

Southern delegates are used as so many pawns, harried back and forth by the Republicans, says Drew Pearson in today's Merry-Go-Round, written at Philadelphia where the Republicans are in convention.

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ALLEGEDLY VIOLATES HOLD LINES

Isolated From Albania Greeks Cut Route Of Rebel Escape

SECOND ARMY HEADQUARTERS, KOZANNE, GREECE.—(AP)—Greek Army troops, pressing an offensive against 7,000 guerrillas in the Mount Grammos area, have cut off an enemy escape route into Albania, military sources said today.

This achievement, by units of the 15th Division, was reported as the first of a series of successes in the fighting. An order of the day said, "Let Grammos be the grave of the Communists."

The Second, Eighth, and Tenth Divisions entered the offensive on the eastern, southern and western sides of the Grammos Mountain semi-circle facing the Communist forces of Markos Vellades. The Second is moving in from the Greek area while the Eighth and Tenth are attacking from the south and west on both sides of Ioannina.

The Ninth Division was pushed up from Kenkris across northern Greece in an apparent effort to seal off the Albanian border. Unconfirmed reports said it had reached guerrilla defense outposts in the Grammos area.

Units of the First and 15th Divisions are fighting around Nestorion. The escape route slashed by the 15th Division units is situated between the Alakmon and Sarantapor Rivers southwest of Nestorion. The Sarantapor enters Greece near Vlachos. Bridges across the Grammos mountains connect the two sides.

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Union Boss Gets Signal To Go Ahead With Plan

\$100 Payments To Miners OK'd

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Justice T. Alan Goldsborough today gave John L. Lewis a legal go-ahead for his \$100 monthly pension plan for miners.

Goldsborough dismissed a plea of Sara Van Horn, trustee for operators on the United Mine Workers welfare fund, for a court order to block payment of pensions for retired miners.

The judge said he found the proposal for payments "reasonable and proper."

FIRST VICTORY

For Lewis, it marked his first triumph on three trips into Judge Goldsborough's court. Twice before he had been there only to be fined for contempt of court for failure to end walkouts in obedience to Goldsborough orders.

It was a dispute over pensions that brought about the costly six-week strike last Spring.

The proposed system of payments was evolved by Lewis and Senator Charles McNary (R-Ind.). Bridges became neutral member of the welfare board and sided with Lewis in setting up the plan.

Van Horn refused to approve the payments and went June 30, asking that it be declared illegal.

Goldsborough said the plan, which was only tentative and may be changed as experience dictates, does not violate either the 1947 coal work contract, made last July, or the Taft-Hartley Labor Act.

The plan provides \$100 a month for UMW members who are 65 years of age or older and who have worked in the pits for at least 20 years.

Lewis and Bridges agreed to set aside \$5,000,000 of the \$45,000,000 fund to start the pension payments.

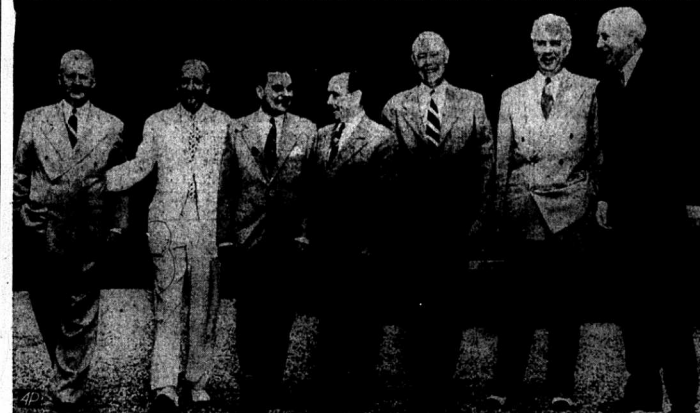
The fund has been accumulated through a ten cents a ton royalty levied on each ton of coal mined. This was provided in the 1947 contract.

The dispute between UMW Chief Lewis and the mine owners has resulted in payments for pensions or other welfare benefits for UMW workers. Lewis has insisted that agreement be reached on the pension plan before he would go ahead with talks for a new contract to replace the one which expires July 30.

