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*Good Evening Everybody:*

*Since arriving in San Francisco yesterday afternoon, of course I have followed the usual routine, visiting the big hotels, headquarters of candidates and delegates. Not all of them. Some delegations are in obscure hotels where the rooms are not as expensive as they are at the Mark Hopkins, the Fairmont, St. Francis and The Palace, The New Hilton, and so on. For instance, the Alaskan delegation which includes quite a number of Republicans who were practically wiped out by the recent earthquake, including Lowell Jr. who is to address the Convention this evening - they are staying at a small hotel where rooms only cost them four dollars a day.*

*Everywhere I go people ask me the same questions: When was your first political convention?*

When I tell them that it was in nineteen twelve in Chicago, when Teddy Roosevelt was nominated, they are a little shocked by that. Next question: Do you see any change in the Conventions? The answer - yes, in a way they are just as exciting as ever. But as a result of radio, and especially television, they are quieter, gradually becoming toned down, fewer seconding speeches, much less flamboyant oratory -- a change for the better.

KEYNOTE

The KEYNOTE SPEECH TONIGHT COMES AMID THE SOUND AND FURY OF THE  
SCRANTON-GOLDWATER CONTROVERSY. GOVERNOR HATFIELD OF OREGON, PROVIDING  
A MOMENT OF ~~THE~~ CALM. THAT IS, CALM FOR THE REPUBLICANS, WHO - CAN ~~THEY~~  
USE IT. THE HATFIELD TARGET - THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. Beginning OF COURSE,  
WITH PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON. THE ORATOR FROM OREGON VIEWING WITH ALARM  
-- THE DEMOCRATIC RECORD OF THE LAST FOUR YEARS. AND POINTING WITH PRIDE  
-- TO THE REPUBLICAN RECORD.

CREDENTIALS

The DECISION OF THE SCRANTON FORCES TO RAISE THE CREDENTIALS ISSUE -- IS AN OLD GAMBIT OF POLITICAL CONVENTIONS. BASICALLY, IT MEANS THAT YOU QUESTION THE RIGHT OF CERTAIN DELEGATES to be there. NAMELY, DELEGATES ~~WHO~~ WHO STAND IN THE WAY OF A VICTORY - FOR YOUR CANDIDATE.

Manner OF SO DOING - CHARGE THEY WERE NOT PROPERLY CHOSEN. THEREFORE, DO NOT REPRESENT THE PARTY IN THEIR STATE. YOU MAY RECALL A CLASSICAL INSTANCE OF THIS IN NINETEEN FIFTY-TWO. THE BACKERS OF <sup>Gen.</sup> ~~EWING~~ EISENHOWER SUCCESSFULLY IMPUGNING - THE CREDENTIALS OF THE TEXAS DELEGATES COMMITTED TO TA FT.

THE BACKERS OF GOVERNOR SCRANTON HOPED IT WOULD BE AS SUCCESSFUL FOR THEM. AS THEY CHALLENGED THE SO CALLED - "LILY WHITE DELEGATIONS" FROM THE SOUTH. BUT THE CONVENTION TURNED DOWN THE SCRANTON APPEAL - BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY.

## LETTER

One phrase that you hear over and over at this Convention is likely to go down in political history. Namely - "The Scranton Letter". The message that William Scranton sent to Barry Goldwater. Scranton, declaring that the GOP is fighting for its soul. Fighting against - Goldwaterism. And going on to castigate his opponent for a number of dangerous positions - including nuclear irresponsibility.

If Scranton was trying to anger Goldwater - he succeeded. The Arizonian is frankly "boiling mad". Not, he insists because of the attack on him, but because of the damage to the party. So at the moment it already is a celebrated document, the Scranton letter.

## EISENHOWER

*When Senator Goldwater visited former President Eisenhower, they discussed "nothing substantive" at all. The phrase is - General Ike's, and puts an end to the speculation about a basic political discussion between our last Republican President and the man who hopes to be our next Republican President. Just a social visit - according to Mr. Eisenhower.*

*As for the Republican platform - he has some ideas about that. For one thing, he favors - strengthening the Civil Rights plank by calling on all Americans - to accept the moral imperative against discrimination.*

*But General Eisenhower disagrees with the Governor Scranton proposal for a plank - demanding Presidential control of nuclear weapons. Ike feels that the present authority - must be maintained. But he opposes in his words, "writing tactical decisions into the platform."*

*The advice of a man - who has made quite a few tactical decisions in his time.*

The former President gave his views on extremist political groups today at a news conference shortly after the twenty-eighth Republican National Convention got under way.

