

CONVENTION

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(<sup>Democratic</sup> The convention got itself in some ~~more~~ peculiar twisters this afternoon; In the uproarious business of the Dixiecrats and the loyalty pledge.)

The main feature of the proceedings -- the report of the Credentials Committee. Which began by giving its verdict in the cases of two disputed delegations, Texas and Mississippi. <sup>R</sup> In each state there was a split between factions, and two rival sets of delegates came to Chicago, Dixiecrat and Trumanite. The National Committee okayed the Dixiecrats, which passed it along to the Credentials Committee. So now that group gave its decision. And again the decision was -- that the Dixiecrats, selected by the regular State organizations, were the legal delegates. That was challenged by the Northern radical faction, and there was a battle of words on the floor of the convention. The Northern liberals were shouted down, ~~and~~ the Credentials Committee upheld.

Still more interesting was the second section of <sup>Credentials</sup> the Committee's report -- ~~which~~ okayed ~~by~~ the

delegations from Virginia, <sup>and Louisiana</sup> South Carolina <sup>and</sup> ~~Georgia~~ <sup>they</sup> Although -- ~~these three have~~ refused to take the new version of the loyalty pledge. Which has been watered down with compromise and reservation. Theoretically, by refusing to take the ~~pledge~~ pledge, Virginia, South Carolina <sup>and Louisiana</sup> ~~and Georgia~~ forfeit<sup>ed</sup> their places in the convention. But no -- the Credentials Committee voted them as true and proper delegations. The convention, as a whole, ~~will take~~ <sup>took</sup> exception to that.

The Temporary Chairman did -- in a way. Chairman Dever of Massachusetts ruled that the ~~the~~ Southern delegations had no right to vote on immediate questions that came up. ~~Actually, Louisiana was included in all this -- for a while. But, right after~~ <sup>Then the report was that</sup> ~~the Credentials Committee reported~~ <sup>had</sup> Louisiana decided to take the pledge. ~~It~~ Sounds like the old days of the Temperance Movement, when "taking the pledge" was the thing for a virtuous young man to do.

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A permanent chairman is being installed tonight -- Sam Rayburn of Texas -- who is a fixture at Democratic National Conventions. Sam Rayburn is a moderate, and a Southerner to boot, a Texan. And he may permit them all to vote. Even though they refuse to take the pledge.

FOLLOW CONVENTION

The latest, the Credentials Committee has called a meeting with the rebellious Dixieland states -- in an effort to get an agreement. (Democratic National Chairman McKinney states that the refractory delegations will have to give assurance that they will support the majority decisions of the convention -- or they will not be permitted to vote.) Which might sound like an ~~xx~~ ultimatum that they'd better yield.

~~NOTE: Take out mention of Georgia as one of the states. They are Virginia, S. Carolina, Louisiana. This is to be followed by piece headed "DIXIE"~~



## SOUTH

The embattled Southerners are not accepting the new compromise loyalty pledge -- even though a reservation has been added that makes it completely meaningless, ~~xx~~ nonsensical. Maybe they don't like nonsense. Maybe they are just -- mad. However, they should be able to get a laugh out of the peculiar logic..

After the kicking around the Southerners took, ~~right before last~~, the Northern radicals began to get a bit worried -- thinking it over the next day. The Southerners were breathing defiance, <sup>and the</sup> ~~when~~ logic indicated ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> would have to be tossed right out of the convention. <sup>R</sup> But Senator Blair Moody of Michigan, who jammed the loyalty pledge through, ~~xxx~~ shrank away from that bitter end -- ousting the Democratic South from the Democratic party. So he confabulated with moderates and they concocted a new version of the loyalty pledge, which the Southerners might accept -- they hoped. They simply tacked on an added bit of soothing verbiage -- saying that the pledge need not

be taken by any delegate who might be forbidden to do so by the laws ~~of~~ party regulations of his own state.

Well, the Southerners had contended all along that the rules of their own states would not allow them to promise that they would make efforts to see that the convention candidate for President would get on the Democratic ballot in their own states. The fact is, of course -- that, in five southern states, the local Democratic organizations are waiting to see whether or not they will accept or reject the convention candidate. That was what the Northern radicals wanted to stop, and what the pledge was intended to avert. But here they were -- exempting the Southerners from the loyalty pledge.

So, the logical ~~scene~~ <sup>seen to</sup> would run like this:—

If you are disloyal, you are not entitled to participate in the convention. And, of course, if you refuse to take the pledge, you are disloyal. <sup>But</sup> You don't have to

take <sup>the</sup> pledge. **I** if your own state regulations make you disloyal -- you can stay right in the convention. It seems a bit screwball, but it is intended to avert the necessity -- of throwing out the Southern delegation<sup>s</sup>. Which might be -- even more screwball.

