

Taft Expected To Toss His Hat In Ring This Week

Seen as Early Challenge to Dewey, Others

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Oct. 13—Sen. Robert A. Taft (R. O.) is expected to jump-off next week as the first candidate in the race for the 1952 Republican presidential nomination.

If he does, he will be issuing an early challenge to such other groups as Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Sen. James H. Duff (R. Pa.), who favor Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Harold E. Stassen, another potential rival.

An early Taft start might stir greater activity among the backers of Gen. Eisenhower, who has been politically silent thus far in his post as commander of the North Atlantic Treaty forces.

Mr. Taft has been encouraged to make his third bid for the nomination by signs of a pickup in strength in areas supporting other candidates at national convention time three years ago. Wisconsin, Indiana and the state of Washington have been conspicuous examples.

Wisconsin Leads Drive

The first major break came last week when leaders of the Wisconsin GOP organization endorsed the Ohioan and invited him into their presidential primary. Mr. Stassen had the backing of the state organization in 1948 and won most of the delegates.

In Indiana, 86 Republican leaders endorsed Sen. Taft in a move that may put the 1952 delegation from that state in his camp. The Indiana delegation supported Dewey in 1948.

An endorsement from Washington has been promised to Mr. Taft with the majority of that state's 1948 convention delegates among the signers. Gov. Dewey won most of the 1948 delegates. Mr. Taft also has been promised support in Kentucky and Minnesota.

Taft Resting Up For Speeches Ahead

CINCINNATI, Oct. 13 (UPI)—Sen. Robert A. Taft rested at home tonight for a heavy round of speechmaking in the week ahead—the week that may bring his formal bid for the 1952 presidential nomination.

It was only a matter of the right time to make the announcement. Mr. Taft said, but he wouldn't go any further.

"When will that be?" a reporter asked Mr. Republican, who is spending a quiet week-end at home with his ailing wife, Martha.

"Look," he replied, "when I'm ready to make the announcement, I'll make it."

Mr. Taft launches his speaking series this week with a talk tomorrow night before the retail food dealers here. But that's only the beginning, he said.

"I believe I have seven or eight speeches in that many days," he smiled.

On Monday night, he addresses the Michigan State Republican organization in Detroit, then returns to Washington.

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Girl Naturalist, 6, Gives Class Lecture on Snakes



"GET IN THERE, YOU!"—Brooks makes the dry land terrapin "shut his little door." Wouldn't a professional lecturer envy fascinated attention like this?

By EMERSON TORREY
THE SUBJECT was snakes.

The lecturer was a 6-year-old Indianapolis naturalist, Brooks Minton.

Her rapt audience was her own first grade class at John Strange School.

As the other children's eyes bugged, Brooks lifted a writhing snake from its jar.

"This is a spreading viper or hog-nosed snake," she said.

"Get in there, you," Brooks exclaimed when the terrapin was a bit slow about shutting his little door.

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The blue-eyed, brown-haired girl let the snake slither around her neck and shoulders. She didn't flinch a bit. And, sure enough, the snake didn't bite.

With only a little coaching from her teacher, Mrs. Dorothy McClain, Brooks also told about the dry land terrapin.

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It was one of Dr. Minton's rattlesnakes that gave birth to quintuplets at the State Fair recently.

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Dr. Russell S. Merkel of Indiana Central College will serve as instructor of the course "The Church and Older Adults." Dr. Merkel is chairman of the Church Federation Committee on Adult Work in the Department of Religious Education. Dr. Wendell C. Anderson, director of the division of gerontology and chronic diseases, Indiana State Board of Health, will give the opening lecture tomorrow night on "What It Means to Grow Old."

Dr. Don West, executive secretary of Oriental missions for the United Christian Missionary Society, will give the lecture on "Christian Missions and World Order" Monday night.

The faculty for the usual leadership courses will include the Rev. Oscar Holder, Prof. James B. Miller, Mrs. Richard Bymaster, Miss Bessie Myers, C. F. Meissner and Miss Catherine Carter.

The Rev. Joseph Johnston is dean; Mrs. Dorsey King, leadership training chairman; and Dr. Howard J. Baumgartel, federation executive secretary.

He swallowed the check but failed to cough up the evidence.

That's what Roy A. Cole told police about one of the two men who entered Cook's Grocery, 759 Massachusetts Ave., yesterday.

The men asked about cashing a check. The clerk called the store on which the check had been drawn, was told it had been stolen.

Then he called police.

While waiting for the police, Mr. Cole said, one of the men swallowed the evidence. Police

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