

Tossing In The Reserves

A campaign for a Presidential or Vice Presidential nomination is much like a horse race. A campaign manager, like a jockey, must decide whether to give the entry his head at the start, or hold him back to pick up speed in the late stages.

"I don't know how much of our strength we'll want to use on the first ballot. It will depend on the strategy we decide to follow," Sen. Taft said on June 13.

If the Taft forces decide to hold our reserve strength on the first ballot in Chicago, they will be following the pattern of the politically astute James A. Farley in 1932. As Gov. Roosevelt's campaign manager, Farley knew his man would go to the convention the front-runner. Roosevelt did have a majority on the first ballot, but in those days a two-thirds vote was needed, and Roosevelt was more than a hundred votes short of two-thirds.

Farley said later he had been "confident in the last call of my being that we would win on the first ballot." All the same, he held out a few votes, "aware that if we lost (around) on a second roll call, our delegates might melt away like a late snow before a warm spring sun." Roosevelt gained 11 1/2 votes on the second ballot.

On the third ballot, Roosevelt was still inching ahead, this time with a gain of 15 votes. The session had sat through the whole night; the convention adjourned. The adjournment gave Farley the breathing spell he needed. Before the next session convened, he had made the deal that swung California and Texas into the Roosevelt column, got a fourth-ballot nomination for Roosevelt, brought Garner the vice presidency.

Twelve years later, Henry Wallace lost re-nomination for Vice President after leading on the first ballot, with 129 1/2 votes to 81 1/2 for Truman. The Wallace managers had thrown in most of their strength on that first ballot; the professionals behind Truman were holding back much of theirs. On the second roll call, Wallace did start out by picking up two votes from Alabama, 9 1/2 from Colorado. But these were offset by 2 1/2 Truman votes from Colorado and the shift of Delaware's eight votes from Wallace to Truman.

Then the Truman handwagon began to roll. The Missouri Senator picked up four votes from Florida, 18 from Maryland. By the time Mississippi was reached, of those states which had passed, Wallace had a net gain of only 31 votes to a Truman net gain of 134 1/2. Mississippi switched its 20 votes from Bankhead to Truman. That put Truman ahead of Wallace, and it was all over.

The use of reserve strength in a power play doesn't always work. In the Democratic convention of 1912, Boss Murphy of Tammany Hall held tight hold on New York's 90 delegates until the tenth ballot. Then he threw them to Clark, giving Clark a numerical majority of the convention.

Not since 1844 had a majority failed to grow into two-thirds. But the Wilson forces held firm. Clark had shot his bolt and began to lose ground. Wilson was gaining steadily, and the nomination was his on the 46th ballot.

IT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT

By Earl Wilson

The Windy (You Said It) City—I've been out here in a lot of jam-filled rooms in Chicago trying to nominate the worst joke in politics. It will be told at the Republican and Democratic conventions.

They tell me I've asked an Ohio delegate for his vote.

"I'd vote for the devil first," he said.

"But," pleaded Ike, "will you vote for me if he doesn't make it on the first ballot?"

I've been in a lot of conventions—and have the corn to prove it—and find that the same jokes keep coming back.

For example, over at GOP HQ, somebody was talking about 1948, when Thomas E. Dewey was the next President of the United States. Another fellow said he thought that an important man in this year's campaign will be "Ex-President Dewey."

William Jennings Bryan went through that. Then here's another or antique just refurbished for the 1932 union customers and hotel lobby-sitters:

Senator Taft's polling Texas dele-

"Why, Rob Taft," snarled one of them who's angry about that ruckus down there, "I wouldn't vote for you if you were the last man on earth."

Taft turns to Campaign Manager Dewey and says:

"Put that man down as doubtful."

A customer over at the 606 Club, a horseshoe spot in east staggering distance of convention headquarters, just rose and said:

"I wish to nominate Marilyn Monroe for Vice."

That always happens. I'm just the name's different. Personally, I'm neutral in this tussle. Just one Eisenhower supporter just told me exclusively at a barful of people that "Taft has been the best minds of the 19th Century."

"Yeah," sneered the Taftite.

"Eisenhower, if elected, would make the greatest President since Harry Truman," said Pat Truman.

Oh, it's truly a great circus that's building here. Chicago, of course, is on its "good behavior" now—hardly a man is now sober who can remember the old gangster days when mobsters used to tell their kids, "Now go in and shoot Daddy good night."

St. Louis had a joke then—St. Louis people said that they needed around Chicago was a good deal.

In my Gallop-Poll trying to nominate the worst joke, I heard, over at the Pump Room, one that I'd printed some months ago. It makes you wonder whether the Big Republican race will be really necessary.