( Nevertheless, top Southern leaders are still rejecting the pledge. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Headed by Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia, whose influential Virginia delegation has decided, unanimously, to ignore the loyalty business. Today Senator Byrd stated: "We don't sign -- with reservations or otherwise. Let them kick us out and stand the consequences."

Well, that would be a sight to see -- the Southerners, headed by such magnificoes as aristocratic Senator Byrd, getting kicked out. It reminds us of that famous photograph of New Deal days -- when the <sup>head</sup> ~~President~~ of Sears-Roebuck was evicted by the Government, soldiers carrying him out as he still sat in his office chair, as stately as any corporation president.



STEVENSON

(All <sup>to</sup> day Chicago had rumors about a --  
"Stop Stevenson" combination.) These followed a  
conference between Candidates Kefauver and Harriman --  
although there is no sign that they made any workable  
alliance through <sup>to</sup> "StopStevenson."

Later in the day (Senator Kefauver issued a  
blazing attack on the Stevenson partisans. He said  
they are trying to engineer a "synthetic draft.")  
Kefauver remains very much in the race, saying that  
his candidacy is being opposed by ~~two rough~~ *corrupt*  
political machines in large cities, because of the way  
he exposed leagues of politicians and ~~gam~~ gamblers.  
He says they are behind the Stevenson draft.  
Kefauver doesn't want to draft anybody but Kefauver.

Well, at the convention this afternoon, he  
got a huge ovation -- as he sat in a box with his  
eighty-one-year old father. *It must have  
encouraged his hope for the nomination.*



RUMOR

The Draft Stevenson Movement has been running along so strongly that there is guessing about -- a Vice Presidential candidate for second place on the ticket with the Illinois Governor. Which leads to a lot of rumors, including one that names -- a Stevenson-McMath ticket. ~~Mr~~ "McMath" may sound unfamiliar, but Sid McMath is the young Governor of Arkansas.

However, I don't want to pass this along as any kind of authentic report. It's just an example of how rumors grow. <sup>with a</sup> Convention <sup>on</sup> ~~time in~~ Chicago is a <sup>^</sup> ~~^~~ <sup>^</sup> buzzing hive of rumors-- and the genesis of this one makes an odd story.

It seems that two newspaper men, one Eastern, and one Western, happened to meet in a drugstore, and they began talking -- the usual journalistic scuttlebut. The topic -- Stevenson. The Western newspaperman, who happened to know quite a bit about the Illinois Governor, made a passing remark that Stevenson had a high regard for Governor McMath of Arkansas.

To which the Eastern newspaper man, thinking of Vice Presidential possibilities, noted lightly:

"That would make quite a ticket -- Stevenson-McMath."

A little while later that same Eastern newspaperman met a minor political figure --and, in chatting, said: "I was talking with a friend, and we thought it would be quite a ticket, Stevenson-McMath. What do you think of it?"

The minor politician answered: "I hadn't thought of that."

The newsman went his way, and thought no more about it. Then, a few hours later, he was in his newspaper headquarters, banging away on his typewriter - when a couple of reporters arrived from the convention hall ~~--- what was~~ <sup>with all</sup> the hot news?

~~And here's the latest:~~ <sup>they said.</sup> "Out at the Convention, the word is;-" ~~they said~~ -- "McMath for Vice President."

The news man at the typewriter looked startled and asked: "Where did you get that?"

Well, it turned out that, ~~at the convention hall,~~  
the news <sup>had</sup> originated with that same minor politician --  
who had heard the mere mention <sup>of</sup> idle talk between  
two reporters. One of whom now got his own chatter  
back -- as the latest hot news.

Well, that reminds me how a similar thing  
happened to me once. Some years ago, on this program,  
I related a story that came in the news from China --  
a dramatic feature about a poor Chinese family and a  
gang of bandits. ~~But~~ never mind how it went -- I  
need only <sup>add</sup> ~~to say~~ that it had human interest and thrills.

A year went by, and then in came that same  
story all over again -- the same poor Chinese family,  
~~the~~ same bandits. Astonishing -- for the same human  
interest thriller to happen all over again.

<sup>The explanation</sup>  
~~But what had happened~~ was simple enough.  
<sup>abroad</sup>  
~~The foreign~~ newspapers had a way of picking stories  
off the American radio, and that one had gone  
circulating -- one newspaper taking it from another  
until after a year -- it had worked its way back



to China, where it had originated. Once again it got on an American news wire --and I received it all over again. In fact, I used it again -- having forgotten ~~about it, the year before.~~ It was only later that I discovered that the story I had recited the year before had gone wandering around the world, coming back -- for me to repeat. But it was worth repeating, that good -- the tale of the poor Chinese family and the bandits.



