on how labor should turn its strength.

Murray said Truman was "a friend of all labor, not only of the CIO" and added he had no information that Truman would give the CIO the "word" on what way to go.

"I should say the CIO and its delegates will meet and discuss the candidates and issues and make up their own mind," Murray said. This appeared intended to convey the impression that organized labor wasn't getting convention signals from the White House and would vote its own convictions.

Neither the CIO nor AFL has come out for any candidates, but want a platform committed to repealing the Taft-Hartley Labor Act, supporting civil rights legislation and generally endorsing new deal principles.



**A HISTORIC STEP** in trans-oceanic flight is the aim of the trans-Atlantic flight of two Air Force Sikorsky H-19 helicopters, like the one seen at left. The scheduled route of the Military Air Transport craft, from Westover Air Force Base, Mass., to Wiesbaden, Germany, is shown on map above. The two H-19's will be delivered to the 9th Air Rescue Squadron in Germany. Purpose of the flight is to "prove the feasibility and economy of air delivery to Europe of helicopters." Air Force estimates the flying time for the approximately 4000-mile flight to be about 40 hours. The H-19 has a normal ferrying range, with auxiliary tanks, of about 1000 miles. Longest overwater hop on the route is the 817 miles from Iceland to Scotland.



## Joint Granger Picnic Planned

LAKEVIEW—Arrangements for a joint Klamath-Lake County picnic for grangers, sponsored by the Pomona granges of the two counties, are going ahead for Sunday, July 27, it was announced by Fred Fisher, of Lakeview, chairman of the committee.

Fisher said his committee is expecting a large crowd and planning good eats and lots of sports events in the program. Grangers of the two counties and invited guests are to attend the event.

The picnic will be held at Booth Park, west of Lakeview, instead of Sprague River recreation area near Bly as originally planned.

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es between the Tribune and five other unions, the Guild and AFL Teamsters, Stereotypers, Typographical and Mailers, were settled.

The typographical workers voted Sunday to reject management's latest offer in their contract renewal negotiations but failed to take strike action.

Clifford said the Guild's dispute was over the Tribune's refusal to recognize the Guild as bargaining agent for inside circulation and display advertising personnel, who had been covered by previous Guild contracts.

George F. Russell, Tribune business manager, maintained there were not enough Guild members in the two departments for the Guild to continue representing them. He said no further negotiating sessions have been scheduled.

Clifford said management's latest wage offer called for a general raise of five per cent, with a top of \$5 and increases in minimum rates from \$2.80 to \$7 weekly. The offer set a top scale for newsmen at \$102 a week, matching Seattle rates.

## Golf Winners

PORTLAND (AP) — Dick Estey and Mrs. Naomi Kidd won the Portland city golf championships Saturday.

Estey sank a 25-foot putt on the 36th hole to take a 1-up victory over Ben Hughes. Mrs. Kidd defeated Mrs. Richard Orjibbs, 2 and 1, in a scheduled 36-hole match.

## Paper Hit By Second Strike

TACOMA (AP) — The Tacoma News Tribune, preparing to resume publication after a 14-week AFL pressman's strike, was struck again Sunday by some 70 CIO American Newspaper Guildsmen.

The Guild struck, Howard Clifford, unit chairman, said, not over wages but over "management's refusal to bargain with the Guild for departments the union had represented in the past."

The Guild strike vote was taken Saturday and pickets were posted around the Tribune building Sunday.

The Guild strike came hard on the heels of an end to the pressman's strike, which had left this city of 143,000 without a daily newspaper since April 12.

The pressmen voted Friday night to accept management's offer of a 12 1/2 cent hourly wage increase, to \$3 an hour. The pressmen stated, however, they would return to work only when contract differences

# Sen. Benton Wants Demos To Eliminate Filibuster

CHICAGO (AP) — Sen. Benton of Connecticut moved Saturday to wrest from southern senators the filibuster weapon they have used to kill federal civil rights bills.

He demanded that Democratic platform drafters call upon the Senate to revise its rules so a filibuster can be ended.

Assailing the Republicans, he said in a statement distributed in advance to newsmen:

"In their civil rights plank of two weeks ago, the Republicans pay the same old lip service to the ideals of equality under law but conspicuously ignore the cancer of the filibuster imbedded with their aid in the Wherry rule."

Under this Senate rule, named for the late Sen. Wherry of Nebraska, it takes a vote of 64 of the 96 senators to end "a talkathon."

Benton proposed "a Senate rule which makes it possible to put an end to a filibuster by a simple majority vote of those present and voting after 15 days of debate, and by two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting after four days of debate."

Benton's anti-filibuster proposal caught much attention in a city preparing for a knock-down drag-

## Doctor Sues On Expulsion

WALLA WALLA (AP) — Dr. Miles H. Robinson, who has sued for \$134,000 in connection with his being dropped from the Walla Walla Valley Medical Society, said Sunday that the Judicial Council of the American Medical Society has sustained his appeal of the expulsion.

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out fight over the civil rights plank. Democratic leaders were struggling to avoid such a fight, which might split the party.

Many of them confided it was touch and go at the moment. Most are counting upon the veteran Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, chairman of the platform committee, to find a solution.

If harmony moves fail, Dixie Democrats, who bitterly oppose federal intervention in the field of racial relations must decide whether to surrender or battle it out on the convention floor.

Northern Democrats, led by such men as Sen. Humphrey of Minnesota and Lehman of New York claim enough pledged votes to write a tough civil rights plank. "Dixiecrats" to accept it or take a walk as they did four years ago at the Philadelphia convention after a searing floor battle.

McCormack, House majority leader and seasoned by many similar scraps there, told this reporter: "I am hopeful that the platform reported to the convention by this committee will be approved. Common sense would call for unity."

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