

INDIA

L. J. - P. + G. Monday, June 21, 1948.

While we Americans are having our own kind of political circus and parade here in Philadelphia, they held a ceremony over in India ^{today -} equally political, but of a very different sort. Pride and splendor - and Humility. Gold and magnificence - and a lowly simplicity.

They installed a new Governor-General of Hindustan. He is a seventy-eight year old Hindu named Chakravarty Rajago-Palachari. He succeeds Lord Louis Mountbatten, the first Governor-General of the Hindu Dominion, who has resigned. Chakravarty Rajago-Palachari was a ~~strict~~ disciple of the late Mahatma Gandhi. He, in particular, participated in Gandhi's work in behalf of the Untouchables - those outcasts of India who, according to orthodox Hinduism, are the lowest of the low. The new Governor-General became known far and wide as the champion of the - Untouchables.

According to ancient tradition, the installation of a new ruler of Hindustan is a ceremony marked by splendor and magnificence, with golden ritual in the glittering throne-room

TAFT-STASSEN

I am in a Plexi-Glass Bubble on a Philadelphia street, broadcasting from an extraar studio, with a great governor of one of our greatest states at my side. But more about that in a few moments. As a matter of fact we are in motion, right now at the corner of Broad and Chestnut; and as we pull near the Belview let's talk about the latest. Uproar of political talk here at Philadelphia has been thrown into a new crescendo by an announcement this afternoon - from Colonel Robert McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune. Colonel McCormick and the Chicago Tribune for a Taft-Stassen ticket. Colonel McCormick today during the first convention recess, stated that he was in favor of Taft for President. Whereupon he suggested that Candidate Harold Stassen would be the right kind of nominee for vice-president. Because, said Colonel McCormick, "He is strong with the young people." Colonel McCormick denounced Senator Vandenberg in particular said he couldn't even carry Michigan.

The McCormick Chicago-Tribune attitude has long been regarded as an epitome of conservative mid-western

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isolationism -- while Stassen has been campaigning as an internationalist. Yet the McCormick Tribune ticket is - Taft-Stassen.

The challenge was taken up immediately by Dewey headquarters, Herbert Brownell, campaign manager for the New York Governor saying: "I am glad that the Chicago-Tribune ticket is out in the open at last."

LEAD

Some millions of people tonight have been listening
to one thing - one angle in the keynote speech at the
Republican National Convention. Foreign policy -- which has
shown itself for some time to be the principal source of argument
and contention in the Republican Party. All this was sharpened
today by a series of developments concerning Senator Vandenberg
of Michigan, universally regarded as the number one dark horse.

R Colonel McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune came out
for a Taft-Stassen ticket - this in spite of the fact that
Colonel McCormick and the Chicago Tribune have long been regarded
as foremost exponents of ~~isolationist~~ mid-western isolationism --
while Stassen has campaigned on a program of internationalism.
On top of this, Colonel McCormick assailed both Governor Dewey
of New York and Senator Vandenberg. The Michigan Senator as
we know is the chief Republican proponent of the Marshall Plan
and aid to the free nations of Europe against the forces of
Communism. Colonel McCormick, excoriating ~~Vandenberg~~ Vandenberg
declared that the Senator from Michigan would not be able to
carry even Michigan -- as a Presidential candidate.

Shortly afterward the news told us the Senator had

arrived in Philadelphia. He promptly gave out a statement, in which he made no reply to the McCormick assault - but merely stated that his position was unchanged. That is, -- he is not in the race for the nomination -- he is not a candidate here at Philadelphia, but he will not be unreceptive to a draft.

All of which focused interest on the keynote speech tonight. What would Governor Green of Illinois have to say about foreign policy? Because that's the ~~xxx~~ real bone of contention -- as between Senator Vandenberg, champion of the Marshall Plan, and the isolationist line associated with Colonel McCormick and the Chicago tribune. So at the Convention Hall in Philadelphia, there was plenty of suspense, as keynoter Governor Green began his address, and moved along to the inevitable issue of foreign policy. He spoke strongly and effectively, in making the expected sort of denunciation of the Democratic administration.

Then came the foreign policy. All over the country his words will be ~~xxx~~ scanned for some cue to the general foreign policy attitude that the Republican Convention will take. That, in turn, is believed to be of key importance in the stand that Senator Vandenberg will take.