Goldsborough's decision thus helps the UMW make and possibly clear the way for the new contract negotiations to prevent a strike in July.

The three major points on which Goldsborough upheld Lewis were: (1) That Van Horn, as the operators' trustee, does not necessarily have the right to veto the pension plan; (2) That the UMW's welfare fund is not a trust; (3) That members of the UMW who are no longer employed by the mine they signed the contract also are eligible.

Republican Bigwigs Meet; 'Purely Social,' They Say



These leading Republican personalities met at Philadelphia in a gathering described as "purely social." Left to right: Gov. James Duff of Pennsylvania, Rep. Carroll Reece of Tennessee, G.O.P. national committee chairman, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, a presidential candidate, House Speaker Joe Martin of Massachusetts; Senator Robert A. Taft, also a presidential candidate; Senator John W. Bricker of Ohio, and their host, Martin Clement, president of the Pennsylvania railroad. The scene is at Clement's home in suburban Valley Forge. This is an exclusive picture by AP staff photographer Warren Winterbottom. (AP Wirephoto.)

No Sign Of Break In Battle For Nomination

Platform Shaped By Republicans

By JACK BELL
CONVENTION.—HALL, PHILADELPHIA.—(AP)—The Republicans whooped their convention up with a fresh round of denouncing the Democrats today, and readied a platform bid for election victories.

But on the big question—who will get the Presidential nomination—there was no sign of a break in the battle.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey won one point on which there has been a change of strategy. He was announced that Arizona would yield to New York when the time comes to make nominations.

That means that Dewey's name will be the first to go before the convention. Alabama will pass when the alphabetical list is called.

But that was about all Dewey could put his finger on in the election. The Dewey, Taft and Stassen lines were holding fast. The delegations with "favorite son" candidates were waiting, making no moves toward any of the leaders.

This third convention session—the first of the second day—was under way at 10:20 A. M. (EST). 22 minutes later, it recessed at 12:37 until 6 P. M.

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Civil War Threatens

Jewish Factions Battle On Beach

TEL AVIV, Israel.—(AP)—Israeli and Irgun Zvai Leumi troops battled today on the central beach of Tel Aviv. Perhaps 400 people were killed or injured as civil war threatened Israel.

The fighting developed over the beachfront. Irgun Zvai Leumi, an extremist underground group, to land on the beach with 100 tons of arms on the shores of the new Jewish state.

Irgun said the arms were intended for defense of Jerusalem. Importation of arms is barred under the U. N. partition agreement and the Government of Israel, anxious to avoid blame for breaking the truce, issued orders to its soldiers to meet fire with fire from Irgun forces.

The shooting first flared yesterday when Irgun tried to land the arms at Tel Aviv, north of this city. The ship was towed overnight into Tel Aviv bay and grounded within a block of the waterfront headquarters of the United Nations.

TERRIBLE FIGHT

An Irgun broadcast said "some of our people have been killed and wounded." It threatened a "bloody battle" between Irgun forces and Irgun did not cease.

A muted explosion and a big cloud of white smoke shot up from the central beach district after the Irgun fired a shell into the group of civilians trying to reach the Irgun ship, which stood about 40 feet offshore. The nature of the explosion was not stated.

A small Irgun ship tried to trip to and from the Irgun craft, bringing additional loads of Irgun troops to the beach.

The battle on the seafloor continued into mid-afternoon. A soldier in the Irgun ship was wounded 300 yards from this writer's hotel rooming on the beach.

The roof and porch of the hotel were used as a rifle and Bren gun post. Firing switched frequently from the Irgun beachhead to the ship of beach farther south where Irgun tried to reinforce the position with its troops inside the city.

Irgun gained a foothold in the ruins of an old building on the beachfront. The Army moved up an armored car and tried to dislodge it.

Vandenberg Influence Evident

Republicans Back International Aid

By MAX HALL
PHILADELPHIA.—(AP)—Republicans today outlined a platform pledging internationalism, a potent military machine and civil rights for all.

The platform frames finally laid the text before the country after nearly a week of writing, wangling and revising.

