Reform Law May Render GOP Convention 'Speechless'

Time Saving Nomination Plan Studied

Rules Committee To Solve Problem

By ROBERT BLOEM

Candidates for nominations in the Republican convention June 11 today faced a prospect of cold balloting without even the warm-up preliminary of nominating speches.

In past conventions, despite time limitations, candidates for nomination could put the last finishing touches on their respective bandwagons with a nominating speech by some big name supporter who could pump up a round of applause. Supporters of Sen. William E. Jenner for the governor nomination already had selected James Tucker, former secretary of state, to do the job for them.

At a meeting with representatives of the four GOP governor candidates yesterday, State Chairman Clark Springer interpreted the convention reform law as eliminating the need for nomination speeches. Candidates are automatically nominated when they file declarations of candidacy 24 hours before the convention, Mr. Springer believes.

Opinion Divided

Opinion on the question was divided between those who prefer the warmup speeches and those who advocate getting the convention2 balloting vore with? out preliminary "monkey business." If there are many contests, the machine polling of the delegation may run the convention into two days as it is, even without excess oratory.

Final settlement of the problem will be left up to the rules committee which meets the night before the convention. The rules committee also will get to decide the stickler of whether nomination of a candidate shall be by a majority of delegates present and voting or a majority of the entire 1837 delegates elected to attend the convention.

Collected Proxies

In the past, it hasn't made much difference because county chairmen just collected proxies as their delegates got tired and went home and voted them anyway. This year, proxies are limited to one to an individual and if the convention drags on and on and a lot of delegates take off, the going might get rough if it takes 919 votes to nominate.

The meeting also agreed to Ruel Steele, executive secretary to Gov. Gates, as chief sergeant-at-arms for the convention and to Frank Dice, deputy secretary of state, as chief of the tabulating and inspection crew.

After the session, Mr. Springer got out the political needle and went to work on the Democrats with charges that the recent state committee reorganization had put the "old McNutt machine back in the saddle."

Says Schricker 'Ordered'

He charged former Gov. Henry Schricker had been "ordered" by Democrat National Committeeman Frank McHale to get into the governor race. He made other charges, all apparently calculated to draw the Democrats into a retort.

It remained to be seen today whether his success would match that of needle craftsman McHale who drew sharp Republican denials with his Bloomington speech last Friday charging that Mr. Jenner was dealing candidate Hobart Creighton out of the GOP governor race with the enticing offer of an appointment to the U. S. Senate.

Jesse James Found Alive, Says Oklahoma Newspaper

City Editor Calls Evidence 'Iron-Clad'; 1882 'Death' of Bandit Declared a Hoax

LAWTON, Okla., May 20 (UP)—The Lawton Constitution stated today that it had found Jesse James alive, but 100 years old and bedfast with a broken hip.

Frank Hall, the paper's city editor, said it had "iron-clad evidence" that a man listed on government pension rolls as J. Frank Dalton actually was the old Missouri bandit.

The Constitution carried a five-column story by Reporter Lindsey Whitten about Dalton — or James—on its front page yesterday. It quoted Dalton as saying he was a completely reformed man.

He said the official story that Bob Ford shot him down in his home in St. Joseph, Mo., in 1882, was a hoax.

Officials of the newspaper became convinced of Dalton's identity after checking his story. They said his physical appearance matches James' and that he has scars similar to those borne by James.

Dalton said the story about Ford killing him was trumped up so he could lose his identity. His brother, Frank, and their mother identified his "body" but it was really the corpse of one Charles Bigelow.

The Constitution story said "Jesse sang at his own funeral, sounding off with his handsome baritone voice, which even today is something to feel proud of."

Dalton said he made a pact with his gang not to reveal the true secret until "all of us are dead or past the age of 100."

After he "died," Dalton said, he became a soldier of fortune for 40 years and fought in Mexico, South America and Africa.

Last year he was admitted to the Texas Confederate pension rolls as a veteran of Quantrill's guerrilla band. James also fought with Quantrill.

JESSE JAMES? — Here is "Jesse James" as he runs a comb through his beard in Dallas, Tex. At the time this photo was made (Feb., 1948), Jesse was in the Veterans Hospital under the name of Frank Dalton.

ALIVE OR DEAD?—This is the best known likeness of the famous outlaw Jesse James, who was shot and killed in 1882.

Would-Be Suicide Held in Gun Row

Times State Service

CRAWFORDSVILLE, May 20 —Charles Underwood, 35, who shot himself through the head May 9 after firing four shots at his wife, Nina, was in jail today following his release from the hospital. He is charged with assault and battery with intent to kill.