Governor Scranton, fighting a last ditch battle to stop Senator Goldwater, wants the party platform to carry a plank denouncing extremist groups of the right or left. And Scranton forces have specifically named the John Birch Society as one group the G O P should condemn.

A reporter asked General Eisenhower if he favored a plank naming the Birch Society. He replied that he did not favor mention of any group by name. But he went on to say that "extremists are wrong -- always wrong." The former President added that the leader of the Birch Society, Robert Welch, had "made many statements that were nothing short of character assassination." Such statements had been made about many persons "including me," said Ike.

## FOREIGN REACTION

*It's interesting how the European press, both right and left wing - seems so disturbed by events out here in San Francisco. The most common these being that/<sup>a</sup>Goldwater nomination would be a disaster that would ruin the Republican party. Now how would they know? Even the usually unflappable Times of London talks about the GOP's apparent intention of destroying itself in full view of the nation as it sits before its television sets and of course in full view of the horrified and unbelieving foreign press. So says the Times of London.*



## COMMUNISM

*Now, who would you say - is the world's number one capitalist? According to Mao Tse Tung the answer is - Nikita Khrushchev. Mao, charging that the boss of the Kremlin is a "phoney communist - who wants to return Capitalism to Russia. For example by adding Western style incentives to the Soviet economy.*

*The Peking Radio draws a harrowing picture of the Soviet Union under Khrushchev. The Soviet people - exploited, intellectuals silenced, Russian nationalism - rampant, minority groups - persecuted.*

*The Soviet Union, "seething in discontent". All, says Mao, because Khrushchev is a capitalist.*

## CRASH

*A close call out here in California - at Catalina - this morning - the twin-motored amphibious plane which carries passengers to and from the island faltering on take-off, crashing into the ocean - a few hundred yards from Avalon.*

*The nine-passengers and pilot escaping with minor injuries. The plane - a total loss - sinking to the bottom of Catalina channel.*

## MISS SCOTLAND

*I suppose it is appropriate that a bonny lass from Glasgow, Scotland - should be a prisoner of love. Especially if she happens to be a candidate for Miss Universe.*

*Doreen Swan, came over here to represent Scotland - in the annual pageant at Miami Beach. But she has been persuaded all the way from the land of the heather, by her own "braw lad", a muscular, kilt swinging red bearded Scot. Complete with bagpipes - and his own ideas about where Miss Scotland should be. Right back in Glasgow ' says he. Lassie come home!*

*I don't know if the single-minded suitor serenading his lady-love - with those bagpipes, whose music the Scots are said to appreciate, whether he persuaded her - with those siren sounds - but I do know that Doreen is going back to Scotland. Giving up her Miss Universe contest for love of a red headed laddie. Doreen capitulated.*

## PYRAMID

*If you're looking for an anti-climax - consider Sabry Ghaly of Cairo. Sabry Ghaly is a professional photographer who thought up an original theme, Cairo at sunset, from the top of the Great Pyramid. So last evening he scaled - the four thousand year-old monument. Up and up he climbed - and it's not an easy climb. I've made it - years ago - to the top - four hundred and seventy five feet up.*

*Then - he made the mistake of looking down. And it looked - a long long way down. Photographer Ghaly became giddy - keeled over in a faint, and they found him up there - this morning. Sabry Ghaly, the only man on record - to spend the night on top of the Great Pyramid - Dick - he never did get that shot - of Cairo at sunset.*

## FUN GUN

There is always something at a National Political Convention to give people a laugh. And, there are times you think this is one Convention where a laugh is needed. An organization that calls itself the UNITED REPUBLICANS OF CALIFORNIA has just brought us a formidable looking thing that looks like a tommy gun. But, it is made of plastic and all that it does is shoot the breeze. It is called a fun gun. The news release that was sent to us along with this gun says that it will shoot pellets of pressurized air, to a distance of forty feet - not enough to blow a long winded speaker down - but capable of deflating the dignity of its victim.

Several cases of these fun guns are said to be on their way to the Convention hall. And to be turned over to "trusty political jokesters. What does it sound like when fired? I have one here on the table at my side. It is all cocked and I'm going to fire it for you. It will be our signal for Dick Noel to start speaking in New York. Here goes the fun gun.....