

There are many ways to entertain the kids in your own yard. ...

Britain Sends More Troops Into Western Germany

Step Taken Because of Tension Over Blockade

Military Talks Held In London

LONDON — (AP) — An authoritative source said today Britain has sent considerable numbers of new troops to Western Germany because of the tension in blockade Berlin.

The informant said "many" of the reinforcements will be sent to Berlin itself.

He said some formations of British withdrawal from Berlin had been sent to Germany.

The British War Office first refused to confirm the report, but later a War Office spokesman said "there is no foundation to the report."

The authoritative informant, however, reaffirmed his statement, "When a country adopts a diplomatic line like that which Britain has adopted over Berlin, it has to make sure it can carry out what it says it intends to do," he declared.

Robertson flew here from Berlin last night.

Earlier in the day, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin gave the cabinet an up-to-the-minute report on the Berlin crisis.

The problem of coordinating British military plans in Germany and West Berlin with those of the United States and France was discussed yesterday by Field Marshal Leslie Montagu, chief of the British general staff.

Montagu, after top-level talks with the French chief of staff in Paris, said the British would inspect the disposition of British military forces in Austria.

Through Germany on his way back to the War Office, Montagu said he could make no comment on Montagu's movements because they were not yet official.

Lewis W. Douglas, United States ambassador to Britain, said today that he had not asked for more troops.

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New Noise On Dull Theme

Pepper And Friends Find Candidate: Claude Pepper

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Senator Claude Pepper and his friends, after searching the field, have found a candidate to put up against Harry Truman at the Democratic convention. His name: Senator Claude Pepper.

Practical politicians don't give him a shadow of a chance to beat President Truman for the nomination.

But he is campaigning as a candidate and confidently as if he were a major contender. His campaign at least injected a new noise into a dull convention.

Who's take a look at this man from Tallahassee, Fla., who told a news conference last night with an earnest sound in his voice.

"This is no mere gesture. This is a fight. We believe we can make it a winning fight."

An ardent man, who said he had gained national prominence by denouncing U. S. America's role in World War II long before he was a politician.

A strange political phenomenon, often wrenched between his self-styled crusading liberalism and the practical necessity of pleasing the voters of his home state.

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Blythe Is Unopposed

Cherry Chairman Of NC Delegates

PHILADELPHIA — The Democratic convention moved this morning with delegation opposition and a crystallization of acceptance of Truman's nomination as a Truman platform apparent.

Sen. Clyde Hoy and Mrs. O. Max Gendine, Shelby, were among those who were actively advocating Clinton Danley, legislative secretary, as a substitute for the President.

Sen. William Unstead and other delegates who were favorably disposed to Sen. Hoy and Mrs. Gendine, and Unstead looked favorably on Danley.

"WORSE THAN TRUMAN" was the slogan of the anti-Truman faction. They said that Pepper was a "worse" candidate than Truman and a group of Carolinians

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In the face of the Israeli advance the 4,000 Trans-Jordan Legionnaires defending the region were forced into a withdrawal to avoid being outflanked or to avoid being bottled in a show-down battle of attrition.

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Out Of The Race

Douglas Says He's 'Not Available'

PORTLAND, Ore. — (AP) — Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas told reporters today that he would not accept a Vice-Presidential nomination.

Confirming reports from the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, the Justice declared in a statement, "I say definitely and finally that I am not available for such a post."

Douglas said he felt that "no person, while a member of the Supreme Court, should seek political preferment."

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Democratic Platform Tentative Draft

No Bid For Unity

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — Democratic platform framers were reported today to have drawn a preliminary draft of rights plank bidding for party unity through a revival of the 1944 race stand.

The tentative platform draft, drawn by a seven-man sub-committee and yet to be approved by the 188-member full platform committee.

But one source said this language was presented by the seven-man sub-committee writing up for the race plank.

The Democratic party and the President's Administration are jointly responsible for the great loss of life and property in the continuing effort to reduce and eliminate unfair and illegal discrimination on race or creed or color.

We have implemented our often expressed belief that racial and religious minorities have the right to live, develop and prosper equally with all citizens, and to share the rights guaranteed by the constitution.

"We again call on Congress to enact legislation to remove the handicap of these constitu-

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In Forefront

As Douglas Steps Out

Democrat Open 30th Convention

By JACK BELL

CONVENTION H A L L, PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Democratic National Convention stepped out of the Vice-Presidential picture and Senator Alben Barkley came to the front today as the chief rival of Truman for the nomination.

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Convention Schedule

PHILADELPHIA — The Democratic National Convention opened its first session today at 10:30 P. M.

Called to order by Senator McGrath.

Invocation by the Rev. Felix Kimball, rector of Christ Church Episcopal.

National anthem, sung by Miss Carol Brier.

Address by Mrs. India Edwards, ex-governor of Delaware.

Report of Credentials Committee and Committee on Permanent Organization.

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Pioneer Flight

Jet Planes Poised For Atlantic Flight

BANGOR, Maine — (AP) — Pointed for troubled Germany in the P-40's first jet-powered flight.

First of the sixteen pioneering jets came in at 11:02 P.M. on July 11, 1948.

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North Carolina's Dairy Industry As On The March

And in today's CAROLINA FARMERS' NEWS, the dairy industry is on the march.

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Weather

Scattered afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms Tuesday; slightly warmer.

Temperature at 2:00 today: 71. High today: 74. Low today: 61. Tomorrow: 75. Tuesday: 78. Wednesday: 79. Thursday: 78. Friday: 77. Saturday: 76. Sunday: 75.