

The downfall of Senator Taft, from the heights of his decisive 1950 re-election to the shabby deals of Texas and Chicago, is chronicled today on the editorial page. Turn to 5-A.

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MIGHTY AIR RAID

ALLIES SMASH 3 RED TARGETS

SEOUL—(Saturday)—(AP)—Hundreds of Allied warplanes Friday smashed North Korea's capital and two other prime military targets in one of the mightiest air blows of the Korean war.

Pyeongyang, the North Korean capital, was left in roaring flames and rubble before bad weather blotted out the target and spared it from a further ordeal of fire and bombs.

It was a thunderous follow-up to the Yalu River power plant raid on June 23 designed to exert great military pressure on the balky Communist armistice negotiators.

FEWER SORTIES

But bad weather kept the raid from reaching the proportions of that one. The Air Force said there were 1,048 sorties (individual flights) compared with 1,572 on June 23.

Estimates of the number of planes involved ranged from 500 to 650. Pilots of five Allied nations took part in the big blow.

The U. S. Air Force said it was in mid-afternoon the continuing raid "was well on the way to being the biggest air strike of the war."

United Nations pilots reported they destroyed or damaged the Communist army communications headquarters, three munitions factories and numerous other factories, and supply and troop centers in Pyonyang.

The Red capital was left in flames and rubble, said after a flight over the target area.

American, British, Australian, South African and South Korean planes from land and carrier bases also smashed Hwanggyang and Sariwon in Western Korea, 25 and 35 miles south of Pyonyang. They are important centers on the rail line between Pyonyang and the battlefield.

For weeks, Allied pilots had been attacking the rail line "was well on the way to being the biggest air strike of the war."

Taft Has 'Downhill' Week; Bickering Hurts Meeting

By JAMES MARLOW
CHICAGO—The Republicans closed out an almost incredible week, which was all downhill for Sen. Taft, when they began bickering today on a presidential candidate.

They came here for the usual routine of pouring fury on the Democrats. They went out heaping scorn and anger on each other from the moment the convention opened Monday.

And almost unbelievably, the two main candidates—Taft and Eisenhower—were obscured by issues and events instead of remaining sharp focal points for the convention to choose between.

For this week Taft's whole life has been a preparation. He must have a record for the White House where he lived as a boy when his father was president, because this was his ticket for the nomination 12 years ago.

A RECORD?

He must have established an American record for trying to get a republicanism moderate. So, if desire any energy could guarantee a man the nomination, Taft should have had it before the convention.

In fact, he claimed he too, a claim which looked none too sure.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and slightly warmer today, tonight and Saturday.

High temperature yesterday 83 degrees.

High temperature expected today 85 degrees.

Low temperature this morning 61 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 65 degrees.

Sunrise 5:17 A. M.; Sunset 7:48 P. M.

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ARCTIC SEAS OPENING

In the world's climate moderating Scientists point to changes in the Arctic regions as proof that it is. A definite change in the Arctic climate set in about 1930, and became most noticeable about 1935.

The ship sailed around Franz Josef Land, the first time in the history of Arctic navigation. Three years later a ship penetrated to 22 degrees north latitude, the northernmost point ever reached by a vessel under its own power. In 1940 more than 100 vessels engaged in trade over Arctic routes that were formerly icebound.

Many Being Mentioned For Vice-President

Republican Lawmakers Governors Talked

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
CONVENTION HALL, Chicago—Names of a number of members of Congress and state governors entered into speculation over Vice-Presidential possibilities today as the Republican national convention prepared to fill the top spot on the GOP ticket.

While by custom, the party's Presidential candidate has the final word in selecting his teammates, delegates were far from reluctant to offer advance advice.

House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr., convention chairman, told newsmen he knew of no general agreement at this time on anyone for Vice-President.

"They'll let the Presidential candidate name him," Martin added. "They always do."

MIDWEST OR EAST?

The racial questions posed by geographical reasons the Vice-Presidential nominee would come from the Midwest or the East.

Mentioned by others as possibilities in this connection were Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois, Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, and Representative Walter Judd of Minnesota.

BULLETIN

CONVENTION HALL, CHICAGO—Rep. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania told reporters today he regards Sen. Richard Nixon of California as the "top prospect" for the GOP Vice-Presidential nomination.

