

New Group Given S. C. GOP Control

SAN FRANCISCO—Control of South Carolina Republicans moved into new hands today.

The credentials committee of the National Republican Convention yesterday seated a delegate headed by David Dows, an enthusiast of President Eisenhower.

The group won out over a rival delegation headed by national committeeman J. Bates Gerald and Mrs. J. E. Messery, national committeewoman.

Earlier, the contest subcommittee of the National Republican Committee and later the committee itself had ruled in favor of the Dows group.

The hearing yesterday was aided by the technicality of whether the Gerald-Messery delegation had filed their appeal to the Credentials Committee too late.

Each side had 15 minutes for argument.

"PURGE" BEGUN
Mrs. Messery told newsmen after the hearing that when Sen. Robert A. Taft, who opposed Eisenhower for the nomination in 1952, died, National GOP Chairman Leonard W. Hall began a "purge" of Taft supporters.

She said that all of the Taft people were being "removed," including Mrs. Peggy M. Pitts, national committeewoman of Alabama. Mrs. Pitts told the Alabama delegation Sunday that the Alabama party had given her the "cold shoulder."

NO ELECTIONS?
Mrs. Messery and Gerald contended that if they were seated, South Carolina Republicans would have no electors on the ballot in November. She said the Dows group would not be recognized by South Carolina's secretary of state.

Henry T. Gaud, a Dows delegate and attorney for his group, said he had been told by the secretary that if the group was recognized by the convention, their electors would be placed on the ballot.

Gaud said the delegation would "carry the state for Eisenhower."

APPEAL NOTICE
Mrs. Messery and her husband, San Francisco attorney, insisted that the committee had been given a notice of appeal.

Rep. Hugh D. Scott of Philadelphia, committee counsel, said no appeal could be made to the convention. But Mrs. Messery said she was still national committeewoman and thought that the matter could be carried to the floor.



Rep. Martin (right) and Nebraska Delegate Charles Reed. (AP).

GOP Platform Pledges Tax Slash

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local efforts to end racial discrimination.

The GOP platform draft praised fiscal policies of President Eisenhower's administration and said it had reversed a tide of inflation which, "under five Democrat administrations, had cut the value of the dollar in half, and so had robbed the wage earner and millions of thrifty citizens who had savings, pensions and insurance."

The GOP promised new and tougher antitrust laws to curb business mergers "which have significant potential monopolistic connotations."

DEFENSE PLANK
The national defense plank seemed aimed at Democratic charges that the Eisenhower administration has let the armed forces deteriorate in the interest of less government spending.

The Republican draft said the nation has the "strongest striking force in the world" in the air, on sea and on land and added: "We will maintain and improve the effective strength and state of readiness of all these armed forces."

On other points the Republican drafts released today had this to say:

NATURAL RESOURCES—Pledged a continued "partnership" of federal, state and local governments and private enterprise to promote water and power development.

GOVERNMENT INTEGRITY—Said the GOP has established a "clean, honorable and increasingly efficient" government. It pledged vigilance against corruption and waste and elimination of government competition with private enterprise.

ATOMIC—Promised to continue the administration's program of sharing the atom with allies abroad and private enterprise at home "so as to fortify the security of the free nations and to further the prosperity and progress of all peoples everywhere."

EQUAL RIGHTS—Pledged to submit a constitutional amendment to provide equal rights for men and women. This usually relates to equal pay for equal work regardless of sex.

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avoided, as did the Democrats, charting much new ground on the racial problem.

Support was expressed for the Supreme Court decision which outlawed segregation by race in the public schools. But nothing concrete was stated in the way of how the court decision is to be enforced.

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The Democratic platform had similarly stated that ending racial discrimination is a federal, as well as state and local, responsibility.

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How About Merman For Veep's Job?

By ED CREAGH

SAN FRANCISCO—Hey, how about Ethel Merman for vice president?

The gal with the brassy voice might have had the nomination for the asking last night after the

two songs she did for the Republican television cabaret. Dick Nixon probably would have voted for her himself.

The delegates had pretty much sat on their hands up to that point. There were a few courtesy demonstrations, neither spontaneous

nor unrehearsed. But the main chore was listening to speeches. Then up stood Miss Merman, at the far end of the hall, and the convention was belted awake.

She got off to a rousing start with "There's Going to be a Great Day."

Lots of other Republicans had been voting similar views about the party's prospects for election day.

But none of them had the Ethel Merman voice.

Or the way-down-to-her neck-line for that matter.

NEW LYRICS
Well and soundly applauded, Miss Merman swung her Sunday punch: "Alexander's Ragtime Band" with special GOP lyrics.

You're going to hear them often between now and November:

"Come on along,
"Come on along,
"Come on along."

"On the Eisenhower parade . . . Her great ambition, she told her dotting audience, is to sing the Ike song at the inauguration of the next President, and she didn't mean it! Democrat Adlai Stevenson, "I want to tell you now,"

chimed in GOP Chairman Leonard W. Hall, "that you have a date for 1957 in Washington, D. C."

Youth To Get Rabies Shots

DALLAS, Tex. —King Lear, a 6-year-old Dallas boy, was undergoing the series of anti-rabies shots today following a near-fatal, week-long search.

A dog bit 15 persons in the small city of Rockwall, 15 miles from here, last Tuesday. The dog was later found to be rabid. Witnesses said they remembered a boy being bitten when a family stopped for some cold drinks. The family was believed to have been traveling

Wire services, newspapers and radio stations spread the story of the search. Rabies treatments

should be started within 14 days after infection. Without treatment, victims usually die in agony. By the time symptoms appear, it usually is too late, health authorities said.

HEARD REPORT
The boy was rushed to Rockwall, where J. W. Cullen and Miss Peris Lindsey identified him as the victim. He was then sped to the county health office for his first anti-rabies shot.

Lear said the boy had told him a puppy snapped at him, but the boy's leg, he said, apparently hadn't been scratched so the parents paid no further attention.

Lear said he named the boy King because he once played in a dance band and everybody nicknamed him King Lear. "I decided if I ever had a son I'd name him King Lear," he said.

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GETTING BIT BY DOG, MAN PART OF JOB

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Efforts to return a San Antonio man to a state hospital resulted yesterday—two by a man and one by a dog.

St. George Gonzales and patrolman Gene Danish and Robert Vallarigo answered a call to pick up a man to be returned to a mental institution.

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NOTHING BURNING
BALTIMORE, Md.—Within minutes after the Court of Appeals ruled that city officials could not grant themselves a pay raise, a fire alarm was turned in at City Hall. Firemen could find nothing burning.

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Convention Terms Show Contradiction

SAN FRANCISCO — So many political terms are floating around these days that the newspaper reader and television watcher may find himself confused.

To add to the confusion, here are some meanings that could be attached to the commoner terms:

Open convention — Anybody is perfectly free to stick his neck out if he wants it choppe doff.

Streamlined convention — Adding Ethel Merman, Irene Dunne and other entertainers to the program.

Spontaneous and unrehearsed — We could have read this better if we had a couple more days.

Cow Palace — An air-conditioned barn where people act as stand-ins for cows.

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