

# Report Labor Law Repeal Sought

## Democrats Add Minimum Pay Hike Plank

**Drafters Predict OK of FDR-Truman Platform**

PHILADELPHIA, July 12 (UP)—The preliminary draft of the Democratic platform was reported today to call for outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law which was enacted over President Truman's veto.

A highly-placed Democratic source said he understood that the proposed platform asked repeal of the law even though the Democrats in Congress were split when the bill was passed last year.

The labor plank was contained in a tentative draft of a "Roosevelt-Truman" platform completed by a seven-man subcommittee at 4:30 a. m. (Indianapolis time) today.

The report on the Taft-Hartley repealer came from a party source who earlier had expressed doubt that such action would be taken because of the congressional split. A majority of House Democrats voted to override Mr. Truman's veto and Senate Democrats voted to sustain it by the narrow margin of 22 to 20.

Members Mum  
This source also said he understood the proposed platform carried another major concession to labor in calling for a national minimum wage of 75 cents an hour. The administration for a year has urged increasing the present 40-cent minimum to 75 cents.

Repeal of the Taft-Hartley law and a substantial boost in the minimum wage have been two of the major goals of organized labor during the past year.

Members of the drafting committee, headed by Sen. Francis J. Myers, (D. Pa.) refused to discuss details of their draft when they quit early this morning.

"It is a platform that sets forth the things we have fought for during the past 16 years," Sen. Myers said. "But I couldn't give out the things that were done because they are only recommendations that could be torn apart."

Hopes for Approval  
He brushed aside all questions as to how his subcommittee had handled questions on racial rights, Palestine and the Taft-Hartley Act—the issues that threaten to provoke convention battles.

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## 'Dollar' Profits Assured in ERP

WASHINGTON, July 12 (UP)—American businessmen investing in foreign recovery projects were assured today that they could take their profits in U. S. dollars.

Paul G. Hoffman, economic cooperation administrator, said this conversion guarantee is designed to "offer substantial inducement to American capital to seek profitable employment abroad."

The guarantee is aimed at removing one of the major obstacles to building American-owned factories in Europe—the difficulty of exchanging foreign currencies for dollars.

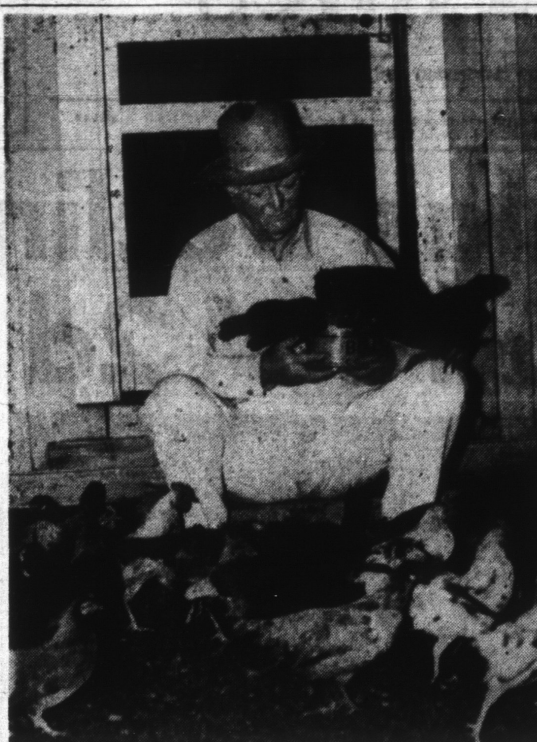
Under the new ECA program, an American steel manufacturer who invests in a French steel mill and qualifies for a guarantee, will be sure that francs earned from steel sales can be converted into dollars at the prevailing rate of exchange.

## Rockville Lawyer Heads Bar Association

FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 12 (UP)—John McFaddin, Rockville, today was the new president of the Indiana State Bar Association.

Mr. McFaddin, who succeeded Verne C. Cawley, Elkhart, was elected to the post at the association's final session Saturday. Thomas C. Bachelor, Indianapolis, was named secretary-treasurer.

