

CONVENTION

LT. - Deles Monday, Aug. 20, 1956. (no late show.)

without ~~the~~ moments

San Francisco
Republican Convention

delay

The keynote of this G.O.P. Convention was ~~immediately~~ ^{today,} sounded. Of course, there will be an official ^{-key note} speech, later on, by Governor Langley of Washington. But his oratory will only be an expansion of the keynote struck, at once, today. Three words - followed by ~~and~~ a roar.

National Chairman Leonard Hall began the proceedings with a question - those three words. Asking: "Is everybody happy?" The response - a huge chorus of assent. The delegates roaring, yes, they were happy.

This cheerful keynote may turn out - not such a complete blessing. ~~It~~ ^{it} ~~signifying~~ ^{is} - peace and quiet. No battles, acrimonious arguments, and angry disputes - such as produced excitement last week in Chicago.

Where the Democrats, in spite of the tiresome oratory, and all the bellowing boredom - were able to put on a ^{fairly} good show, from time to time. By sheer virtue of - slam bang hostilities and political ~~brass knuckles~~ ^{battling}. The G.O.P. counter-part in San Francisco looks like a

smoothly run show - with Hollywood stage direction.
Speechmaking interspersed, abundantly, with music, and
Hollywood actors and actresses. But ^{such} the expert show
business ^{— will that be a satisfactory} might be no substitute for the disorder and
confusion of a knock-down, drag-em-out bar-room brawl.
^{This is almost sure to be}
~~In a way, this is~~ a play without much dramatic punch.

Though with a headline star - President Eisenhower.
Who will occupy the stage - with no end of public
interest. The television audience - eager to see and
hear ~~the President, after his siege of illness~~

The word is, the ~~Mr~~ President will arrive in
San Francisco tomorrow, advancing his appearance by
one day. The explanation ^{from} ~~at~~ the White House ^{that} ~~is~~ the
President wants to have a chance to get acquainted with
people at the Convention. Ike - always interested in
personal relations.

Mr. Eisenhower will fly in the presidential
plane - Columbine ~~the~~ Third. Which - belongs to the
Air Force. ^{But} The trip to San Francisco won't cost the
government anything. The Republican Party - paying the

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expense. The presidential trip out here - being political. The cost of the journey by air for the President and his party - will come to about seventeen thousand dollars. The G.O.P. - picking up the tab.

PLATFORM FOLLOW CONVENTION

All along, there have been very few things - promising controversy here in San Francisco. One of the remote possibilities - the question of a plank on racial rights in the Party platform. That issue of segregation, which raised howls among the Democrats. And produced verbal acrobats ^{ics.} Which didn't please the Southerners, or the anti-segregationists, either. The Republicans are not so heavily involved in the South, but there could have been a bit of argument. Not much developed, however - and, today, the platform ^{plank for} ~~for the~~ racial rights was arrived at smoothly and quietly.

The choice has not been made publicly, yet, but advance word is that there's a compromise. The wording altered slightly - to please the Southern delegation ^{s.} ~~Because~~ ^{Yes} there are Southern delegations here - although the South is, normally, solid for the Democrats. Even though - General Ike did break the allegedly Solid South four years ago.

The racial plank, which has been approved by the White House - calls for obedience to the

Supreme Court decision, outlawing racial segregation. But - with gradualism. The Supreme Court - having indicated that segregation in the schools should be abolished slowly, step by step. No violent haste - which might upset ~~the~~ social conditions in the South. The racial rights plank in the Republican platform, ^{to} advocating ~~ing~~ a "gradual" method.

Other parts of the platform have involved ~~xxxx~~ little argument, and were adopted by the Committee with no dissent. All signs are that the Convention, as a whole, will say "yes" without any palaver.

NIXON

In events leading to this Republican Convention, ^{as you know} the only discordant note ^{has been that} ~~was the~~ song out of tune sung by Harold Stassen. But that ^{seems to} ~~was dying~~ down to a whisper today. ^π Stassen ^{who} has a ^{here} seat at the Convention as an honored guest, ~~And he~~ still thinks he has a fifty-fifty chance of putting across Governor Herter of Massachusetts, in place of Nixon. But a United Press poll shows that Nixon already has the vast majority of the delegates ~~in~~ his favor. An unofficial poll -- able only to find five delegates declaring themselves against the renomination of Nixon as Vice President.

As for Nixon, he continues his call for -- an "open convention", so far as the Vice Presidency is concerned. Today, he was ^{making the rounds of} ~~calling on~~ various delegations -- but not soliciting their support. Nothing like the hot footing at Chicago -- where ^{Ke fau ver,} Stevenson, Harriman, and others wore out their shoe leather, calling on delegations and asking for their

backing. Nixon today was repeating over and over to the delegations - "let's make the Vice Presidential nomination an open thing, undictated by anybody."

But there doesn't even seem to be any argument.

Richard Nixon a shoo'in - if there ever was one.

SUEZ

In London today, Soviet Foreign Minister Shepilov made a sudden request -- for an appointment asking to see American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles -- who immediately acquiesced. The result, a forty minute conversation between the two statesmen -- delaying today's meeting of the ^(conference) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ on the Suez Canal ^{for} -- forty-five minutes. The belief is that Shepilov was asking for some changes in the plan for internationalizing the ~~xxx~~ great waterway -- that w^r make the proposals advanced by the American Secretary of State -- more acceptable to Moscow.

