

GOLDWATER J.T. - Wds. Fisher. Fri. July 10-64.

Senator Goldwater ~~xx~~ appears .o be confident tonight - that he'll be nominated on the first ballot. Not that he's making - a flat prediction. That's not - the Goldwater style. But he admits that it could happen - after the break in the Ohio front. Governor Rhodes, releasing his delegation from its ~~xxxx~~ commitment to him - as a favorite son. Which means that Goldwater will have a block of Buckeye votes - added to those already in his pocket.

Speaking before the platform committee, the Arizona Conservative - spoke eloquently of the basic human rights, Freedom of speech, worship, association, ~~■~~ property - and so on. But his address did not prevent - a rather heated exchange concerning civil rights. Goldwater, repeating - that he favors civil rights, But not - the Civil Rights Law. Which, however, he ~~xx~~ vows to uphold - if elected President.

SCRANTON

In spite of the confidence in the Goldwater camp - the Arizonan's rival is not giving up. Governor Scranton - has been redoubling his efforts, hustling around San Francisco - looking for delegates, repeating and reiterating that the nomination of his front-running rival would be a disaster for the GOP, and that a big majority of Republicans would prefer - a Scranton nomination.

Can the Penn Governor - make it? Cabot Lodge - thinks so. Our former Ambassador to South Viet Nam, declaring - that the character of the Cow Palace Convention will be decisive. That if the delegates are responsive to public opinion - then Scranton will get the nomination. So says Lodge.

As for Milton Eisenhower - who will place the Governor's name before the convention - he puts the problem this way. "I think it's a question of - whether better judgment prevails." Meaning, of course, that

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Scranton.

ADD SCRANTON

*One more Scranton move - the name of the
man who will second his nomination, Edward Brooke -
Attorney General of Massachusetts, a negro.*

PLATFORM

The proposal to declare the Civil Rights Law constitutional in the Republican Party platform - was turned down by a vote of eight to three. A defeat for Scranton, who ^{had} hoped to start a debate & that would slow down the Goldwater bandwagon. Nor would the executive committee working on the platform accept other Scranton proposals - like a condemnation of extremism.

The Governor's language is being adopted - with regard to nine planks in the platform. Not ~~xxx~~ much of a consolation - in the view of his ^{associates,} ~~group~~ Senator Scott of Pennsylvania - Scranton's floor manager - calls the proposed Civil Rights plank - "wholly, completely entirely and thoroughly unsatisfactory."

EISENHOWER

General Eisenhower's attitude on the Civil Rights law - can be stated in legal language. "Innocent until proven guilty."

Context - the constitutionality of the law. A question that has raised debate among Republicans - ever since Senator Goldwater voted against the measure.

Asked about this in Chicago, General Ike pointed out that a law passed by Congress has to be considered constitutional, unless - the Supreme Court rules otherwise.

As for his position with regard to his party's nominee - Mr. Eisenhower hasn't changed on that. He'll let the convention - decide, and support - whoever comes out on top. Whoever is the Candidate for - President.

JOHNSON

At his news conference today - President Johnson ran down a whole string of items. From new presidential appointments - to the problem of Cuba.

What about Cuba? The President wants to see some evidence - of Castro's good faith. Mississippi?

J. Edgar Hoover is setting up - a new F B I headquarters ^{there.}

The national economy? President Johnson thinks it's strong - and getting stronger.

CONGO

The comeback of the year has become official in Leopoldville - in the Congo. The comeback - of Moise Tshombe, who a month ago - was living in Spain in exile - from his homeland. Apparently in exile for good - after the collapse of his successionist movement in Katanga Province.

The other night I referred to - the chaos in the Congo following - the departure of the U.N. and suggested - that Tshombe might be the only one who could form a new government.

The Congo has a new premier. Tshombe - of Katanga.

CHOU EN LAI

The Premier of Red China seems to be on the heels of - the first Deputy Premier of the Soviet Union. Chou En Lai, following Mikoyan - as a sort of one man "truth squad".

Last week, Mikoyan was in Rangoon - pushing the Soviet line of peaceful co-existence. Warning the Burmese - not to listen to Peking. And calling Red China - "an aggressor."

Today, Chou En Lai - landed at the Rangoon airport. His speech on arrival - an attack on the Kremlin. Along - racial lines. Chou, asking the Burmese to remember - that the Russians belong to the white race. The Burmese and the ~~Chinese~~ Chinese - to the yellow race.

ESSEX

Have you seen the Earl of Essex with his head under his arm? If so you have been to the Shakespear exhibition in Stratford, England. A number of visitors claim that a "ghostly, grehish form" - glided past them, carrying - his head. Pausing as if to salute a painting of Queen Elizabeth the First. Then disappearing.

I don't know - about the ectoplasm. But the history is real enough. Remember how the Earl of Essex - became a favorite of Queen Elizabeth? Later they had a quarrel, the Earl tried to start a rebellion in London - failed, sent to the Tower - and then to the block. An execution - that the Queen repented for the rest of her life.

If the ghost of the Earl of Essex is haunting the Shakespeare exhibition at Stratford - head in hand - that's the right place. The exhibition is full of things Elizabethan. Things that once belonged to Queen Elizabeth and her favorite, the Earl of Essex.

LUDMILLA

The heroine of this - if you can call her that - Ludmilla of Moscow. Ludmilla, who got tired of - the Worker's Paradise. In fact, got tired of - work. Especially after meeting - a few western diplomats. They turned out to be a lot more fun - that party conferences. And soon Ludmilla was living it up - in plush Moscow hotels.

The slavic charmer after listening to - descriptions of Paris, decided she'd like to visit - the city of Light. But someone told on her. And the police arrived - while she was packing. And that's the sad story of Ludmilla who set out for Paris and ended up - in Siberia. And this weekend I expect to end up in the Cow Palace.