

The Republicans, today, named their top officials - for the San Francisco convention. The committee on arrangements met in Washington, and issued the list.

And who will be
~~So who~~ the keynoter? ~~the~~ *and* deliver the traditional oration, launching the ~~G O P~~ campaign? Governor Langlie of Washington, the Senior Republican governor - and chairman of the National Governors conference.

At San Francisco, the convention will be *called to order* ~~opened by~~
by Senator Knowland of California - ~~as~~ Temporary Chairman.
Hand the gavel to that veteran
 Then he'll ~~give way to the~~ *PERMANENT* permanent chairman - Congressman Joe Martin of Massachusetts, Republican leader in the House. The fifth time for Joe Martin - as permanent chairman of a G O P National Convention.

Today, Republican Chairman Leonard Hall said - he has no doubt who the presidential nominee will be. *Altho he* ~~he~~ admits *has* ~~he~~ he had no word *on this* ~~from~~ from President Eisenhower, ~~but~~ *he* says he's sure - the recent illness has not changed *the President's* ~~his~~ willingness to accept.

PRISONERS

The Chinese Communists have released three-hundred-and-thirty-five of the Japanese prisoners they've been holding all these years. Captured by the Russians at the end of World War Two. Then - turned over to the Chinese. The Reds call them - "war criminals;" and explain that it took all these ten years to investigate their cases. Finally found guilty of "minor" crimes - they are now sent home. A repatriation vessel - to pick them up at Tientsin tomorrow.

Radio Peking says - there are still more than a thousand Japanese in Chinese prisons and that these will be released in the near future. The Japanese say many thousands are still held - including young Konoya, son of war time Prime Minister Prince Konoya.

The U N Secretary General is going to investigate
United Nations
charges against a/Russian employee. Who - is accused of
trying to get a/Russian refugee - to go home or spy for the
Soviets. The allegation is made by a refugee leader in New
York. The Russian employee, a minor member of a U N technical
committee, denies it. Dag Hammarskjold to make an ^{inquiry.} ~~inquiry.~~

From Paris - a new version of the downfall of Beria!-

~~This one stating~~ - that the Chief of the Soviet Secret Police was killed by Mikoyan, now a Deputy Premier at the Kremlin.

The International News Service attributes the story to a French Socialist leader, recently in Moscow, who says he was told, ^{that} after Stalin's death, the other ~~MEMBER~~ members of the Politburo found evidence that Beria was ~~was~~ planning to seize control. At a politburo meeting, he was accused, ~~and~~ questioned, ^{and} finally admitting ^{as it was true,} ~~the truth of the charge.~~ Whereupon, his colleague Mikoyan, shot him, - ~~acting as the~~ ~~executioner.~~

~~Still another report in the bloodstained affairs~~
~~of the Kremlin gang.~~

TWINING

Moscow announces that General ~~Nathan~~ Twining, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff - will inspect some of Russia's top military installations. Never before seen - by non-Communist foreigners. Our Air Chief will be taken on visits to highly classified air fields in the Moscow area, ^{to} an engineering academy, ^{to} and an atomic power plant. All this - in addition to his official attendance at the ~~big~~ Soviet ~~on~~ air show, Sunday.

General Twining and six other ^{of our top air} ~~is high~~ officers left Washington yesterday ^{and are} ~~are~~ expected in Moscow tomorrow.

MANPOWER

We may soon have a reduction of military manpower. Defense Secretary Wilson says he believes Uncle Sam's Army can take a manpower cut, and still retain its present nineteen divisions.

The Air Force however wants more men. It's present strength is only one hundred and seventy five thousand.

UNIFORMS

Officers of our Armed Forces henceforth will wear civilian attire while on duty in Washington.

Secretary of Defense Wilson, said today that, after July First, military men will change from uniforms to "civies" - those stationed in the National Capital

This applies to the Army, the Navy and the Air Force. So the Pentagon will never look the same - No more uniforms. How drab.

Says Secretary Wilson: "I don't think that at the seat of government, it is a good thing to have so many people putting on a military act".

Charles Percy Wilson, the Secretary, is from

New York, New Jersey.

PERU

Another important pre-Inca ruin, found in Peru -- high in the Andes. Charles Perry Weimer, on his thirteenth photographing survey of Latin-America, came upon this archeological treasure, just by chance. At the time he was photographing mining operations in a remote section of southern Peru.

The name of the place is given as Kuwau, and it is said to include a place of worship of the people who lived high in the Andes before the rise of the Inca Empire. One of Peru's leading archeologists says it ranks second only to the discovery of Macchu-Picchu; ~~for~~ Macchu-Picchu is one of the thrilling sights of the world.

