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*Good Evening Everybody:*

*The first test of strength between the two  
GOP presidential nominees - came today. Winner -  
Barry Goldwater.*

*The Platform Committee voted down - by a  
resounding one hundred votes to sixteen - a move by the  
Scrantonites to require advance distribution of proposed  
planks on foreign aid and national affairs.*

## PLATFORM

Governor William Scranton told the GOP platform committee today - that it faces an historic challenge, future political implications of its decisions - great.

The Pennsylvania Governor - still strying to provoke a platform fight with the forces of his rival for the nomination - asked for a program which would reflect what he called "the true conscience of a conservative." A play on the title of the Barry Goldwater book, "The Conscience of a Conservative". Scranton wants a program condemning extremists - like the John Birch Society, and endorsing a wide range of measures, supported by the Republican majority - but opposed by Barry Goldwater.

Otherwise he prophesied - the platform will bring defeat to the Republican Party, and brand Republicans as "the guardians of reaction."

GOLDWATER FOLLOW PLATFORM

Meanwhile events continued to favor - Barry Goldwater. With the announcement of Governor James Rhodes - that he is thinking of releasing Ohio delegates pledged to him - as a favorite son-candidate.

Also the declaration of Republican National Treasurer Richard Sellers of New Jersey - that he intends to support the Arizonan.

Senator Goldwater himself is now so confident he will be nominated - that he is thinking beyond the convention. Toward - the November election. Saying it's going to be a Republican year all across the country. From State to Court House - and from Congress to the White House.

The political picture as seen by Barry Goldwater upon arriving in San Francisco.

## TRANSPORT

*Here's an item of interest - to commuters.*

*President Johnson's multi-million dollar federal program to help states and cities improve their transit systems - became law today.*

*As he signed the bill the President pointed out that many of our city streets - were laid out for horses, those leisurely buggies our grandfathers used - to get to work.*

*The new law is supposed to help solve the traffic problem.*

CIVIL RIGHTS

*The integration leaders who have been touring Mississippi to examine conditions there - have made their report.*

*Mississippi - is a ~~pk~~ police state, they say. And - should be taken over by the federal government. Slavery is still in existence there. And those white citizens who would be willing to obey the law - ~~are~~ are terrorized by the police.*

## ROUMANIA

*Nikita Khrushchev - has two important visitors in Moscow just now. But his way of handling them - has caused much lifting of eyebrows. And - rumors*

*One of the two, Doctor Joseph Luns, Foreign Minister of the Netherlands, greeted by Khrushchev and his party big-wigs - with the usual fanfare - newsmen, cameras - and cheering crowds.*

*The second - that's another matter. As soon as he stepped off that jet in Moscow Premier Gheorghe Maurer of Romania - was whisked out of sight. His arrival reported by Pravda - but nothing more. No embrace with Nikita at the airport, no public welcome - nothing. So newsmen in Moscow are wondering - where is the Romanian Premier? From all accounts Mister K seems more than anxious - to placate Roumania, the Soviet satellite that has been standing up to Moscow, demanding - more freedom, refusing - to be exploited. Says a report from London, even challenging Stalin's*

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*annexation of Bessarabia - after World War Two. All this interfering with the boss of the Kremlin's current feud with Red China, for which he desperately needs support from other Communist nations. Not to mention the effect the Roumanian attitude might have - on Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, for instance. Or Poland - and East Germany .*

*Is Nikita Khrushchev asking Roumania for help?*

*The Bucharest press - says he is.*

## BASUTOLAND

A dispatch just in from Basutoland - reporting heavy winter snow. The high mountain valleys of that African country so deeply covered - that hundreds are isolated. At least ten killed. Some communities - short of supplies. Main roads - blocked. The snowdrifts so high that it will be two months - before the people can dig out. Lots of snow - in Basutoland - way down on South Africa, midway between Johannesburg and Cape Town.



KENNEDY

Altho Senator Ted Kennedy - is not going home from the hospital - not yet, after the plane crash from which he emerged - with a broken back, he is on his way - going by ambulance from a hospital in Northampton to one in Boston, a ~~xxx~~ hundred miles nearer home.

## SENATORS

*Can you imagine two U.S. Senators wrestling on the floor of the Senate office building?*

*What was it all about? Senator Ralph Yarborough of Texas wanted Senator Strom Thurmond of So. Carolina to go into the hearing room - of the Senate Commerce Committee, where a quorum was needed to approve nomination of former Governor Le Roy Collins of Florida - as Director of the newly formed community relations service of the Civil Rights Law. Thurmond - didn't want to go. He opposes the nomination anyway - and boycotted the session yesterday.*

*So the two decided to - settle it with a wrestling match. Senator Thurmond agreeing to stay in the room - if his friend Senator Yarborough could drag him in.*

*Off came jackets. And soon the Senator from Texas - was pinned on the floor. Both men over sixty - with the Senator from So. Carolina winning the bout.*

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*The contest - finally settled by Committee chairman Senator Warren Magnuson of Washington, who - broke it up. But Senator Thurmond did go to the meeting after all, and he wasn't needed for a quorum. The nomination approved - sixteen to one. Senator Thurmond - lone dissenter. Those wrestling, Senators, Dick.*

## AIR CONDITIONER

*Some cynics might be tempted to remark that of all the equipment required for any political convention - air conditioning should head the list.*

*At any rate Atlantic City is making sure its delegate guests - who will arrive next month, will have the best. The world's largest central air conditioning system - turned on in convention hall by Mayor Joseph Altman of Atlantic City today - and it worked.*

*Maybe the Democrats will have - a real convention this year? Air-cooled, of course.*