

The political news tonight features a denial of a report that Senator Vandenberg favors the nomination of Governor Dewey. The ~~denial~~ denial emanates, not from Vandenberg, but the headquarters of Senator Taft. Congressman Brown of Ohio, manager of the Taft campaign, called a special news conference tonight, for the purpose of dealing with the Vandenberg-Dewey story.

He said that an informant of his in Washington, whom he would not identify, talked to Vandenberg about the report and got assurances that the Senator has made no commitments of any kind in favor of any candidate.

This news conference at Taft headquarters, in Washington is a reflection of insistent reports about Senator Vandenberg today. The United Press, for example, tells of a new development in the attitude of the gentleman from Michigan. This - because of the vote in the House of representatives to cut the funds for the Marshall Plan. In the Senate, Vandenberg opposed

the slash in vigorous and even bitter terms -- scathing rebuke for the Republican advocates of economy and isolation.

Along this line we have a Washington dispatch tonight telling how the House of Representatives today rejected ^{last night's} ~~the~~ action of the Senate, ~~last night~~. The Senate, urged by Vandenberg, voted to restore the slash of Marshall Plan funds; -- but, this afternoon ~~the~~ the House voted to stick to its own version - which means that the whole thing will have to be thrashed ~~thru~~ ⁾ out to get some sort of compromise.

All this is said to influence the attitude of Senator Vandenberg as he goes to ^{the} Republican Convention. He is pictured as having but one determination, that of making sure that G O P nominee will be a world-minded supporter ^{of the} ~~etc. etc.~~ →

Marshall Plan and of the bi-partisan foreign policy of which Vandenberg has been the number one Republican apostle.

His strategy, they say, will be as follows:

The Senator has left the door open, and will continue to leave it open - as a threat - if there is any danger of the nomination of an isolationist who would fail to back the Marshall Plan and the non-Partisan Foreign Policy. Then Vandenberg would step in as a candidate -- though reluctantly. If, on the other hand, the nomination seems sure to go to a world-minded supporter of the Marshall Plan and the bi-partisan foreign policy -- then Vandenberg

would take himself out completely with a refusal as definite as the famous "no" given by General Sherman long years ago.

~~Such is the word the United Press says it has from Associates of the Senator, who declare they believe that a tip-off as to the whole thing may come in the keynote speech. They believe the line taken by keynoter Governor Green of Illinois may disclose whether or not there are powerful influences within the Republican Party working for the nomination of an isolationist candidate for President. Such symptoms might determine the Vandenberg decision -- whether or not to declare himself out.~~

all this is accompanied by a dispatch to the New York Times today from its Washington correspondent, William B. White. He likewise refers back to that recent event -- Senator Vandenberg's defiance of the Republican congressmen who voted to slash funds for the Marshall Plan.

The Times correspondent writes: "Before opening his frontal assault on House Republicans for cutting the foreign recovery appropriations, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg told friends that, in this act, lay his final renunciation as a Republican Presidential possibility. ^{continues} He has left them, moreover, ^{The Times says} with the firm impression that in the field of his greatest interest, foreign affairs, he would not object at all to Governor Thomas E. Dewey as a Republican President, with John Foster Dulles as the Republican Secretary of State.

"With such an administration," William S. White goes on, "Mr. Vandenberg would simply continue as a Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. His view plainly is that such a triumvirate could carry forward an international policy so powerful that the Republican isolationist wing would thrust at it in vain."

The Senator is said to believe that he, himself, by leading the attack on the isolationists, has made too many enemies in the party -- while Governor

Dewey, who supports the Vandenberg policies, has not aroused such personal antagonisms, and would not thereby be handicapped as President.

At Philadelphia today, the Chairman of the ~~Republican National~~ Convention arrangements Committee declared -- there will be no smoke filled room. Walter S. Mallahan said that what he called "the bright glare of publicity" will be on every phase of the convention and the will of the rank and file of the LDelegates would ~~prevail~~ prevail.

"There will be no blitzkrieg or steamroller in this convention," he declared. Meaning -- the candidate will not be selected by political big-shots in a legendary "smoke filled room."

One Philadelphia dispatch states that Herbert Hoover, the only living ex-President, will make a special address to the Republican Delegates. and here's the latest, a Republican decision on how ~~long~~ long the convention should last -- four days. Today the committee on arrangements adopted a formal ~~in~~ program based on the assumption that the big doings, beginning on Monday, will be completed on Thursday night. ^R However, they've made their program flexible enough to ~~in~~ cover the possibility of a long deadlock in the nomination of a Presidential candidate -- which might take a lot of time, and drag the convention out beyond the four-day limit.