Republican Presidential Nominee



Winner of the Republican nomination for the Presidency on the first ballot in Chicago was Gen. Ike Eisenhower, shown here with his wife. (United Press Telephoto)

On Civil Rights Issue

Platform Floor Fight Averted

By EDWIN B. HAKKINSON
CHICAGO (AP)—Wary of name-calling and intra-party feuds, Republicans today had a four-year program with which they hope to drive the Democrats from office.

The drafted 1952 platform was a roaring shout of approval late yesterday at the Republican convention. But his plank on civil rights came within a splinter of causing an angry floor fight.

Democrats were quick to chop away at the platform. Early comment from the rival camp included denunciation by two men out to win the Democratic nomination and did not expect to win.

Then the entire document came up for a vote. It carried by acclamation. Something like a sigh went up throughout the convention hall.

Such accord was a relief to many party leaders who had feared a platform battle would widen party divisions already opened by the presidential nomination.

WORDING OF PLANK

The civil rights plank promised a federal legislation to further just and equitable treatment in the area of discriminatory employment practices. But it added: "Federal action should not duplicate state efforts to end such practices.

The platform as a whole bristled with denunciation of President Truman's administration. It plotted a course for a "march into a new day" it promised to end what it called a corrupt socialist government unable to cope with communism and replace it with an efficient positive administration that would "wage peace and win it."

Milklin's voice rang out as he read the platform to the convention. He hit the Democratic ad-ministration for "corruption in high places" and "examples of dishonesty and dishonor."

He read on:

"We charge that they have plunged us into war in Korea with-out the consent of our citizens through their authorized representatives in the Congress, and have carried on that war without limit to victory."

BUILDUP PLEDGED

After castigating the foreign policies of the Democratic administration, the platform pledged a buildup of air power and military might to match Russia.

For business it promised to "reduce tax abuses and unjust prices and wage controls."

"Our goal is a balanced budget, reduced national debt, an economical administration and a cut in taxes," it said.

Farmers were promised that Republicans would remove "partisan political dictations" from farm programs. They were pledged "full parity prices for all farm products in the market place."

Quadrennial Lung-Power Derby Staged

Noise-Makers Take Over GOP Meeting

By RELMAN MORIN
CONVENTION HALL, Chicago—The great lung-power derby, a strange rite of the Americans, howled itself into exhaustion in the few hours this morning, having named five men as choices for the highest office in the land.

For nearly eight hours, last night and today, five bands of Republican leaders, as much noise as they possibly could. They used most of the known instruments for disturbing the peace—cowbells, whistles, sirens, tin organ, tin and wood rattles, brass bands, and not least of all, the human voice.

History will never be able to record which group racked up the highest score in sore throats.

Nor could you say which of the five put on the best mob-scene in the aisles, waving a forest of placards, flipping flying saucers and throwing streamers into the air, releasing balloons, capering, cavorting and having, generally, a high old time.

But the blue-and-gold riot on the half of Gov. Earl Warren of California was somehow warmer and sweeter.

Moreover, when a electrician threw a switch, powder-blue spot light on Mrs. Warren and the Warrens' three blonde, photogenic daughters—Virginia, Nina and Dorothy—everybody joined in the acclamation.

All three, in evening gowns, were neatly curled and coiffed, smiling with white teeth flashing, and very proud of papa.

Obviously enough, there was no demonstration at all when ex-Gov. Harold Stassen was named, although a pretty woman in a glowing yellow dress made the speech. She was Mrs. C. E. Howard—Margie to her friends.

Gov. Douglas MacArthur's partisans, fewer in number but second to none in energy, were fifth and last on the scene. They paraded carrying giant photographs of MacArthur, and sang "Old Soldiers Never Die" and "Oklahoma, my land of deference to Fred L. Coogan, the Oklahoma who made the nomination speech.

It was the usual organized noise. See NOISE on page 13-A.

General Wins On 1st Ballot

Minnesota Switch Gives Military Hero Decisive Victory Over Taft

CONVENTION HALL, CHICAGO (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower today won the Republican Presidential nomination.

In a dramatic climax, to a ding-dong fight with Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, Eisenhower crashed through to the GOP accolade on the first ballot.

On the roll call, Eisenhower first received 595 votes to 500 for Taft. But before the vote could be announced, Minnesota threw to the General nineteen votes it had first given to Harold E. Stassen.