The president-elect for 1949, subject to approval by next year's convention, was Telford B. Orben, New Albany.



**WON'T BE THERE**—Former Vice President John Garner won't be in the political turmoil at Philadelphia. Instead he'll keep in touch via radio, and spend his usual quiet day around his Valde, Tex., home.

## Young Southern Democrat May 'Bolt' Party in Fall

**18-Year-Old Delegate Truman Williams 'Can't See That Man Truman' or Wallace**

PHILADELPHIA, July 12 (UP)—Could be, the Democratic convention's youngest delegate said today, that he will have to cast his first presidential vote for Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

Truman Veran (Red) Williams Jr., of Douglas, Ga., who reached his state's legal voting age of 18 last fall, was looking beyond this convention to the fall elections.

"I can't see that man Truman," he said. "And I am definitely against Henry Wallace. As yet I haven't made up my mind what to do."

Cites Civil Rights Plan  
"I think I represent the modern Southern youth," he added. "We know that President Truman's civil rights program won't work because it's trying to do by legislation what can only be done by education."

He was appointed as a Georgia delegate by the state executive committee to give the young voters a voice in the convention.

Mr. Williams is a medium height, stocky, good-looking kid with dark auburn hair. The other Georgia delegates call him "Red" because he and they don't like the name Truman.

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## M'Grath Raps GOP Congress As Reactionary

**Myers Calls Dewey 'Grundy Candidate'**

CONVENTION HALL, Philadelphia, July 12 (UP)—Democratic National Chairman J. Howard McGrath said today the Democratic Party is best qualified by "experience" leadership to avoid World War III and attain prosperity at home.

He delivered a scorching eight-point indictment of the Republican Party in a speech prepared for delivery before the opening session of the Democratic national convention.

And he topped it off with a blast at the GOP-controlled 80th Congress as one which "will be remembered more for the ruin it has tried to make, than for any creative action of its own."

His record, he said, "is one of the most dismal records of stultification, reaction and retrogression in our annals."

Sen. Francis J. Myers of Pennsylvania and Mayor David L. Lawrence of Pittsburgh also assailed the GOP in their addresses of welcome to the delegates.

'Rush to Re-Action'  
Sen. Myers predicted President Truman would be returned to the White House in the November elections and that the Democrats would be returned to power in Congress. He said a Republican victory in November would mean "not just a walk, but a rush, back to reaction."

Mr. Myers charged that the dominant leadership of the Republican Party is isolationist. He said former U. S. Sen. Joseph Grundy of Pennsylvania "owns the first mortgage" on GOP presidential nominee Thomas E. Dewey.

Referring to Dewey as "a young shining knight of old, of old King Joe the tariff-maker," Myers said "Grundy named him (and) Grundy usually collects his debts."

'Agent of Privilege'  
Mr. McGrath said the Republican Party's 1948 platform and presidential candidate "unmistakably" show that it would attempt again to make this government the agent of the privileged few instead of the servant of all of the people.

Included in his indictment of the GOP were charges of a trend toward isolationism, of seeking to limit foreign aid "to bare relief and cold charity, and of government by the wealthy for the privileged few."

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## Suspect Held in Fatal Shooting

Daniel Dawson, 33, of 2519 Baltimore Ave. was held by police today in connection with the fatal shooting of Rufus Morrow, 34.

Police said Morrow was shot twice through the chest at Dawson's home. Morrow's address was given as 4131 N. Meridian St. Police quoted Dawson as saying he fired a gun to end a fight between Morrow and Willie Washington, 39, of 354 W. 16th St. Washington and Dawson were arrested on vagrancy charges.

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Then he held a news conference, said what he stood for, and predicted he would win. He added that he would leave it up to the delegates to pick his running mate. He said it should be a "free convention."

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Mr. Pepper was drafted last night by a seven-delegate, anti-Truman committee whose members said they represented more than 100 delegates from 20 states. The committee, once a Draft-Eisenhower group, is headed by William Ritchie of Omaha, chairman of the Nebraska Democratic State Committee.