A Midwest farmer was asked by a reporter whether he preferred Taft or Ike.

"I'm going to vote for Dewey," he said.

"Dewey's not running," he was told.

"I don't care," said the farmer. "I voted for him in '44, and I voted for him in '48, and I never had it so good."

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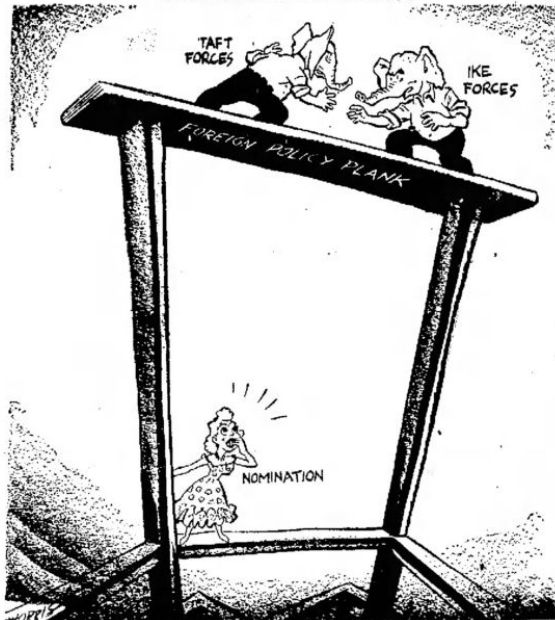
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OLD TIME MELODRAMA



This Morning's MATCHBOX

This Easter Lilly Is Doing Double Duty

By CLOVER CULVER

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY—A man may be lifted out of the slums without God, but only God can lift the slums out of him.

UNUSUAL BLOODING—We have heard of flowers blooming out of season but this tops them all.

Three years ago an Easter lily was planted to Miss Mary Smith, of Sandy Lane, at the Easteride. After the plant had finished blooming, she gave it to Mrs. Ralph Campbell, of S. M. Vernon Ave., to plant in her yard as she had no place to keep it in the apartment.

Last year on July 3, the date of Miss Smith's birthday anniversary, it produced two beautiful blooms and Mrs. Campbell brought it to the vibrant as a surprise for her birthday. It was later returned to Mrs. Campbell for replanting.

Strange as it may seem, again that was on July 3 the night that Miss Smith died, again enjoying the beauty of the stately lilies.

ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT—Latest report on the servant problem comes from a housewife we know who is visiting relatives in Uniontown. She hired a new cook with excellent references, one of the "triest" families of the city.

On the first night of her incumbency she served meatballs smothered with pulled grass, explaining that Mr. So and So always said nobody could cook meatballs like hers. The second night she produced thin slabs of fatty prosciutto in the same sort of fatty prosciutto.

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INSIDE LABOR

By VICTOR RIESEL

There's an innocuous looking chap mopping with the cross of train depots, but terminals and airports jammed with vacationers these days. The gentleman is touring the country, but not on a holiday trip. Instead

he is the special Communist courier from one state Communist headquarters to another with Moscow's latest orders for infiltration of the Republican and Democratic Parties.

It can be reported with the utmost authenticity that he is ordering the use of the Communist 10 big unions as the base for a series of "peace" fronts, each of which are to pressure the delegates, and later the candidates, of two major parties. Already innocent appearing, but pro-Communist, the courier is waiting for the Democrats to convene on St. Truman.

This is all coming to the busy delegates, all the way to talk of world peace, not to be taken in by this well-financed operation.

So skillfully has this undercover maneuver been directed that some of the left-wing unions actually have succeeded in misleading one of the nation's most influential Congressmen, and several right-wing labor leaders. There is no desire in this column to hurt those deceived by linking their names to these Communist fronts and unions—but the Congressmen is from New England and the labor leaders are highly placed AFL chiefs, one in New York, one in Chicago and the other in Ohio. They are being informed and expected to break sharply with the spurious "peace" organizations.

So you shall know them, here are some of the fronts—all of which are set up in Chicago headquarters. There is something called the World Affairs Council, so

new and cleverly camouflaged that it almost succeeded in obtaining AFL and CIO speakers for its peace rally.

Now it's planning to buttonhole C. O. P. delegates. Purpose, of course, is to get a pro-Soviet peace platform in Korea. Directing it is a John Steuben, a man of many aliases, who worked with the Chinese Red Army some years ago. He's now the Communist propaganda boss.

There's the New York Peace Institute, the American Women for Peace, American Peace Crusade, the Labor Conference for Peace and the Massachusetts Women for Peace—all drawing money, man (and woman) power, meeting halls and other facilities from left-wing unions in the maritime, communication and electrical fields.