There is a note that the committee, with the approval of the Republican Delegates, has agreed to a program of action for the convention, which will be held in Philadelphia on Monday, and the latest news from Washington indicates the Senate is giving the White House another day -- overriding the veto by four votes more than needed. On the Presidential side, fighting against Congress, we have the statement that all these verbal

TRUMAN

(The battle between President Truman and Congress continued merrily today -- Congress replying with votes to override vetoes. First, the House of Representatives took up the veto of a money bill.) The President did not like ^{it} because of a ~~pxi~~ proviso, a rider, which concerned the transfer of an employment agency. The vote today was overwhelming, southern Democrats flocking to join Republicans against the White House. (The veto was voted down,) with twenty votes more than the necessary two-thirds majority. Thereupon (the Senate took up the Presidential veto of the Meed-Mulwinkle bill -- ~~which would permit railroads, bus and truck lines to enter rate fixing agreements, with the approval of the interstate commerce Commission. Such agreements were forbidden by the anti-trust laws. The President vetoed this bill,~~ and the latest news from Washington pictures the Senate as giving the white House another slap -- (overriding the veto by four votes more than two-thirds.) ^{TR} On the Presidential side, blasting against Congress, we have the statement that all those verbal

shafts hurled against the lawmakers have made them get busy. For several days past, Congress has been in session almost day and night, completing work on bills - before adjourning for the national conventions. The President says that this burst of activity has been incited by the digs he has been giving, headlined by the jab about this being - "The worst Congress."

The President arrived in Kansas City this afternoon for a visit to his family home at Independence, Missouri -- after ~~having~~ having turned his attention, temporarily, from Congress to press and radio. He ~~is~~ estimated that in his trip he has seen two-and-a-half-million people, and has placed before them the issues and the facts. This personal appearance, he intimated, was necessary, because it was impossible, in the President's words, "to get definitely the facts before the people for the simple reason that there are certain people in the newspaper business and certain people in the radio business who have a distorted view of what people ought to know and think."

I wonder who those mis^{de}ers in the world of press and radio may be -- those misbehaving rascals who, by preventing the people from getting the facts, compel the President to travel so many miles across the country and see two-and-a-half-million people.

four man delegation to the conference. Secretary Bernhardt will be in view to arrange with the government of Israel for a similar delegation.

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PALESTINE

The Palestine Peace Conference will begin next week. -- such is the word from Count Bernadotte, U.N. mediator. ~~of the United Nations~~. Today he informed the Security Council of the U N that the truce in Palestine is going well, and that the Arabs have agreed to send a four man delegation to the conference. Tomorrow Bernadotte will be in Tel Aviv to arrange with the government of Israel for a similar delegation.

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A dispatch just in from Paris: -- the National Assembly has given its approval to the western power agreement to establish a unified government for western Germany. There was much opposition to this both on the left and the right, Communist and DeGaulle -- a reflection of the French fear of a revival of German power. The debate was loud and bitter and an all-night session was held tonight, bringing about the narrowest kind of decision -- the first news dispatch showing a mere majority of six votes in favor of the plan sponsored by the ~~U.S.~~ U.S. and Great Britain for a west German government.

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SUB LEAD OLYMPICS

Tonight in London the hour of midnight passed, and still the Olympic committee had not heard from the Russians. So that was that - the Soviets will not participate in the Olympic Games. The committee kept the books open until the last minute in the hope of an eleventh hour Moscow acceptance. But the deadline was midnight, and the books were closed - no Soviet.

The Belief in Olympic circles is that, with post-war conditions what they are in Russia, the Soviets realized that they were unlikely to make a good showing -- and didn't want to risk a loss of athletic face. Still, the Russians are known to be going in for sports and athletics in a huge way, staging competitions with armies of athletes. Wherefore, the supposition is that Moscow really has its eye on the next Olympiad, Nineteen Fifty-Two -- when Soviet athletes will be ready for the games -- and how! And when the games, by the way, will be staged in what now amounts to a Soviet satellite country - Finland.

BICYCLISTS

In Portland, Oregon, tonight there are two visitors just in from the Argentine, and people are saying: "How was the trip?" To which they reply: "The bicylce riding was fine." In other words, they made the trip from Buenos Aires to Portland by bike.