Mrs. Underwood escaped unhurt. Her step-father, Charles Rhoads, was wounded slightly while trying to take the gun away from Underwood.

Local Woman Hurt In Auto-Train Crash

Miss Irene Lockwood, 30, of 1958 Ruckle St., was seriously injured last night when the automobile in which she was riding was struck by a Pennsylvania locomotive at the State Ave. crossing.

The car in which she was riding was driven by Herbert E. Boss, 26, of 1723 N. Meridian St. He was arrested on a charge of failure to obey a signal.

Rev. Charles Kroft Dies Here at 81

Local Minister's Funeral Saturday

The Rev. Charles Morton Kroft, veteran Methodist preacher of this community, died today in Methodist Hospital.

The Rev. Mr. Kroft had been in failing health for several months, since the death of his wife, the Rev. Ella Kroft, also an ordained Methodist minister. He was 81, born on a farm in Fulton County, Ind., and served his entire ministry, beginning in 1896, in the State of Indiana.

The Rev. Mr. Kroft tried to retire from the pulpit three times and as many times again was pressed into service. His last charge was the Asbury Memorial Methodist Church where he was minister for seven years. He served as supply pastor for a time last year at the Edgewood Methodist Church and his year at Barth Place Methodist Church.

Before going into the ministry, the Rev. Mr. Kroft taught school and was a member of the faculty of Moore's Hill College. He held both the AB and MA degrees from Evansville College. His last pastorate before coming to Indianapolis 33 years ago was in Bloomington. He dedicated eight new churches in pastorates that he served.

Held Places of Honor

Among the honors conferred upon the Rev. Mr. Kroft were the presidency of the Indiana Conference Deaconess Board which he held 20 years; the presidency of the conference Board of Home Missions covering 13 years; and the office of conference treasurer for 23 years. In 1932, he was sent as a delegate to the General Conference in Atlantic City.

Services will be held Saturday at 2:30 p. m. in the East Tenth Street Methodist Church. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

The survivors are his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Holman, 548 N. Jefferson Ave., with whom he lived; his son, Merritt V. Kroft of Pittsburgh, Pa., and his grandchildren, Charles R. and Merritt Holman of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Robert Szuba and Betty Lou Kroft of Pittsburgh.

In Indianapolis

EVENTS TODAY

Woman's Department Club Reception for New Officers—2 p. m., Ayres' Auditorium.
Indianapolis Traffic Club Dinner-Dance—7 p. m., Murat Temple.
Crispus Attucks Fashion Show—10 a. m., High school auditorium.
Past Matrons and Past Patrons Marion County OES Association Dinner — 6:30 p. m., Masonic Temple.
Prof. William E. Ross Singing Lecture—8 p. m., Wilking Auditorium.
21st Annual Strawberry Festival and Awards Day — 2:45 p. m., Washington High School.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Gymnastic Exhibition—8 p. m., Athenaeum.
Beta Phi Sigma Convention (through Sunday)—Hotel Washington.
Washington High School Junior "Rose Prom"—Gymnasium.
Indianapolis Council of Women and Representatives of Affiliated Clubs—2 p. m., Central Library.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jack W. Kesler, 19, of 1158 W. 29th St.; Norma Jean Flesher, 19, of 1054 W. 29th St.
Willie A. Butler, 37, of 144 E. 30th St.; Viola B. Scotten, 37, of 1710 N. New Jersey St.
Vincent James McLaughlin, 29, of 844 N. Oakland Ave.; Ruth Helen Kremp, 24, of 526 N. Oxford St.
William Joseph Maines, 23, of New Augusta, Ind.; Jo Anne J. Brown, 23, of New Augusta, Ind.
James Haddix, 31, of 848 S. Meridian St.; Betty Wilson, 34, of 448 S. Meridian St.
John W. Ellison, 56, of 406 N. Harrison St., Rushville, Ind.; Hazel Gartin, 55, of 5613 E. Washington St.
Therman Robinson, 26, of Dwarf, Kentucky; June Powell, 16, of 830 S. Illinois St.
Leonard A. Koby, 18, of 5340 N. New Jersey St.; Joyce Spielberger, 19, of 1775 Noble Dr.
Howard Wayne Hobbs, 22, of 1429 Winfield St.; Mayme Eris Terry, 24, of 335 S. Dearborn St.
George O. Sparks Jr., 24, of 2309 E. Washington St.; Miss Wilma H. Travis, 21, of 22 N. Beville Ave.
Robert Ray Hand, 55, of Carrollton Ave.; Charlotte Ferguson Acton, 53, of Franklin, Ind.
Sheldon J. Rikke, 21, of 310 N. Illinois St.; Helena E. Logan, 21, of 1818 Sturm Ave.
James Amos Ayers, 24, of 17 E. St. Joseph St.; Thelma Louise Norton, 18, of 526 W. Morris St.
William Richard Harper, 20, of 33 S. Edgehill Rd.; Janice Ann Wenning, 17, of 605 N. Luett St.
George Hill Jr., 22, of 2151 N. Kildare St.; Betty Lou Paxton, 18, of 4626 E. 21st St.
John W. Gross, 18, of 603 N. California St.; Doris J. Webster, 19, 625 Bright St.
Everett Dale Mattmiller, 22, of 1098 W. Michigan St.; Betty Jean Sneary, 1232 W. Michigan St.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Mary E. vs. Charles J. Welch; Shirley vs. John C. Obrecht; Aline vs. Frank Mitchell; Jean E. vs. William M. Moore; Ruth E. vs. Eugene S. Hawkins; Julia Mae vs. Alonzo Davis; Elizabeth Lee vs. Vincent DePaul Healy; Anna vs. Fred Nance; Jane F. vs. Robert M. Morton; Maxine vs. John Hillock; Evelyn E. vs. Thaws Stafford.