Charles Perry Weimer, the discoverer, is from Mount Tabor, New Jersey.

INTRO TO RECORDING

Here's another one of the recorded reports I made in Nepal. Reports, which I sent through the international mails - and which have been coming in, since I got back. Following - instead of preceding me.

There's one thing about a recording like this, made on the scene, spontaneous - it has a flavor which you can't quite recapture afterward. Words that were spoken in a tent - under rough, hasty circumstances - in a primitive, exotic land. So, let's see what this one is from Katmandu.

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in old European hotels; the walls of the entrance foyer decorated with tiger skins, the heads stuffed and snarling; also two great rhino heads.

On the walls of the upstairs balcony scores of pictures of turbaned, bearded Rana nobles, each usually holding a rifle with one foot on a rhino, a tiger or an elephant. And how did Boris Lissanevitch happen to get this palace for a hotel? Especially, since only a month before he got it, he was in prison? Boris was a ballet dancer in Moscow. In the late 1920s he was lucky enough to get out of Bolshevik Russia as a member of the famous Degliev Ballet. After touring the capitals of Europe with Degliev, he and his wife, one of the ballerinas, went on their own, dancing at the LaScala, in Milan, in Rio, Buernos Aires and other cities. And then he made a tour with Gladys Cooper, when she was starring in Reinhardt's "Miracle", Boris playing the role of the devil as understudy to Leonidoff Messine, whose place he eventually took.

And then his wanderings finally brought him to Southern Asia, with a French circus. During the war he ran a well known night spot in Calcutta, called "Club Three Hundred", much frequented by Allied officers and by maharajas, and by the wealthy Ranas of Nepal. It was through his Club Three Hundred that he became a friend of Nepal's then puppet king, Tribhuana, a friendship that let to Katmandu. He also conducted big game hunts for wealthy visitors to India, and even ran a distillery in the domain of the Maharaja of Cooch Behar. The more Boris heard about the kindom of Nepal and the more he saw of Nepal nobles, the more convinced he was that what Nepal needed was a distillery. Two years ago, through his friends, he made a contract with the then Katmandu government, a contract granting him, he thought, a monopoly for making of spirits. But after launching his project he found that there were at least one hundred illicit stills in this Shangri-la, competition that he says made it impossible for him to

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live up to the financial terms of his contract. His friend, King Tribubana, was taken ill and taken to a hospital in Switzerland. One day a party of Nepalese descended upon Boris, demanding the sum of one hundred and seventy-five Nepalese rupies and fifty pice. When he told them to go jump in their Holy Bisnumati River, they dragged him off to prison, and there he remained until the present king, young Mahendra, heard of his misfortune and had him released. And that's the story of how Boris Lissanevitch, the former ballet dancer, former circus performer, ex-night club proprietor, became a hotel high Pooh-bah in Shangri-la, I mean here in Katmandu.

One more little anecdote about Lissanevitch.

When they started making plans for all the foreign dignitaries to come to this coronation, they asked Boris to take care of as many as possible at the Royal Hotel. In fact, he gave the royal suite, once occupied by Bahadur Rana, gave that to my fellow-American, Ambassador

Dr. Charles Mayo, of Rochester, and his beautiful wife.

But the coronation committee also put Boris in charge of two more guest houses, palaces. In one he thought he could accommodate twenty; forty-five people are staying there.

In a second he planned to put up thirty; it now bulges with sixty-six. And then one morning, a few days before the coronation, word came that he had a third guest house, one he had never seen, and that twenty people were there ~~wainig~~ waiting for breakfast. Says the philosophical Lissanevitch, "Living in Katmandu is like stepping back into the Middle Ages." Even so, he prefers it to Moscow or even New York, where he said he just couldn't stand the pace. So long!

ATOMIC

Are you one of those who is jittery about the atomic age? You of course have heard all the alarming predictions about the baleful effects of radioactivity in the atmosphere - with all these atomic explosions in the Pacific; but from England comes good news. An eminent British psychiatrist, Dr. J. Ford Tomson, gives a result of mental tests of a thousand school children in the towns of Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury, which disclosed "surprising results." Youngsters under twelve showed a degree of intelligence - decidedly above the marks for children of the same age before the Second World War.

The doctor points out that these children are much brighter. Why? Well, they differ from pre-war children - in one way, especially. They've been exposed to greater amounts of radiation than the previous generation. Thanks to all these atomic bomb tests. So

he suggests that increased atomic radiation has resulted in increased development of the brain structure.

Atomic monsters? Henry, it seems we are in for an era of atomic geniuses.