

LEAD

L. J. - P. & G. Tuesday, July 13, 1948 (Phila.)
(No late show)

Here in Philadelphia the latest tonight is that the platform committee has agreed on a moderate, middle-of-the-road plank on the subject of racial rights. An attempt was made by extremists to write a racial plank of a drastic sort. But that was rejected, and some relatively mild phraseology was adopted, - a line calculated to ^(mollify) ~~qualify~~ most of the southerners, and dissipate most of the clouds of Dixieland revolt.

The platform will be presented to the Convention tomorrow, and the word is that it is likely to be acceptable to the majority of Southerners who have threatened to go into the election, not as Democrats, but as Dixiecrats.

The latest at the Convention ~~was~~ ^{is} a fight over the two-thirds rule. The Southerners have been trying to get that old regulation restored - whereby it takes a majority of two-thirds of the delegates to make a nomination. This was debated by the Rules Committee today, and ~~was~~ the contention of the Southerners was turned down. Whereupon a majority

report was made - also a minority report. The Southerners insisted that the minority report, advocating the two-thirds rule, should be brought to the Convention as a whole, for a decision. So that's what has been going on during the past few minutes - the minority report presented, with Southern delegates, like Senator Brown of South Carolina, making a vigorous argument for a restoration of the old two-thirds rule.

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VICE-PRESIDENT

(The nomination of Senator Barkley for Vice-President
here in Phila
was assured ^A this afternoon - after having been virtually certain
all day.) The chief rival of the Kentucky legislator was
Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming, who now has released his delegates
delegates - to Barkley. The gentleman from Wyoming gave his
reason as follows: "Senator Barkley," said he, "is one of
the greatest leaders the Democratic Party has ever had.
My admiration and affection for him have increased with the
years. There is no honor to which he is not entitled." So
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BARCLAY

The ~~Draft-Senator~~ ^{draft} Barkley is a draft all right -
a spontaneous reaction ^{following} of the enthusiasm that greeted his
keynote speech last night. It reminds one how William Jennings
Bryan won a nomination for the presidency by the magic of
eratory - the Cross of Gold harangue. Barkley of Kentucky
has no gift of golden declamation in the style of Bryan, but
he won ^{the} ~~his~~ only burst of ardent acclaim that this Convention
has known thus far - the only fervent homage. ^{The nomination will be} ~~being~~ largely
a tribute to the personality, the public record, and the
amiable qualities of the gentleman from Kentucky. ^R President
Truman is known not to be enthusiastic about - Barkley for
Vice-President. The President from Missouri, and the Senator
from Kentucky ^{are} ~~come~~ ^{from} neighboring states, ^{They} ~~and~~ do not
represent the geographical distribution as do Dewey of New
York and Warren of California. Moreover, the veteran Barkley
is no youth any more - he's past seventy, which some think
too old for a vice-president.

Hence the ^{White House} ~~President's~~ hesitation; and ^{as for} ~~as for~~ Barkley's own

reluctance - he wanted second place on the ticket in
Nineteen Forty-Four. He thought he was entitled to it then,
a nomination for vice-president in a winning year - which would
have made him president by the way. But his fellow senator,
Harry Truman, was preferred. So now the second place is
thrust on him - and he knows that with the President, he is
second choice. The White House preferred Supreme Court
Justice Douglas, and tried to persuade him.

So there's reluctance on the part of the principal
character ^{g in this} ~~and his~~ political drama. Barkley-for-Vice-President ^{is}
is the doing of the delegates ^{here in Philadelphia} on the Convention floor, a
spontaneous expression of their esteem and the enthusiasm the
Senator aroused. It's a real draft.

SOUTHERNERS

About the only uproar that's left is the noise the Southerners are making - and that promises to die down into a sort of bitter end of mumble and mutter.

We hear that thirteen Alabama delegates are going to take a walk tomorrow - ~~the management of Alabama representatives~~ representatives who have pledged themselves to have no further part in the proceedings if a Truman-type of plank on racial rights is adopted. They say the Alabama seceders will take their walk immediately after the platform is adopted.

Today, the Credentials Committee was asked to refuse to seat the Virginia delegates - unless they pledged themselves to support President Truman in the election. This demand was made by a Virginian, former Committee Secretary Martin Hutchinson. He charged that Governor William Tuck and other Virginia leaders were planning to ^{throw} ~~cast~~ the electoral vote of the ⁱⁿ state to some other candidate - not President Truman. Hutchinson argued that, under the rules of the Convention, delegates who threaten to bolt the party nominee, were not entitled to a place in the proceedings.