That put Ike across with 614 votes. It took 601 to nominate.

Texas and other states which had split their votes then began jumping. It was a landslide in the end.

The official result of the ballot was:

Total 1,206 votes: Eisenhower 845; MacArthur 4; Taft 280; Warren 77.

After the official vote was announced the convention made the nomination of General Eisenhower unanimous. Senator Bricker, a spokesman for Senator Taft, moved the nominator vote, and Senator Knowland spoke for Governor Warren of California.

And this feuding, wrangling 25th Republican National Convention pulled itself together into a vanguard show of unity behind the five-star general with a roaring demonstration around and around this big hall hard by the stockyards.

RECE STATEMENT.

Rep. B. Carroll Reece, Southern campaign manager for Taft, said:

"Of course I'm going to support the nominee but I feel Eisenhower's managers should apologize to Senator Taft for their conspiracy to stigmatize him."

The convention floor was in an uproar at that point as state after state rushed to toss its votes on the Eisenhower bandwagon.

Eisenhower himself was not in the hall. As custom dictates, he had waited at his hotel while the convention's rank and file decided who should lead their effort this year to break 20 years of Democratic national rule.

With him waiting for the return of Mrs. Eisenhower, Mamie to the General—and three grandchildren, David 4, Barbara Ann 3, and Susan, six months.

They are children of his son, Maj. John Eisenhower.

The balloting capped a week of maneuvering in which Eisenhower's strategists won the opening skirmishes and exploited them to take the grand prize.

TURNING POINT

The turning point had its beginning in the pre-convention preliminary of last week.

The long, ugly arguments over delegate contests, in which the words "retail" and "wholesale" were commonplace—had their effect on many delegates, if not on the GOP national committee.

This was evidenced at the opening day of the convention—last Monday.

Taft came to Chicago confident and riding high. Through months of long hard campaigning—mile after mile up and down and across the country, he had built up a lead in front of Eisenhower in pledged delegates.

MONDAY TEST VOTE

But on the opening day, when the Eisenhower forces—with support from backers of candidates Earl Warren and Harold Stassen—whipped the Taft men 658 to 548 in a test vote on a rule regarding party prices for all farm products in the market place."

The Vote

State	Rep.	Eisenhower	Taft	Others
Ala.	16	8	9	—
Ark.	11	4	7	—
Cal.	11	4	7	—
Conn.	14	11	3	—
Del.	1	1	—	—
Fla.	12	6	12	—
Ill.	21	11	10	—
Ind.	14	7	7	—
Iowa	28	15	13	—
Kent.	1	1	—	—
La.	9	1	8	—
Me.	1	1	—	—
Mass.	24	15	9	—
Mich.	48	35	13	—
Minn.	2	1	—	19
Miss.	2	21	—	—
Mo.	10	1	9	—
Mont.	1	1	—	—
N.C.	12	5	7	—
N.D.	1	1	—	—
Ohio	14	19	—	—
Ore.	1	1	—	—
Pa.	26	12	14	—
R.I.	1	1	—	—
S.C.	6	4	2	—
Tenn.	10	4	6	—
Texas	34	28	4	—
Va.	10	4	6	—
Wash.	12	12	—	—
W. Va.	1	1	—	—
Wis.	19	4	15	—
Wyo.	1	1	—	—
Total	658	845	548	77

Eisenhower Visits Taft

Soon After Nomination

CHICAGO (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called on Sen. Robert A. Taft today shortly after his triumph over the senator for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Eisenhower and his wife had an apparent effort to smooth over the bitterness of the convention close to the street from his Blackstone Hotel quarters to Taft's suite in the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

The place was jammed.

Eisenhower and Taft came out of their conference at 1:15 p. m. (EST).

Taft appeared first with Eisenhower behind him. They walked side by side as they walked into the lobby of the ninth floor. A party of about 60 or 50 persons stopped for a minute behind the two men.

Eisenhower and the senator chatted amiably, both smiling broadly as they posed together before television cameras. What they said, however, was generally lost in the general uproar.

"You'll win the election," Taft told the general at one point.

Finally a measure of quiet was restored. Taft himself held up his hand and pleaded for quiet.

"I want to congratulate Gen. Eisenhower," he said.

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