Well, here's how it sounded to me. Governor Green keynoting, sounded very much in the middle of the road. He spoke strongly of American freedom versus Communism, and asserted the need of American aid for the support of freedom. But it seemed to me as if it were the sort of thing that either the isolationist advocates of economy or the advocates of the European relief program, could take -- about in the middle between the two. All of which leaves the suspense about Senator Vandenberg's future course just about what it has been if not moreso, -- a delicate poise of suspense.

The keynote tonight was followed by Former Congresswoman Claire Luce of Connecticut, author, playwright and Republican leader. She treated the ~~Ym~~ Convention to one of her inimitable speeches -- full of wit, sparkling lines and wisecracks. *How they snapped & crackled thru the convention hall.*
But now let's go on to a novelty in the way of broadcasting. The art of radio enables us to do something new.

MOBILE UNIT

(I am not broadcasting from the Convention Hall) nor from one of the regular radio studios of Philadelphia, nor even from one of the special convention hotel studios that have been set up. (I am right out in the middle of Broad Street -- right in the heart of Philadelphia's most famous thoroughfare.) And let me tell you a little more about it because I am sure this is the first time a Presidential candidate has ever broadcast under these circumstances. (Governor Warren of California is sitting beside me. The two of us are in what looks like a great transparent plastic bubble. We have just driven up in front of ~~there~~ the Bellevue Stratford in the latest thing in mobile radio units.) All around us is a milling throng -- delegates and families and spectators, crowding around this elongated plastic bubble in which we ~~are~~ sitting. Cars in a traffic snarl around us; streams of people ^{pouring} ~~pouring~~ in and out of the Bellevue which seems to be the focal center of the convention, particularly at all hours when ~~the~~ crowd isn't out at Convention Hall.

Governor Dewey has his headquarters upstairs just above us, from where his people can actually lean out of the windows and look down on us and watch us here at these microphones.

Harold Stassen has his headquarters on one of the floors ~~in~~ overlooking Broad Street where we are. And Governor Warr en himself, has his headquarters up above us on the Ninth Floor. Hanging right above us ~~is~~ is a huge red and gray elephant made of rubber, or plastic. And a couple of blocks up the street, looking down from the spire of the City Hall is that giant benign figure of William Penn, who has looked down on many strange spectacles here on Broad ~~Street~~ Street. ~~But~~ ~~Never~~ before ^{have} ~~did~~ I see a presidential candidate sitting in a plastic bubble addressing ^{an} a ~~vast~~ audience which ^{may} ~~presumably~~ includes millions of ~~in~~ his countrymen from coast to coast.

You've seen pictures of those streamlined passenger ~~cars~~ coaches on one of the western railways where travellers ~~can~~ sit up in a ^{transparent dome,} ~~sort of plastic cockpit,~~ looking out at the passing scenery. Well, this mobile unit looks quite a bit like that, excepting that Governor Warren and I are sitting at a desk designed something like a narrow counter in an ultra modern restaurant. ^{On} ~~about~~ seats around us are several members of his staff, and in the big cab of our mobile unit, at a lot of dials just about as complicated as the ^{instrument} ~~instrument~~ board of a jet

bomber, sits the CBS engineer. Moreover we are broadcasting to you from out here in Broad Street, Philadelphia by shortwave, made just as clear as long wave, we hope, aided by frequency modulation.

Our mobile transparent studio is almost sound proof, but not quite. You may be able to hear ~~the cars and the crowd~~ in the background, ^{as we go on the air transcribers} ~~There only seems to be one thing wrong with~~ ^{Gov. Earl Warren.} ~~this ultra modern studio, Governor Warren. It has no air conditioning.~~

The Governor of California is here at our request in accordance with that promise I made, to invite all or most of the leading candidates. All my listeners I am sure ~~will~~ are familiar with the great record that Earl Warren has made, as a Governor.

(Any of the following questions to be eliminated, if not suitable.)

Governor Warren, how was the trip across the country? I understand you traveled with the California delegation. How many were you in all? And were things lively?

How about the delegates? Most of them old-time friends of yours? From what walks of life are most of them?

We all know that California has been growing rapidly in population. How is that likely to affect the delegates' strength in the future? I imagine that, if there were a reapportionment now, California would have more delegates than California has in this convention. Isn't that so?