They ^{are} ~~was~~ two ~~be~~ brothers, twenty-seven and twenty-one, Pedro and Carlos Rocasalvo, enthusiastic cyclists, who got tired pedaling around the environs of B.A. So they decided to visit -- Alaska. Quite a trip on bicycles, considering the condition of the roads from the Rio De La Plata to the ^{Yukon, the Tanana and the Kuskokwim} ~~banks of the Yukon - Pedro~~ in the Land of the Northern Midnight Sun. and Carlos started out in June, of Nineteen forty-six, ^{Pedro} and now ^{June 1948} have arrived in Portland -- two ~~quaxintax~~ years later.

In the story they told today, they said they crossed the Andes four times, at criss-crossing back and forth, before they reached the Republic of Colombia. There Pedro and Carlos found a revolution blowing things haywire, But they rode their bicycles through that, and

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reached the jungles of the Isthmus of Panama - which was worse. Three hundred miles of equatorial forest, and it took them twenty six days. They lived on game they shot, and when they reached the canal-zone Pedro and Carlos were so tired, they slept for four days. They also had malaria, and were treated for that.

Whereupon they pedaled north, through Central America, and into Mexico. Things were easier now, especially when they rode on across the Rio Grande. On their bikes they did a-hundred-and-thirty miles a day across Arizona and Southern California, ^{and on} ~~then~~ up the Pacific Coast -- to Portland.

There tonight Pedro and Carlos are resting up for their next bit of bicycle riding - through western Canada to Alaska. I hope they reach some place like Nome or Fairbanks, before winter sets in. Because it would be tough to ride a bicycle through snowdrifts meant for dog teams. Through an Alaskan blizzard on bicycles, that would be enough to make even ~~Ram~~ Pedro and Carlos say -- Caramba:

Over in England they ^{are} ~~re~~ investigating what is claimed to be a world record - and it certainly sounds all of that, [^] if not an interplanetary record. This new mark is said to have been set in the game of golf - and it has angles that warm my heart, and may warm yours. H.G. Nowbotham of London claims the ^h ~~hole~~-in-one championship, presenting evidence that he shot three holes-in-one during the past three months.

To make this the more remarkable, golfer Nowbotham is a forty-two year old duifer, strictly a weekend golfer, with a handicap of seven. That's the heartwarming part of it, nowbotham being one of those earnest and not ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~very~~ effectual swingers - even as

He's pretty hot at that with a handicap of 7,
 you and I. [^] The snooty, high-hat English golf union is so dubious about the prodigy ^{alleged to have been} ~~performed by that kind of~~ ^{by} ~~Rowbotham,~~ golfer, that it has ordered an investigation - to make sure that nowbotham ^{Esquire} really did bang out those three holes-in-one. It is said to have happened on the ~~ninth~~ ninth green of the ^{Famed} Torquay & Club. ~~near London.~~

nowbotham, himself, laughs and says it was

all a fluke, just luck. "There is no skill in it," says he. Which of course is all two true. But, it's far more likely to happen to a golfer with a handicap of seven than to one like me with a snappy handicap of twenty or so.

And what if any handicap have you, Nelson?

G.O.P.

A news dispatch from Washington puts a focus of interest on the first big blast of oratory at the forthcoming Republican National Convention -- the ~~xxxxxx~~ keynote speech. The keynoter will be Governor Green of Illinois, and what he says may have an important bearing on the Presidential nomination. In particular, it may determine the attitude of Senator Vandenberg. So says a United Press dispatch from Washington, which goes on to ~~disc~~ disclose what is reported to be a new development in the determination of the gentleman from Michigan.

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MARSHALL PLAN FOLLOW TRUMAN

The House of Representatives today rejected the action of the ~~Senate~~ Senate, last night, on funds for the Marshall Plan. The House passed a bill cutting the money, after which the Senate passed one at the original figure -- restoring the cuts the House made. The Senate vote occurred in a past-midnight session -- the wee hours of this morning. Now the Lower House rejects the Senate version, and ~~sticks~~ sticks to its own.

Which means that the whole thing will have to be thrashed out, to get some sort of compromise. Right now two delegations, of the Senate and the House, have begun the task -- with economy Republican Congressman Taber of New York insisting that the cut must be retained. All of which intensifies the disagreement among the Republicans over the Marshall Plan slash so strongly opposed by Republican foreign policy leader in the Senate, Vandenberg of Michigan.