Then, there is the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives, which sounds like a legitimate organization, but is heavily infiltrated. It has sent every Republican and Democratic delegate an individual letter saying that their "followers" want a certain kind of peace. You know what kind, of course.

The Communist courier, who has been identified and traced, has left further orders for the second part of the current political operation. During the national conventions while the active Democratic and Republican Party leaders are in Chicago, or watching it absently, the Communist activists are to infiltrate protest organizations, saying they come from church groups, unions and the falsest "peace" units. These "infiltrators" are to dig deep into the precincts of the party, and then, in the most menial party organizing work—run errands, put up stickers, make phone calls, distribute literature and collect funds.

Thus, they may be able, here and there, to get their propaganda into speeches, meetings and mailings of busy local candidates who always need the extra dollars and volunteers.

The courier's specific words are to develop "peace" candidates and defeat the others; distribute the Party's literature while the spreading political leaflets entrusted to them; state over and over (Continued on Page 15)

The Neighbors

By George Clark



"Imagine running into someone from our part of the country."

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Very Little Of Convention Struggle Seen On Television

—By David Lawrence

CHICAGO, July 3—Maybe the American people, because of television, will see more of the national party conventions this year than ever before—but, when all is said and done, very little of the real struggle will be televised. For nominations at these conventions are the result of invisible—and not necessarily illicit—forces at work in countless ways operating with a sort of simultaneous consensus that in some given moment suddenly produces unanimity.

Having witnessed 18 national conventions and observed how much alike in strategy they all are, it is possible to say of the current Republican convention that it is following a pattern.

Before a convention begins, the weaker group joins with other groups to try to head off the leading candidate. Sometimes it succeeds, and then there's a moment to head off the group that wrecked the leader.

Today it can be said that Taft's strength has diminished. He has been "stopped" for the time being, whether, by combination with other elements in the party, that strength can be restored and enlarged seems today doubtful.

The Eisenhower contingent is not sufficiently large to win the nomination at this time. Hence a few delegations, some of them among the Eisenhower support groups, are looking around for a chance to press a compromise candidate of their own. If it were assured that Eisenhower could win the nomination, the compromise candidate backers wouldn't grow bold at all. They would be ready to cast in their delegates at the psychological moment when the handwagon starts.

But this convention does not yet reveal a majority at clear sight for anybody and, as long as that is the case, the effort to name a third person will persevere.

Looking around for "dark horses," the chances of uniting under Stassen or Warren are not good because the Taft strength wouldn't be transferred to either one. The Eisenhower forces by themselves couldn't nominate either Stassen or Warren, friendly as they are to both.

There is one man who might emerge as a compromise candidate if a real deadlock of a dozen ballots were ensued, and that man is William Knowland, who recently

ocratic primary nominations in California for another term in the United States Senate.

An effort will be made by the Taft supporters, in the event of a deadlock, to boost General MacArthur as a compromise, but he really eliminated himself by his "keynote" speech, which failed to reconcile the Taft and Eisenhower factions and indeed took a walk both the Republican and Dem-

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BROADWAY

By DANTON WALKER

Broadway Roundup

Chicago city fathers still trying to find ways of minimizing the stockyard odor which penetrates to the doors of the convention hall... Big television and radio networks that are spending \$750,000 to decorate and construct studios at the Chicago International Amphitheater to cover the works when the big political show is over... Will Rogers Jr. to jangle both political conventions... A West Coast newspaper syndicate... Elizabeth Arden tending a big party for Republican delegates at the Ambassador East in Chicago Monday night... The Waldorf-Astoria here will hold daily telecasts of the political program in the Peacock Lounge from noon to 11 P.M. ... Congress may make Sound-masters, film company hired by the State Department to make documentaries in the Orient... Wall St. buzz is that two top auto manufacturers have proposed a merger this year... Columbia Pictures vice president Spingarn says the company's advertising department is not moving to the east (as printed here).

American Broadcasting Co. mulling a million dollar payroll cut according to Inside Advertising... An Ohio gambler who lost his shirt on the Ray Robinson-Joe Maxim fight still trying to bail himself out and get enough money to go home... No advice of his doctor, Robinson has postponed his scheduled August bout in Las Vegas against Albert Yvel to some time in September... Younger members of the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association in a knockdown fight with the elders over subsidizing young players as they go to Australia by sporting goods houses... Inside story on the Red-Haired Boy knockdown fight in New York... It's said that the Red-Haired Boy is that Babe is making \$100,000,000... Reason Mass Hart and other Bucks County landowners are putting their estates up for sale is the development of U. S. Steel's Fairless plant nearby... Meyer Schine sold the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Atlantic City to the Tiedt family, which operates the Travlers and Ambassador Hotels there.