Much the same kind of hullabaloo is found ^{here} in the Arkansas delegation - where Governor Ben Laney declares that he will not vote for President Truman in November. This has drawn a blast from several members of the Governor's own delegation, who say that, if he does not intend to vote for the Democratic nomination, he has no business in the Democratic Convention. Today one of them said: "Laney has no more right in this Convention than Tom Dewey." ~~well, it would be odd to see Dewey up there on the platform, delivering an oration against himself, presumably.~~ However all that may be - there's talk of placing Laney's name before the Convention in opposition to Truman, and make him a rallying point for the Southern insurgents.

Senator Russell of Georgia will be placed in nomination - that was disclosed today. The Chairman of the Georgia delegation states that this decision has been formed, to be made official at a caucus later on.

In addition to all of which - there's Pepper-for-

President. That fact was made spectacular today, when a lady tried to ride into the Convention on a horse. Mrs. Winifred Galbraith Todd is a booster in the Pepper boom, and says that recently she won a prize for horsemanship, hailed as *— not Lady Godiva.* "Miss Equestrienne," So she was combining horse-flesh with politics, and trying to enter like the cavalry. But, at the Convention door they stopped her. The chief of police-protection at the Convention told her: "You should have tried a donkey."

The latest - the Florida Senator ^{has} ~~is~~ withdrawing ⁱⁿ ~~from~~ from the race. Late this afternoon Pepper announced he was releasing his delegates - but he didn't say anything about the horse.

And now let's leave Phila for a moment. Every one here is looking for that moment. But this is a momentary excursion across the ocean -

BERLIN

In the continuing blockade of Berlin, we have a revision downward of optimism - the great air lift not doing as well as was reported a few days ago. ^{Then} The cheerful, encouraging word was that the line of air supply was working such marvels, there was no danger of hunger in Western Berlin with its two and a half million inhabitants.

Today, however, we hear that the daily transport of many plane-loads of food is barely averting the threat of starvation. The effort of the Western Allies to jump over the Soviet blockade by freight service through the sky, is not ~~as~~ a failure ^{but} - it is not pouring any surplus of food into Berlin, as had been hoped several weeks ago.

In London today, the British Military Governor for the German capital, General Sir Brian Robertson, informed the British Cabinet that the fleet of planes, to frustrate the Red blockade, must be tripled - three times as many.

A dispatch from Washington states that the United States, Great Britain and France have formed a series of plans

to break the Berlin blockade - if Soviet Russia rejects or ignores the three-power protest, the complaint in the strongest terms, which was sent to the Soviet Government last Tuesday. We hear that the three Western powers are even considering an attempt to drive food shipments through by railroad or highway under armed escort. In other words, break the starvation blockade by force.

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PALESTINE

Count Bernadotte has made his report to the U.N., a series of drastic suggestions. Today he advised the Security Council to order an immediate new truce in Palestine, and back up the order ~~that~~ with economic sanctions and military force. He referred to Articles Forty-One and Forty-Two of the Charter of the United Nations. Article Forty-one provides for economic sanctions - Article Forty-Two for military intervention. These, declared Count Bernadotte, should be invoked to enforce peace in the Holy Land.

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United States, the American delegation introducing a resolution to carry out the proposal advanced by Count Bernadotte - economic sanctions and military intervention, if the war does not end.

The latest - the leaders of the Arab states are meeting right now to decide on whether or not to end the war in a few days. This word comes from Palestine, and states that the Moslem chiefs are assembled at Amman, capital of Trans-Jordan - making their decision on whether or not to end the fighting.

Meanwhile, in Palestine, another Jewish success is reported - forces of Israeli capturing a big pumping station that controls the main water supply of Jerusalem. If they can get the pumps working, they can provide water for more than a thousand Jews, who are standing siege in the Holy City.

And Tel Aviv suffered its worst air raid today, extensive damage and casualties, when Moslem planes bombed the capital of Israel.

~~Today brought~~ settlement of the captive coal mine strike. ^{Today} At the instance of Federal Judge Goldsborough, John L. Lewis and the coal operators came to terms. In the dispute, the operators refused to sign a contract containing a clause for a union shop. They contended that this was in violation of the Taft-Hartley Law.

