

Reds Disrupt Power, Food Supplies For West Berlin

Gen. Clay Says Yanks To Remain In Capital

Soviet Ouster Attempt Defied
By EDWIN SHANKE
BERLIN — (AP) — The Russians disrupted the power supply and freight shipments in Western Berlin today, but Gen. Lucius D. Clay served notice that no action short of war is going to force the Americans from this city.

Mitchem Shootings Note Is Studied In Gaston Case

A possibility of homicide and attempted suicide today entered the Mitchem case which has baffled Gaston County authorities for the past week.
John Pienarczyk, Charlotte Police Dept. identification officer, confirmed to a News reporter today that he had been asked by the Gaston Sheriff's Department to compare a note which was allegedly found in the Mitchem household with several samples of handwriting which were reported to him as belonging to Edith Mitchem, mother, whose child was found by her side dead, a victim of eight bullets.

Flood Death Toll 9

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Wage, Pension Hikes Slated

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Such a wage increase would be 12-13 cents an hour. Miners now receive a base wage of \$11.25 cents for an eight-hour day or \$1.83 an hour. The new rate would provide \$4.65 for an eight-hour day and an hourly rate of \$1.76.



GOV. THOMAS E. DEWEY

Short Of 548 Required For Nomination

Some States May Switch Votes Before Second Round Of Voting

CONVENTION HALL, PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — Gov. Thomas E. Dewey fell 114 votes short of the 548 needed to win the Presidential nomination today on the first roll call at the Republican Convention.
Dewey's advisers had figured all along that he could hardly win the big prize on the first roll call, but contended it was certain by the fourth at the latest.
They hoped to win on the second later in the day. But reports from the floor indicated most of the states with "favorite sons" were inclined to stick with them for a second ballot.
Michigan's delegates said they would stand by Vandenberg.
Senator William Knowland called California "solid as Gibraltar" for Warren.

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Bedlam Breaks Loose At Convention

It held a semi-audist convention meeting in the wreckage of a hurricane, Confetti, torn streamers, discarded paper cups and awnrich scraps littered the floor. Three fugitive red balloons bobbed against the ceiling, trailing "Win With Taft" pennants.

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