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Spotlight On Credentials Group

Taft Fight At GOP Caucuses

M'Arthur Calls Democrats 'War Party'

Convention Keynote Urges GOP 'Crusade'

By WARREN ROGERS JR., CHICAGO — Old soldier Douglas MacArthur, amid a canonade of applause, blistered the Democrats as a blundering "war party" and rallied yelling Republicans last night to a "crusade" to rout them from office.

The five-star general's keynote address knifed through the strife stirred by the Taft-Eisenhower battle for presidential nomination. It united the packed, 900 delegates in a standing ovation as it bit sharply at the Truman administration's policies.

The 67-minute speech, punctuated 73 times by handclapping and roars, formally plotted a non-partisan course in the nomination battle between Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen. Robert Taft.

MacArthur, who backed Taft and who has been mentioned as a possible vice presidential running mate for the Ohioan, said:

1. The Democratic party has a noble heritage but has been captured by schemers leading the country toward the "totalitarian state."

2. The Republicans must elicit all kinds of Americans, who are "desperate for a plan which will revive hope," to win the November election.

AVOIDS NAMES

MacArthur named neither Taft nor Eisenhower, but he hit the administration's policy of Communist containment, which Eisenhower supports, and called for more air power, a Taft objective.

"Wearing civilian clothing, the five-star general spoke slowly and deliberately. He leaned well forward into a thicket of microphones and, closely following his prepared script, leveled his heavy-lidded eyes at the administration of President Truman, who fired him last year as United Nations commander in the Far East.

He said Truman's claim of inherent power, which the Supreme Court held did not justify the steel industry seizure, was fictitious.

TAFT'S POLICY

"The administration's foreign policy, he said, "practically invited Soviet Russia to invade the free peoples of Eastern Europe." This came about, he said, by withdrawal of troops, yielding of control over the Ruhr, and the dismantling of German industrial plants and allowing shipments of war goods to Russia.

In the East, he said, the United States "proceeded with precipitate million-dollar armaments to its own military strength." This policy caused the "job to communism."

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KEYNOTER RESPONDS TO CHEERS



Gen. Douglas MacArthur is greeted with loud cheers as he takes his place on the speakers' stand to deliver the keynote address at the 1952 Republican convention. At right is Walter Halloran, temporary chairman. (United Press Telephoto).

May Report Tomorrow

Defense & Civil Rights Issue Plague GOP Platform Drafters

By EDWIN B. HAKKINSON, CHICAGO — The Republican Party's resolutions committee will meet tomorrow to give its O. K. — if it likes the way it's written — a platform promising greater efforts to establish world peace and to trim "big government" at home.

Senator Eugene D. Millikin of Colorado, chairman, issued a call for a closed meeting of the 106-member committee at 8 A. M. (E.S.T.) to go over a proposed statement of party principles. It will be laid before the convention probably Thursday for adoption.

READY TOMORROW

Millikin expressed confidence the document would be completed by tomorrow morning despite the fact the leading candidates for president, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, one of the leading candidates for vice president, Sen. Robert Taft, and Sen. Charles McNary, one of the leading candidates for vice president, are unable to bring the conflict-

93 GOP Convention Seats At Stake

By JACK BELL, CONVENTION HALL, CHICAGO — (AP) — The Taft-Eisenhower battle for the GOP Presidential nomination came to a crucial point today with rival claimants to 93 disputed convention seats slugging it out toward a final decision.

By nightfall, these contests should be settled and the lines drawn more firmly between supporters of Sen. Robert A. Taft and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower among the 1,208 delegates to this 25th National Republican convention.

The scrap over these 93 seats involving delegations from seven states, was before the convention credentials committee in the Congress Hotel in downtown Chicago.

Its first decision was a unanimous one in favor of seating a predominantly pro-Taft delegation of 18 from Florida.

Here in the convention hall itself, the delegates, who cheered Gen. Douglas MacArthur's lambasting of the Truman administration in the keynote speech, prepared a plea for unity. He said the GOP must patch up party quarrels or "almost certainly go down to defeat in November."

TAFT, IKE BUSY

Taft and Eisenhower themselves were visiting with delegates in their hotels—still trying to harvest more support.

There were signs that Eisenhower might be chipping away at the delegate strength Taft has counted on.

Two New York City delegates, who had been supporting Taft, announced they had decided to vote for Eisenhower.

Both sides were naming Gov. Earl Warren and the 10-vote California delegation, now pledged to support Warren as a candidate in his own right.

Warren's invitation, Taft and Harold Stassen, also bidding for the presidential nomination, met with the California delegation. Eisenhower is to talk with them tomorrow.

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GALLERY SPECTATORS



Mrs. Earl Warren, wife of the California Presidential candidate, and her daughter Nina, watch proceedings of the first convention session from the balcony. (United Press Telephoto).