Wrote to Feeney  
Mrs. Rhine said today she could not understand it because she wrote to Mayor Feeney two weeks ago concerning the booth. She said she asked that he inform any departments required to know about the opening.

The Mayor said he had no objections to the political booth other than that it was operated without the required permit.

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## Pepper Shows Confidence in 'Draft' for '48

**Senator Believes He Can Beat Truman**

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That would be Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida. He is challenging his old Senate colleague—Harry S. Truman of Missouri—for the Democratic presidential nomination.

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## Clare Boothe Luce Says: 'Democrats Gather to Name Next Defeated Candidate'

**Absence of Mrs. FDR's Picture Shows Growing Rift Between Roosevelts and Truman**

By CLARE BOOTH LUCE  
PHILADELPHIA, July 12—According to White House aides, President Truman will board his special plane, the Independence, with the First Lady and their daughter, Margaret, and fly to the convention the minute—but the very minute!—he is nominated.

And that, my dear readers, is about the most exciting rumor circulating in the City of Brotherly Love.

The great convention assembling here to pick the next defeated candidate for the presidency of what convention orators sometimes call "The Unlucky America," promises no surprises. With the collapse of the Eisenhower boom, all hands are busied with a strenuous, last-minute spit-and-polish job on party unity.

Not even the vice presidency is a matter for real speculation. What excitement there is lies in a certain morbid fascination all seem to feel as they watch the growing list of distinguished Democratic names that passionately aspire to private life, and feel no patriotic urge whatsoever to be the President's running mate—or even the President.

Nowhere did I see any picture of Mrs. Roosevelt. This is a most significant fact, when you come to think of it.

Ten days ago, I suggested that Mrs. Roosevelt was the only personality available as vice-presidential pick who could either hold, or get back, the votes that have steadily flowed away from the Democratic Party since the death of Mr. Roosevelt. Later, in a White House conference, Mr. Truman said he had no objection to this somewhat obvious suggestion.

He then added, rather plaintively—and who could blame him in the circumstances—what else could he be expected to say? Well, he might have said, for example, that he was "all for it."

Such a statement would have clinched the vice presidential nomination for the widow of his commander-in-chief.

If Mr. Truman didn't insist on Mrs. Roosevelt, there are only two possible explanations. He doesn't want her on the ticket, or he does want her, and can't get her.

All the political evidence points to the latter supposition. It has long been known in inner Democratic circles that Mrs. Roosevelt has little sympathy for the Truman policies.

Her son James Roosevelt, in his fierce anti-Truman fight, has doubtless reflected her real opinion of the man who succeeded her husband, and although she has far too much dignity to make an open break with the White House, it is plain that she is cold-shouldering this convention.

The growing rift between the Trumans on the one hand, and the Roosevelt family and forces in Democratic politics, on the other, will become increasingly clear as this convention crawls to its undramatic finale with the nomination of Mr. Truman.

Meanwhile, the most embarrassing question that can be asked either of the President, or of any of the Roosevelt, is why the one does not want to be on the ticket with the other.

For the rest, the long-range news percolating out of this stormy city is that while the stop-Truman drive has not stopped Truman from getting that nomination, it has probably stopped him from returning to the White House next November.

Tells Police Thugs Slug, Then Dunk Him  
Jack Fitzpatrick, 1534 Blaine Ave., told police he was slugged with beer bottles and dunked in Eagle Creek by four men early yesterday.

He said he was resting in a Minnesota St. wooded area west of Eagle Creek when the men approached and demanded his billfold. They attacked him and held his head under water when they found it was empty, he related.

GOP NAMESAKE  
PHILADELPHIA, July 12—This being a Democratic convention, it makes news when the name of alternate delegate from North Carolina is—E. Hoover Taft Jr.

Mr. Creighton has the power, and when he tries to do anything to will just about anything to back Mr. Alexander's strategy of a four-man ticket.

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