BIRTHS

Boys

At St. Vincent's—John, Ruth Law; Lawrence, Lillian Shelton; Edward, Ruby Thomas.
At St. Francis—Robert, Betty Skinner.
At Coleman—Einar, Lucy Sorensen; David, Helen McKinley.
At Methodist—Edward, Margaret Rogers.
At Home—Malcolm, Fannie Quarles, 923 Charles; Richard, Ellen Stubbs, 331 W. 13th.

Girls

At St. Vincent's—Joseph, Margaret Edmundson; Dewey, Thelma Burgess; Eugene, Dorothy Pindley; Edgar, Betty Miller; Lloyd, Wilma Huntsinger; Thomas, Virginia Cunningham; Fred, Helen Baase.
At Coleman—Vernon, Wilma Watkins.
At Methodist—Kenneth, Rose Allen; Wilbur, Martha Gilbert; Emerson, Mary Bell.
At Home—Howard, Betty Jane Pipes, 613 Ogden.

DEATHS

Jessie Ross Boggess, 81, at 1802 Brookside, myocarditis.
Emma Stone, 53, at Methodist, hepatitis.
Wiley Walter Remley, 58, at Long, carcinoma.
Matthew M. Roberts, 86, at 1306 Cornell, myocarditis.
Joseph P. O'Mulane, 63, at General, carcinoma.
William A. Ellingwood, 65, at 328 Harlan, coronary occlusion.
Robert H. Fish, 66, at Methodist, arteriosclerosis.
Emma C. Schatzel, 64, at Methodist, adenocarcinoma.
Charles Pergande, 86, at 1603 Pleasant, arteriosclerosis.
Elsie Gordon Peters, 72, at Methodist, coronary occlusion.
William Albert Sparks, 53, at Veterans, pneumonia.
Alfred Andrew Hooker, 60, at Long, carcinoma.
Ollie Nelson Pruett, 48, at Long, car-

Funeral Directors To Hear Tester

Sessions of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association convention continued today with a talk by Carl K. Tester, Los Angeles, Cal., advertising director. Ralph S. Millard, Cleveland, O., national association president, also was scheduled to speak.

The three-day session, which is being held at the State Fairgrounds, will close tomorrow. Several exhibits are on display in the Manufacturer's Building.

The convention was opened yesterday by Mayor Feeney, who told the delegates that they have a solemn function to perform at a time of family grief.

Under the circumstances, he said, he felt it inappropriate that funeral directors should be the butt of public jokes.

Elect Dr. Crum To Committee

Dentists Close Convention Here

Dr. Walter E. Crum, Richmond, was elected executive committeeman of the Indiana State Dental Association at a meeting of the board of trustees as the annual convention closed yesterday. He succeeds Dr. Frank H. O'Halloran, Evansville, chosen president-elect.

Other officers re-elected were Dr. E. E. Ewbank, Kingman, secretary-manager; Dr. Frederick E. Baker, Hammond, treasurer; Dr. C. T. Mayfield, Kokomo, supervisor of clinics; Dr. Wilbur P. McNulty, Ft. Wayne, master of exhibits and Dr. H. G. Dimmick, Ft. Wayne, editor-in-chief.