In the settlement today, both sides agreed to let the courts decide the legality of the union shop provision in the coal contract. That being that, the strike ends.

OLYMPICS

The attendance here at the Philadelphia Convention may not be setting any records, but neither are the Olympic Games - not, at least, in ticket sales to Americans. The games are to begin in sixteen days, and there are hundreds of thousands of unsold tickets - mostly in the blocks of tickets allotted to the United States. The explanation is that Americans have been discouraged by stories of a food shortage and a lack of accommodations in London. The accounts are exaggerated, but have kept a lot of Americans from planning the trip.

However, the hundreds of thousands of unsold tickets will not affect the attendance at the Games particularly, for this reason: Under the Olympic rules, the country that is host to the international athletic carnival is allowed to have only one-third of the tickets - ^{and} _{as} the British demand is greater than the British supply. ~~and~~ With Americans not buying up their share, the tickets allotted to them have now been thrown open to the British public - and are going like the

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proverbial hot cakes. As a result, the financial success of the Olympic Games is assured. ^{it} A total of more than four hundred thousand Pounds Sterling has been taken in already, a million six hundred thousand dollars - an Olympic record. And the expectation is that there'll be a complete sell-out, with a gate of three million, two hundred thousand dollars. Which certainly would open the eyes of ancient Greek athletes - who, several thousand years ago, began the Olympic Games *on a Hellenic shoestring - for free.*

JUDGE

Here's a Newark, New Jersey, story in which we find - a judge, ^a vice-president of a bank, ^a lawyer for the bank, and a crook who robbed the bank. From these elements we might suppose the story would go this way: His Honor the judge, sitting on the bench, considers a charge made by the bank vice-president and argued by the lawyer for the bank - an accusation against the crook. But not at all. The judge, the vice-president, the lawyer and the crook - are one and the same person.

Today in Newark, Judge P.J. Pellecchia confessed the stealing of six hundred and thirty thousand dollars from the Columbia Trust Company of Newark, of which he was vice-president and legal counsel. Over a period of two years and a half, the magistrate played a fraudulent game of fictitious mortgages - and looted the bank.

The cause of crime was typical - betting on the *bangtails*, ^{horses}. Today, under arrest, the judge said - "It was nothing to lose five or six thousand dollars a week on the horses." ~~At that rate, he stole and lost six hundred and thirty~~

thousand dollars. As a judge presiding over trials, he would pass judgment on crooks, while, at the same time, he was swindling the bank to the tune of ^{more than} 600,000.

This is the case of a neurotic insect. In Edinburgh, Scotland, the professors at the Institute of Animal Genetics, have been conducting a lot of intelligent tests with ants. One of the experiments is - the maze test. In which ants are put into a complicated labyrinth, and you see how quickly they can find their way through the right passage to some food. Some ants are ~~given~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~test~~ - which is also a maze test. In brown facilities.

The professors found that the brightest insect in their collection was a female of the ~~same~~ ~~species~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~ ~~others~~ - ~~and~~ ~~she~~ ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~one~~ ~~that~~ ~~was~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~find~~ ~~her~~ ~~way~~ ~~through~~ ~~the~~ ~~labyrinth~~ - to the source of food.

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Science announces a new wonder - an ant with a nervous breakdown. No, not your Aunt Emma or your Aunt Suzanna. - ~~although you might expect her to have a nervous breakdown at any time.~~

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The professors found that the brightest insect in their collection was a female of the termite species, whom they ^{call -} ~~call~~ - Annie the Ant. ~~When a Maze test was run, Annie the Ant~~ ^{She} was usually first to learn the right way through the labyrinth - to the supply of food.

Then came the catastrophe, the other day - when Annie the Ant got all balled up, forgot the right way, and

took a wrong turn - one badly bewildered insect. And ever since Annie the Ant has had the jitters, a twitching of the legs and of the ⁿatenna. Yes, you'd expect an ant to have an ⁿatenna.

The professors, after making a deep study, came to the conclusion that the brilliant insect has become neurotic - a nervous breakdown. Which, at the moment, they are trying to cure. *Nelson, how would you cure a* ~~I suppose they're applying to Annie the Ant the usual~~ *neurotic Ant?* ~~remedies for a nervous breakdown including a trip to the seashore for a good rest.~~