

Democratic Party Leaders Invade Philly

Promise Bigger Show Than GOP

PHILADELPHIA, July 6 (UP)—Democratic Party leaders, headed by U. S. Sen. J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island, Democratic national chairman, began arriving here today for pre-convention meetings.

Unlike the early arrivals for the Republican National Convention two weeks ago, however, there was little fanfare to the Democrats' entrance. The city was too busy reveling in a carnival atmosphere stage by stage with 18,000 visitors to the Elks national convention.

The Democrats may have to take a back seat now, but next week they promised to put on an even bigger show than the Republicans and Elks combined. They pointed out that they have more than 1000 more delegates than the Republicans to the respective national conventions. Moreover, the Democratic parades traditionally have displayed the silver-throated oratory, and the Southern revolt against the administration may add firework.

Studying Planks

The pre-convention activities start tomorrow when the sub-committees of the resolutions committee begin studying proposed planks for the party platform. Hearings on the proposals will continue Thursday and Friday before actual drafting of the platform begins under the direction of U. S. Sen. Francis J. Myers of Pennsylvania, committee chairman.

The platform is expected to include strong housing, inflation and foreign policy planks. But there was no indication of the nature of the controversial civil rights policy which touched off southern antagonism against President Truman.

Meanwhile workmen were busy cleaning up and redecorating the huge convention hall where the big show takes place. Although most of the decorations have been left from the Republican convention, the Democrats have ideas of their own.

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Democrats Out To Recapture Grip on Senate

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WASHINGTON, July 6 (UP)—Senate Democrats are cautiously saying they have a chance to regain control of the Senate next year even if the Republicans capture the White House.

They believe they can win a majority although the odds of history are against them. No President has been elected with a Senate since 1888.

Democratic hopes are based on the feeling that they cannot lose much, and that they have a fair chance of gaining a few Senate seats.

Since the Republican victory in 1946, the Senate has been divided between 51 Republicans and 45 Democrats—counting Sen. Glen H. Taylor of Idaho, now identified with Henry A. Wallace's party, as a Democrat. The Democrats need to hold those they have and gain four to win a majority.

33 Seats at Stake

There will be 33 Senate seats at stake in the November election. Of those 15 now are held by Democrats and 11 are in the South, where Republicans are given a little chance of displacing them.

Outside the South, the only Democratic seats at stake are in Rhode Island, Colorado, Montana and New Mexico. The Democrats believe they have a better than even chance of hanging on to those seats, although Sen. James E. Murray is reported facing serious trouble in Montana.

Some of them concede, however, that a Republican sweep in the presidential contest could knock Democrats out of some of those four seats.

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Truman Presented With Six-Shooter

Pledges to Withhold 'Fire' at Convention

ABOARD TRUMAN TRAIN, July 6 (UP)—President Truman was en route to the White House from Boley, Mo., where he and President Romulo Gallegos of Venezuela participated in the dedication of a statue of Simon Bolivar, national hero of Venezuela.

Mr. Truman's only public reference to politics yesterday was in a rear platform appearance at Springfield, Mo., when a local dentist gave him a silver-plated German pistol.

When someone in the crowd suggested that he might use it "at the convention," the President said he did not think that would be necessary. He said he would "wait for the campaign."

Mr. Truman put in a hard day at Boley yesterday. With the mercury pushing 110 degrees in the sun, he went through a long ceremony involved in the presentation of the Bolivar statue. The sun was almost hot enough to melt the statue.

More than 40 spectators collapsed from the heat. Gov. Phil Donnelly of Missouri was one of those stricken.

President Gallegos got so hot he detached himself from the party at lunchtime and took a cold bath in a building on the campus of the Southwest Baptist College.

Brig. Gen. Wallace Graham, White House physician, treated many of the heat prostration cases.

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Plan Rabies Shots At School 15

Free rabies vaccinations will be given tonight at School 15, at 2302 E. Michigan St., from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.

Other sites for dog vaccinations this week include School 41, at 3002 Rader St. tomorrow night; School 34, at 1140 Wade St. Thursday night and School 49, at 1902 W. Morris St. Friday night.

So far 2600 dogs have been vaccinated in the municipally-sponsored free vaccination project.

Record night was last Friday when 283 dogs were given rabies immunization shots at School 51, at 2301 N. Olney Ave. Indianapolis veterinarians are assisting in the campaign.

Petillo on Way To Face Charges

Waives Extradition; Due Here Today

Kelly Petillo, winner of the 1935 Speedway race, was due to arrive in Indianapolis this afternoon to face charges of slashing the face of his former secretary with a knife.

Two Indianapolis detectives, Casper Kleifgen and Edwin Bowers, left yesterday for Owosso, Mich., after Petillo, held there on a warrant charging assault and battery with intent to kill, indicated he was willing to waive extradition.

The race driver was arrested last Sunday in Carunna, Mich., by sheriff's deputies who waited until he won first place in a 100-mile stock car race before placing him in custody.