LEWEY

Here's more political news -- from the other side, Republican Governor McKeldin of Maryland, who figured so prominently in the nomination of General Eisenhower, mentions Governor Dewey of New York -- as the Secretary of State if General Ike should win. Governor McKeldin notes what/plenty of people have been thinking, that, in the event of a Republican victory, Tom Dewey would be in line for a post in the Eisenhower Cabinet. The Maryland Governor notes that ~~it~~ he would be a natural for Attorney General. Tom Dewey, the old-time racket-buster. <sup>TR</sup> But McKeldin concentrates on the State Department. He said there is what he calls "a strong possibility that if the General were to become President, he would place Governor Dewey in charge of U.S. Foreign <sup>Affairs</sup> ~~Affairs~~ -- Secretary of State. Which would be a logical choice -- Dewey having, of

late, taken such a keen interest in international affairs, as is indicated so brilliantly by his newly published book-- "Journey to the Far Pacific."

Which is a masterly <sup>41,000</sup> account of a fascinating <sup>travel</sup> <sub>miles</sub>

*les of flying - a journey in the course of*  
*jaunt* in which Tom Dewey made a close-up study

of affairs in Eastern Asia.

## IRAN

( In Iran -- disorders are still sweeping the  
the country. Premier Mossadegh has returned to power --  
and that was what the mobs were yelling for. But they  
are still on the rampage.

The deposed Premier Qavam has escaped and  
thereby avoided -- lynching.) Mossadegh had his  
predecessor arrested, held under guard, (Qavam, who  
advocated coming to terms with Britain on the subject  
of Iranian oil -- in an effort to save Iran from  
bankruptcy.) That was what aroused fanatical mobs  
against him -- and, as he was held under guard,  
a frenzied crowd came storming-- to lynch him.

In the brief and fragmentary news dispatches,  
the details of this episode are not clear. The  
statement merely being -- that the deposed Premier was  
able to escape from his guards and flee from the mob.

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The latest word is that guards along the frontier have been ordered to keep a watch for the fugitive and arrest him if he tries to get out of Iran.



COURT MARTIAL

At Fort Meade, Maryland, a courtmartial began today, ~~under conditions of secrecy most profound. We are accustomed these days, to military secrecy and this is a championship affair of concealment and closed doors.~~ <sup>P</sup> It is the courtmartial of Major General Robert Grow, whose diary made headlines months ago. ~~General Grow was Military Attache to the U. S. Embassy in Moscow and, presently, the Communist press was publishing passages of his diary, and using them to picture Uncle Sam as a war monger.~~ <sup>P</sup> It seems that General Grow left Moscow and went to a conference of U. S. officers in Germany. There, he left his diary <sup>in</sup> in a hotel, and Red spies got access to it-- the contents of the ~~ix~~ diary passed along to Communist officials.

The word was that the General's private notes expressed <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ belief that <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ United States should go to war with Soviet Russia right away. That was the part used by Red propaganda.

But, there was also a belief that the diary might have contained military secrets --and these, also, had got into the hands of Communist espionage. There are Army regulations about diaries, and General Grow <sup>was</sup> ordered courtmartialed, held responsible for the fact that his diary had got into Communist hands. <sup>TP</sup> ~~In the proceedings at Fort Meade, the courtmartial evidence includes a great deal of information classified as military secrets. That's the reason for the spectacular precautions.~~ All we know is that the Court is of high rank -- three Lieutenant Generals, five Major-Generals. Newsmen are now allowed anywhere near the <sup>place.</sup> ~~building where the trial is being held. Soldiers on guard make a careful ~~scrutiny~~ <sup>scrutiny</sup> ~~examination~~ of all who approach. Information is being kept from the top officers of the Second Army, in which area the trial is being held.~~

~~Today a Public Relations officer said: "General Brooks himself (Commander of the Second Army) wouldn't go near that courtmartial room." After which the~~

BARKLEY-LEWIS

as we know,  
Vice President Barkley, dropped out of the  
race -- when Labor leaders turned against him. Which  
action of theirs he denounced bitterly. But not all the  
top Union people were against the Veep. This is  
indicated by a salty telegram today. It, would be salty -  
- coming from John L. Lewis, noted for his blistering  
vocabulary. *R* He assails the Kentucky delegation for  
not continuing the fight in behalf of their fellow  
Kentuckian, and wires as follows: "Why does the Kentucky  
delegation stand around, with their hands in their  
pockets, while a couple of political dirty deuces, who  
are misrepresenting the sentiments of Labor, mess up  
Vice President Alben W. Barkley?"

He applies the epithet "dirty deuces" to  
George Harrison of the Railway Clerks Union, and Walter

Reuther, President of the Auto Workers Union. Both  
~~dirty deuces~~ John L. Lewis calls them the  
mighty important figures -- to be labelled -- dusty  
~~troupeurs~~ *Dusty Two Spots! And S-L-U-T-m.*