I know that you, as a Californian, must have special views about the ^{needs} ~~needs~~ of the Far West. But I know, also, that you, as Governor of California, take a broad national view in political matters. So what is your opinion of the large objectives of this convention?

How do you find this hurly-burly convention-time Philadelphia? Your headquarters at the Bellview-Stratford is right in the middle of things. How do you like the jamming and the pushing? How does it feel to be a candidate and a visiting Governor in this Philadelphia carnival?

At your headquarters this afternoon they told me you were out getting a haircut. What is it like, trying to get a haircut in Philadelphia at convention-time?

I encountered Candidate Governor Dewey today - but refused to shake hands with him. No sir, no hand-shake - after what happened last night.

When I arrived in Philadelphia *late*, *the first thing I* ~~and promptly~~ heard *was* *all* about *the Dewey* ~~events at the~~ reception ~~given~~ last night, ~~for Tom Dewey~~ in the Grand Ball Room *of* the Bellview-Stratford Hotel. The jam was enormous, huge crowds *of* thronging in - delegates, political headliners, convention-time visitors, people of Philadelphia - all wanting to meet the candidate from New York. I'm told by Philadelphians, who are accustomed to *these* national conventions, that this was the biggest crowd ~~that~~ they had ever known to come jamming to greet a candidate.

When the spacious ballroom was ~~jauned to the~~ bursting point, *Tom* ~~Governor~~ Dewey, with Mrs. Dewey beside him, made a brief address of welcome, in which he said: "Mrs. Dewey and I want to shake hands with everyone here, and we're going to do it - if we have to stay all night." Whereupon the handshaking began - the stream of people passing, seemingly

endless. I am told, the Governor and Mrs. Dewey shook hands with ~~between five and~~ ^{some} six thousand people.

That seemed to me to be enough. So, when I met ~~the~~ ⁵ Dewey ^{today} ~~this morning~~, and he put out his hand, I said - "NO, ~~no more~~ handshakes! You've had enough." I noticed that his hand was slightly swollen;- an occupational disease, convention-time being hand-shaking time.

By the way - ~~word~~ ^o has just been flashed to our plexi-bubble that Dewey's Georgia delegates have been approved by the Conven. Com. That's another victory for the N.Y. Gov.

of the ~~king's~~ residence of the Viceroy's. All of that tradition was followed today - with one exception. The throne-room was aglow with scarlet and gold, but the new Governor-General was garbed in no resplendent uniform or any of the gleaming jewels of princely India. He was dressed as Gandhi used to dress - the loin cloth and a sheet of white homespun cloth. The aged Hindu leader leaned on a walking stick, as he entered with slow steps, what might have seemed like a reincarnation of Gandhi - as, amid the sumptuous display of the throne-room, he took the office of Governor-General of India.

Now from our CBS plastic - or plexi-glass bubble - here in Phila., Nelson - to you in your Ivory bubble in New York.

PHILIPPINES

There was an important development in the Philippines today, when President Quirino proclaimed a full amnesty for the insurgent forces of the Hukbalahaps. That's the army of peasant guerrillas in which Communist influence is said to be strong. The civil war has been going on ever since the liberation of the Philippines from Japanese occupation. The Huks, as they are called out there, were estimated to number some hundred and fifty thousand, with a vigorous military force. They put up a stubborn resistance in a land where cultivated fields are interspersed among mountains and jungles. But now the trouble seems to be over, with the ~~press~~ presidential decree issued today at Manilla - a full pardon for all the Huks, who will lay down their arms in twenty days.

Today at the presidential palace, in Manilla, appeared Luis Taruc, the commander of the peasant guerrilla movement. He's a thirty-five year old insurrecto, a one-time tailor who was elected to the Philippine Legislature - and then was

charged with a plot of trying to overthrow the government. He took to the hills, and ever since has been a daring leader of guerrillas. He has now accepted the amnesty, and has called off the civil war of the Huks - and today he was the central figure at a ceremony in Manilla - a ceremony proclaiming the amnesty.

UNIONS

(The Supreme Court today ruled that Unions are permitted to use their newspapers in behalf of political candidates. This negatives one provision of the Taft-Hartley Act, which has been construed as forbidding political propaganda in union newspapers.)

The C.I.O. made a test case of it, and now has been upheld in the Supreme Court. In its decision today, the high tribunal had nothing to say about the section of the Taft-Hartley Act which requires Union officials to file non-Communist affidavits.