Nation-wide Search

Prior to that he had been the subject of a nation-wide search after Mrs. Naomi Scheffner, 25, of Lebanon, his one-time sweetheart and secretary, accused him of slashing her face with a knife in his room at the Roosevelt Hotel.

Mrs. Scheffner said she was lured to Petillo's room on the pretense of "meeting an old friend."

Petillo will be represented here by T. Ernest Maholm, Indianapolis attorney, who said he advised the race driver not to fight extradition.

Radio Moscow 'Spurs' Plane Production

LONDON, July 6 (UP)—Radio Moscow said today that the Soviet people are appreciative of the "powerful Stalinist air force" but added that Soviet pilots and plane manufacturers must raise still higher their skill and their readiness for combat.

The broadcast quoted from an editorial in Red Star, the Soviet army newspaper, which said that the Soviet people are "constantly concerned" with strengthening the Soviet armed forces. And "naturally devote great attention to the Stalinist air force—its technical equipment and cadres."

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Entries Pour in for Times Novel Freak Squeak Contest

Best Weekly Letter Wins \$5; Award Of \$25 Awaits Grand Prize Winner

By ART WRIGHT

A record number of entries for the annual Times' Freak Squeak Contest was forecast today when "early-bird" entrants crowded the contest editor's desk with accounts of their experiences.

The contest opened yesterday and the deadline for the first week is midnight Friday.

Entries postmarked or brought to The Times by that time will be considered for the first week's prize of \$5 and qualify the writer for a chance at the grand award of an additional \$25.

What You Must Do

Here is all you have to do to make a bid for the cash awards:

ONE: Write a letter—as brief as possible—recounting a near accident involving yourself or a member of your immediate family, an accident that might have

competed any number of weeks, even after winning a prize.

The best letter in the opinion of the judges received each week will win \$5 for the writer. There will be four weekly contests.

At the close of the contest, midnight, Friday, July 30, the judges will award a grand prize of \$25 to the best winning letter of any

of the four weeks.

The decision of the judges will be final. All entries become the property of the Indianapolis Times and the Indiana Safety Council. The Safety Council, which was a co-sponsor in last year's contest, again is aiding The Times in the search for the most unusual near-accidents.

Boy, 13, Reports Robbery of Watch

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Two

of the smallest mechanics in the airline industry are in the United Air Lines maintenance base here. They are Joe Vercillino, 3 feet 11 inches, and James Cooper, 4 feet tall. Trained mechanics, they work in wing tips, gas tanks and other tight compartments of airplanes where larger workers can't go.

Size Isn't Everything

More than 600 holiday accidents Fourth of July heaviest carnage time high toll of deaths shown to date.

The total was more than last year, most of the dead.

It brought a day of the National Safety Week, carelessness and amateurism not heeding pre-holiday.

In Indiana, a 10-year-old boy killed in holiday toll coincides expected by state the vacation peak.

Eight highway

11 Hoosiers lives for 10 deaths in a 5-year-old boy from a farm wagon.

List of

The list of Indiana ported today includes

Walker Hudnall, Mrs. Arda Evans, Mars Hill, mother of Anthony Renfro, mond.

Charles Green, Raymond Edward of near Columbus, Mrs. Almeda Kingsford Height, Francis Bridges, mac.

Floyd Miller Jr., Gary Lee Bullard, Albert Lencior, cago.

Gene Frye, 18, John Campbell, Edward Deal, Roger G. Staff

Truck-Accident

Mr. Hudnall died yesterday in wrecks of a truck-accident 31 in Columbus.

They were Muscatatuck State their car collided owned by Morgan Austin.

The truck and came to a stop from the front of the truck.

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They were possibly saved by the truck.

The driver of the truck

He told police down for a truck and his truck was

Mr. Green died in a dent in Ind. 29

way night.

The Ferguson son of Mr. Ferguson was Friday night of a farm wagon.

Mr. Engelbrecht, day of injuries automobile accident. Porte. She was same crash that Carl Erickson.

Cyclist Die Injuries received when his motor rear of an automobile were fatal. Witz. He died Hammond hospital.

Drowning victim included Mr. L. Lake at Rome grooves in Bass Bullock, in the

Mr. Lencior drowned in Lake day when the boat was riding over turned over. The

Lake County was searching Mr. Lencior while swimming in Cedar Boat Upset

Young Frye James yesterday in which he and friends overtake State Police.

State Police drawn yesterday into the Iroquois 16 in Newton C. Ing.

Mr. Stafford in Pike Lake, they were while fishing.

Mr. Deal was when his pickup head-on collision truck loaded with a m. today in south of Veedersburg.

Mrs. Deal, 2 fordeville hospital, Arthur, was driver of the truck.

Service Re-

MADISON, V. induction workers Electric Co. of a strike today shut off all but service in St. Louis areas in Missouri.

Two Ships

BOSTON, J. Coast Guard crew the Norwegian Jeanne and the ship Ella had to 240 miles south.

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