The objective is to win as many votes as possible in November. The Democrats will write a platform next month for the same purpose.

Chairman Henry Cabot Lodge of the GOP Resolutions Committee will offer the 2,400-word document, shortest in the party's history—to the national convention tomorrow for approval. Conventions usually accept platform without a fuss.

Republican National Chairman Carroll Reece today predicted "harmonious action."

The document, adopted by the exhausted resolutions committee at 12:10 A. M. today and made public later in the morning, was described by Lodge as broad enough for any of the

Reds Meet With Allies

By LYNN HEINZELBERG

BERLIN.—(AP)—High Russian officials, for the first time in more than three months, met the Western Allies today in a discussion on currency.

The aim was to agree on a money reform for this four-power city. The meeting was held in the presence of relations between Soviet and Western Germany, which are now under different currencies.

The British proposed the talks, which started in the early afternoon, to be held in the city of Berlin. The Russians delayed today's meeting 45 minutes by unexplained tardiness.

Soviet sources said currency reform for the Russian zone was expected at any time. The British and France instituted a currency union with the German zone at the week-end to curb inflation and strike at the black market.

POLICE DOUBLED

Police were doubled in some areas of the Russian sector of Berlin. The Soviet-licensed news agency said the currency union was a "big step" toward the German economy. The account said American and British officials are sending out stores and buying up everything offered with the old marks. The report was denied.

The Russians agreed to today's talks after asserting that only the new currency plan for the zone of their own zone should be circulated in the German zone. The plan, they said, is "economically a part" of the Soviet zone, in which it is located.

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'Tragic Step Toward War'

200 Protestant Leaders Urge Young Men To Defy Draft Law

NEW YORK.—(AP)—More than 200 Protestant clergymen and leaders today urged young men to refuse to register under the draft act or enlist in the armed forces.

Acting as individuals and without any denominational support the group issued a letter which said:

"As the early Christians refused to offer a pluck of incense to their pagan image, so we believe that Christians, young and old, in the United States today should refuse to grant even the name of the recognition of registration to this contemporary evil which means disaster for our country and their church."

The statement was released by the Rev. Allan Knight Chalkers, former minister of Broadway Tabernacle, New York, and now professor in the University of Chicago; and the Rev. A. J. Muste, national secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Theodore D. Walker, secretary of the fellowship, said additional signatures were sought.

Signers included Dr. Edwin McNellie Poynter, president of College-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y.; Bernard C. Claussen, pastor of the Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland; Frederick K. Stamm, First Congregational Church, Chicago; A.

Objectors Chains Self To White House Railing

By FRANK ADAMS

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A 33-year-old conscientious objector chained himself to a banister in the White House today in protest against the draft law. The draft was painted on his white shirt.

Secret Service agents quickly released him and hustled him out the White House into their headquarters across the street.

The Secret Service identified the man as James D. Peck, New York City. Agents said he had been in the White House for a week, protesting against the Federal penitentiary at Danbury, Conn., where he had served a three-year term as a conscientious objector.

Tar Heels Join In GOP Free-For-All

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PHILADELPHIA.—(AP)—Tar Heels today took the first step in the GOP Free-For-All. The party's first move was to take part in bitter contests and to guide strategy which may ultimately name the next President.

P. E. Brown, former sheriff of Wilkes County, and an avowed Dewey supporter, gave his vote to the platform committee for a tax reduction plank and W. C. Meekins of Asheville sought to tone down the civil rights plank which has been drafted for the convention.

But back stage in the inner circle of the camp of former Governor Harold E. Stassen, S. T. Henry of Spruce Pine, N. C. and New York State Senator for second choice is how he can get off the ground with only 41 votes pledged from his home state. The key strategists in most delegations concede that only Stassen has the organization and the opportunity to give Vandenberg the other rank and file support the initial boost which might put him in position to break the Taft-Dewey tie and carry off the nomination for first place on the ticket.

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy, warmer Wednesday. Little change Thursday. Scattered thunderstorms Friday. High 70-80. Low 50-60. Sunrise tomorrow 5:09. More Weather Data on page 2-A