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Credentials Committee Rules

Taft's Florida Delegates Win

CHICAGO — The Credentials Committee today voted unanimously to seat the pro-Taft Florida delegation at the Republican National Convention.

This decision was anticipated since the Republican National Committee also had been unanimous in behalf of the regular-faction delegation.

The Credentials Committee held its hearings this morning at which bids of the rival Taft and Eisenhower delegates for seats in the national convention are being heard.

With 93 seats in contest, the committee's decisions could tip the scales in the battle between Sen. Robert A. Taft and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for the GOP Presidential nomination. They are subject to a possible vote of the convention itself but never in the past has a GOP convention failed to uphold rulings of the credentials committee.

SITTING AS A COURT

Ross Riley of Guyton, Okla., Taft backer, leads the committee. At the outset Riley told the committee the rule was sitting "in the capacity of a supreme court" and should rule on the evidence.

Although there are 93 contested seats, not all involve a clear-cut dispute between Taft and Eisenhower forces.

In some cases, individual claimants are not publicly named.

Some 70 votes, however, in the Taft-Eisenhower scramble are directly at stake.

Riley gaviled the committee—composed of one representative from each state and territory—into session at 10:17 A. M. (E.S.T.) but there was so much disorder that it was several minutes before the roll could be called.

WORRIED BY NOISE

Rep. Clarence Brown of Ohio, alluding to the noise, said he was disturbed by "the sorry way the situation got under way" and suggested that perhaps the committee should stop speaking.

Roles Of Warren, M'Arthur As Darkhorses Stronger

By DREW PEARSON, CHICAGO — The most significant development at this convention has been the backstage maneuvering to nominate a candidate other than the two leading opponents—Taft and Eisenhower.

The maneuvering comes from three different groups:

1. Those who believe too much bitterness has been engendered between the Ike-Taft forces and that the Republican Party in order to win must bury the hatchet with a compromise candidate.

2. A small group of devoted admirers of Gen. MacArthur who are organizing frantically and efficiently to put him across, despite his 72 years.

3. A larger group of Gov. Warren followers who are not so active but believe that if the patron saint of the Republican Party is lit, the lightning may strike their side.

Of these the most colorful are the longshot MacArthur leaders. Though admitting they would have a tough time putting their man across—as the convention opened he had five pledged delegates — they figure, would merely carry coals to Newcastle. His vote-appeal would be similar to Taft's.

The other compromise candidate, Gov. Warren of California, one of the most attractive personalities at the convention, has been too modest, too self-effacing to appeal to a large mass of convention politicians.

Warren commands respect, but lacks money and organization. And in these days of high-powered political advertising it takes the techniques of a New York advertising firm, plus a private bank roll to make an impact on the yelling, sweating mass of humanity that comprises a national convention.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and humid with scattered showers and thunderstorms today and tonight mostly afternoon and evening.

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High temperature yesterday 82 degrees.

High temperature expected today 85 degrees.

Low temperature this morning 73 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 68 degrees.

Sunrise 5:15 A. M.; sunset 7:41 P. M.

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SQUALL LINES

Did you even encounter an instability line? Probably you have. It's tough to see, but more likely to recognize it by its popular name, the squall line. The weather in a squall line is characterized by thunderstorms, heavy rains, brief wind shifts, gusty winds, abrupt pressure rises and sharp temperature falls. Squall lines usually occur ahead of and are parallel to a cold front, and are most frequent in late Spring and early Summer. Surface winds sometimes reach 100 miles an hour, and one squall line causes nine million dollars damage to crops in the Midwest.

Scott Thinks Democrats Can Compromise FEPC

RALEIGH 8 — Gov. Scott today believes a compromise on the civil rights-FFPC issue "could be and ought to be" worked out at the Democratic national convention.

"I'm one of those who believes it (action on civil rights) ought to be done on the state level," Scott declared.

He said he did not believe North Carolina would follow any other state in a walk-out at the convention.

Asked if he thought the Democratic Party could carry the South with a platform calling for compulsory FEPC, the governor said, "Well, they did before."

He reminded that in 1948 only five Southern states failed to support the Democratic Party. Scott recalled former Gov. Cameron Morrison's advice to "stay with the party and fight out things you don't like in Congress."

At the National Governor's Conference which he attended last week in Houston, Tex., Scott said there was sentiment among both Northern and Southern governors

BROWN WAITS AS BIGWIGS WANGLE

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Simultaneously the Idaho delegation, holding its first caucus, expressed disgust with both the Taft and Eisenhower camps, and some of their leaders suggested that they switch to MacArthur. An Idaho pledge to Taft prevented

EVENING PRAYER

Dear Father: We thank Thee for the joy and service of this day, and for the prospect of a peaceful and happy night. Enable us to relax in Thee and lead us into the richness of divine fellowship. We would pray low our heads in Thy bosom. Amen.

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Comic Dictionary

A plumb that has seen better days.