Assistants Elect

Officers of the Indiana State Association of Dental Assistants, also meeting here through yesterday, are:

Mrs. Lois Kelly, Evansville, president; Miss Helen Burns, Plymouth, first vice president; Miss Laura Willard, Bloomington, second vice president; Miss Lois Lambring, Seymour, secretary; Mrs. Rebecca Allen, Ft. Wayne, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Sells, Lafayette, executive committeewoman; Miss Bette Leshley, Evansville, supervisor of clinics; Mrs. Geraldine Catterline, South Bend, membership chairman; Miss Bertha Lillevig, Ft. Wayne, publicity chairman; Miss Norma Traylor, Indianapolis, local arrangements chairman.

Mrs. Kelly, Miss Lambring, Mrs. Sells, Miss Lashley and Mrs. Reba Reimer, Indianapolis, were named delegates to the national convention, with Miss Willard, Mrs. Catterline, Miss Patricia Olsen, Ft. Wayne, Miss Glendore Miles, Kokomo and Miss Dorothy Krause, La Porte, as alternates.

Miss Lashley was awarded a cup for the best table clinic at the dental convention, with Mrs. Dale K. Beeson of Indianapolis second.

Miss Rebecca M. Kinley, South Bend, won a cup for writing the best paper. Miss Olsen was second.

Independent Union Requests Election

An independent union at the Allison Division, General Motors Corp., has petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for an election to determine the bargaining agent for the plant.

The group, United Aircraft Engine Workers, Inc., Local No. 1, was the bargaining agent until November, 1945, when the United Automobile Workers, CIO, won an election.

George Davis, UAEW president, said he believes his union has more members than the CIO group. He said he asked for an election last year, but the NLRB denied the request for the reason that the UAW was operating under a two-year contract.

Another petition was filed last January and is pending before the NLRB, he added.

Opposes Boosting Federal Powers

Denny Addresses County GOP Meeting

One of George L. Denny's main issues in his campaign for election as 11th district Congressman will be his opposition to centralization of any more power in the Federal government at Washington.

Mr. Denny, the Republican nominee for Congress, outlined his views in a speech before the Republican Women of Marion County at the Columbia Club at noon today.

"I am convinced that many functions of government that have been taken over by the Washington administration in the last few years might better have been left to the states," he said. "Social security is one of the functions I believe should be handled by the states."

Mr. Denny said he was convinced that many laws passed by Congress were unwise and do not have the backing of the people.

"You will find that I am conservative but will be fair and just to all the people," he said.

Finds $500 War Bond

While target shooting out at Sunshine Gardens late yesterday, Everett Stroup, 44, of 39 E. Adler St., found an official looking paper buried in the sand.

It was a $500 war bond that had been stolen in a safe burglary last Apr. 9 at the Nemic Heating & Supply Co., 427 Madison Ave.

Sheriff Holds 2 In Couples' Death

ROCKPORT, May 20 (UP)—Sheriff Ad Scheessele today held two men on suspicion in the deaths of a man and woman whose bodies were found buried in a shallow grave here in 1945.

The sheriff refused to disclose the names of the suspects, but indicated that he might be on the trail of a third party.

The bodies of George Tyson, 33, and Ethel Sparks, 22, both of East St. Louis, Ill., were found buried here in October, 1945. At that time, Tyson was the object of a search in connection with the death of Kathryn Morrison, 22-year-old Madison, Ill., tavern waitress.

Some $3200 in currency was found stuffed in Miss Sparks' brassiere when her body was unearthed. Tyson's widow has attempted to claim the money, but Scheessele said it was still being held by Spencer County authorities here.

Tool, Die Association To Open 2-Day Meeting

The National Tool and Die Manufacturers Association will open a two-day meeting tomorrow at Hotel Lincoln with more than 200 directors and committee members to attend. Wilbur Shaw, president of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corp., will be speaker.

Indianapolis committee members include E. J. Breech, H. L. Roese, James P. Stephens, Joseph N. Huser, Alvin T. Wallace and Carl A. Grummann.

Bevin Says Russ Can Prevent War

Commits Britain To Oppose Red Surge

SCARBOROUGH, England, May 20 (UP) — British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said today that the greatest danger of another world war lies in Russia's present war of nerves.

He stated flatly however that he was against "any step to carry on aggressive war against Soviet Russia or any other country."

Making a broad review of British foreign policy before the 47th annual Labor Party conference, Mr. Bevin also said:

ONE: Britain was facing the necessity of asking the United States for another loan when Secretary of State George C. Marshall came to his rescue with the European Recovery Program.

TWO: Britain is not prepared to sit idly by and see the Communists seize power in western Europe.

THREE: Western European union defense talks are not directed against anyone in particular but are designed to give the government the means of life or death for their people in event of attack and enable them to negotiate with others in the proper manner.

FOUR: The council of foreign ministers should agree to convene an immediate peace conference among the 15 or 16 nations which participated in the war against Japan.

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