Meanwhile, India has come forward with a new plan. Today Indian delegate Krishna Menon presented a proposal - that would give Egypt full possession of the Canal -- and full operation. But -- in collaboration with an international committee. However, the committee would have advisory powers, nothing more. It would merely give Egypt words of good counsel, which Egypt could accept -- if Egypt so decided. This Egyptian plan falling far short of what


the West considers necessary for the Suez Canal.

Later in the day Secretary Dulles renewed the demand for international control, and a dispatch from Egypt repeats - that Nasser will never accept any such thing.

RED CHINA

A dispatch from Washington states that President Eisenhower has given full support to the State Department- in refusing to give passports to American reporters ^{--invited} ~~---~~ to visit Red China.
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The President - upholding the contention - that the news men might be held as hostages.

In San Francisco Frank Bartholomew, President of the United Press declares, he has advised U P correspondent Robert Miller he should not enter Communist China, at the risk of losing his American passport. Miller stationed in Australia made a trip to Hongkong. Eager - to join other news reporters in accepting the Chinese invitation. But now, the United Press calls him back. 

ADD RED CHINA

The other news men are receiving similar instructions from their offices.

SWIMMING POOL

There seems to be some doubt about who pushed whom - in Hollywood's noisy swimming pool incident. But one thing certain is that British actress Diana Dors and three others were standing at the edge of the pool, and somebody pushed them. All three - hitting the water with a big splash. The actress - sustaining bruises, when she hit some steps, on her way down. It is also certain that the United Press photographer, Stewart Sawyer, took a beating - when attacked by Diana Dors' husband, Dennis Hamilton. Who accused Photographer Sawyer - of pushing Diana and the two others into the pool. To get - an action picture.

Well, there sure was ~~plenty of~~ action, although how much of a picture he got, I don't know.

One angle is that Hamilton is a former boxer - and under California law, an attack by a professional pugilist is a mighty serious matter. Legally constituting - assault with a deadly weapon.

Sawyer denies that he did any pushing. The photographer insisting - that he was standing some

distance away, when the three took the plunge.

"I did not push them into the pool," he declares, "nor do I remember anything - except that both Diana Dors and her husband attacked me." He says that Hamilton knocked him down, and Diana kicked him in the head.

All this took place at the Beverley Hills mansion of the British actress. ^{With} / ~~more than two-hundred~~ and ~~fifty~~ film celebrities invited, together with forty news photographers, in search of pictures.

"I've been wanting to oblige the picture boys for a long time," says Diana. Well, there's one of the picture boys who's not likely to say - "much obliged."

COW PALACE

Now back to California again!

In Chicago - the Stockyards. ^{Here} In San Francisco -
the Cow Palace. Names, not so ~~pleasant~~ ^{elegant} - but reminiscent
of the West. The Cow Palace ^{with} an additional reminder
of the old cattle country.

~~feature~~ ^{As I came in today I passed}
~~one beauty of the big hall~~ a character who
looks like Mr. Cowboy, himself. High boots, fit for
riding a cayoose, a red cowboy shirt, a twenty gallon
hat, of creamy white. And - a big six-shooter on his
hip.

Inquiry shows - that he's a member of a
hundred man mounted patrol, sent by the sheriff of
San Mateo County. The entire patrol-to escort
President Eisenhower to the podium on Thursday.
Cowboys and Cow Palace - appropriate.

T.V.

In Chicago, there was a lively argument between the Convention people - and officials in charge of T.V. Here in San Francisco, some small disharmony promptly shows up. Principally - about the ~~direction~~^{position} of the camera platform. Farther away from the speaker's dais - than in Chicago. Here, the cameras are about sixty feet away. In Chicago - forty feet.

Moreover, the technicians declare - there's too much of an echo in the big hall at the Cow Palace.

STEVENSON

Stevenson headquarters announces - that Adlai will begin his campaign for the presidency - with an address in Detroit. Making - a Labor Day speech in Cadillac Square. Then, later in the week, he'll appear before the American Legion in Los Angeles.

With all this for a warm-up, Stevenson will play the "whistle stops". Traveling by train and plane he'll give a series of major addresses. And, in between the whistle stops.

In the campaign four years ago, it was President Eisenhower who did the campaigning from the rear platform of a train - talking to the folks at many stops along the way. Stevenson, limiting himself, mostly, to set speeches in large cities. This year, ~~apparently, it will~~ ^{it may} be the other way around. ~~The President - is depend largely on television.~~ Adlai - playing the whistle stops.

REPUBLICANS-DEMOCRATS

The Republicans ^{are saying} ~~decide~~ that in assailing
the Stevenson-Kefauver ticket they'll be -- repetitious.
~~they'll~~ Only repeat ^{ing} things that were said in Chicago.
Today, G O P National Chairman Leonard Hall declared --
there's nothing we need say about the Stevenson-Kefauver
ticket that Harry Truman hasn't already said. Indicating
-- that the G O P line will be to echo endlessly the
Truman statement - that Stevenson can't win. They'll
also go back to what Kefauver said about Stevenson
when the Senator was battling Adlai for the Democratic
nomination. ^{Feeling -- that with} ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the way the Democrats
mangled each other in their big fracas there's little
need to add anything more.

However that may be, Henry,
will you add a little more?

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(There were no broadcasts as time was taken up
by the Republican Convention programs.)