Patricia King, teen-age sister of Sheppard King 3d (Samia Gwala Ambler), claims she's a peep (hoping for a weekly allowance of \$100 from her mother's estate until she is 19... Pat Rooney fought by the "Guns and Dolls" east on his 22nd birthday... "Pat claims that he, not George M. Cohan, is the real "Yankee Doodle Boy" because records prove that Cohan was born on the 3d, not the 18th of July... Ingrid Bergman's new secretary to help her write a book about her side of the story... Irony of Katharine Hepburn's success in "The Morning After" in London is that another American star also in the British capital, Jessie Royce Landis, created the role at Westport in 1934... Playhouse in the 1930's with not a ripple of comment.

The Cal Calloways expecting a little acid slings in August or September... Alan Ross MacDougall writes from the Sullivan, N.Y., hospital that he has finished collecting and editing "The Letters of Edna St. Vincent Millay" for publication by Harpers this fall... The "Baby Snooks" character to be revived this fall will be a Michael Meyerson electronic puppet, with soundtracks by the late Fannie Brice... Contracts of both Tony Arden and her brother John Arden for sale... Zikell Smith, who has developed a comedy strategy, teaming up with Edith Piaf for a tour of the Paris and Riviera night spots... The Berlin show to undergo several major changes, one being that just one man will take over (the entire producing scripting setup to do away with the "too many cooks" problem... Guy Lombardo started a five-week summer radio series for Rheingold (WIC) Monday.

Adam and Eve are getting married Sept. 13, with Bobby White (of the Fulton, Show Television show) Arthur Godfrey and Fred Allen on hand to celebrate. They are Adam Reiss Jr. and Eve Maier, both connected with the Artur Schnabel studios, who are doing the rehearsal of a Passion Play in which both played leads... The famed Cherry Lane Theater has been acquired by the theater group that performed there in the "Gamer" family, which has owned the site since 1919... "Frankie and Johnny" folk play with music written by the Hollywood director John Huston some 15 years ago, will get a production at the Delays Theater in Greenwich Village, Sept. 29... Gordon Parks, 32-year-old Negro photographer, will go to Venice, Italy, to hear a first performance of his "Symphonie Suite," performed by a 100-piece orchestra... Jimmy Glendon to write the "The Dances of the Sun" now being read for TV... Singer Peggy Lee collaborating, as a movie composer, with Sonny Burks on the score of Walt Disney's "The Lady and the Tramp."

Calcium Deposits Follow Disease

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

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CALCIUM DEPOSITS FOLLOW DISEASE

Driving through days of rainy weather the windshield wiper failed, so I had to work it with my right arm. In consequence I suffered bursts in the right shoulder and cried with pain until the doctor came and gave me a shot or two of morphine. I suppose it was in the course of several weeks I made a complete recovery, with no limitation of function.

A year later I sustained a fracture of the left shoulder in an automobile collision. The X-ray man made films of both shoulders for comparison, and found the bursa in right shoulder calcified. The shoulder has since no trouble whatever since the fracture. Whether that bursa is still calcified I don't know or care. But my experience goes to show that a bursa may be calcified although there is no visible limitation of function.

The deposit of calcium (calcifications) in the bursa was the consequence of the bursitis.

It is my opinion—and don't forget, I'm not an authority on anything except maybe, well, never mind—that a deposit of calcium or calcification in any part of the body is the consequence, and not a cause, of the arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, hardening of the arteries or other pathological condition which may be ascribed to it.

So far as the rheumatism or arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) is concerned, I believe I am finding out both conditions when I take my daily ration of calcium and vitamin D as a supplement to my regular diet, which, like the diet of most Americans, is probably deficient in these essentials of good nutrition and life. I am indeed sure for myself who am training for the rheumatoid but not enjoying the prophylactic effect of supplementary calcium and vitamin D because, poor souls, they have Ben Told it will cause calcium deposits in their joints. I am especially sure for them if Ben Told is a doctor by trade. It seems to me that a medical student or a physician with even an elementary knowledge of pathology would demand some sort of vitamin therapy for the rheumatoid man. Moreover, the diets in hotels should inquire into the question, for who is going to eat milk, cheese and eggs, the best food sources of calcium, if calcium is "deposited" in the joints and arteries, like the old timers would have us think.

If any medical student physician, pathologist or physiologist has any information or even a plausible theory to support the notion that a "deposit" of calcium occurs in tissues that have not already degenerated, I hope he or she will enlighten me. It is his or her duty to do so, if my teachings about this are not correct.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Upside Down Riding
The upside down bicyclist riding exercise recommended in your pamphlet on Varicose Veins and Illustrated in The 7 Keys to Vile not only helped my varicose veins but

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