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Delegate

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mendous amount of pressure on him held the key to the whole situation.
But their fight was to no avail, and the great public sentiment previously manifested by the people of this country long before the convention started—predominated and prevailed and the Taft forces were fighting a losing battle in all instances.

THE GEORGIA contest was the one which actually decided the whole picture in Chicago.

The Georgia decision by the convention itself was unprecedented in the history of the Republican party in this country. That was the first instance since the party was organized years and years ago that the National Republican Committee has been overruled on the floor of the convention—and that to seem exceedingly significant.

The nominations, of course, were part of the color of this whole convention.
The past year was wonderful. It was like one of those tremendous football games which you have seen in Ann Arbor with all the color attached to it was all part of a convention, and part of a Republican convention.

THERE STILL was that question as to which man would win, and how Stassen, Warren and Arthur might affect the whole situation.
But there still was that subdued air of confidence on the part of the Eisenhower forces in that convention that were not letting the color, the necessary get the best of them.

This included the emotional upsurge that came from the speech of Senator Dirksen of Illinois—until he so inadvertently made the mistake of challenging the integrity of two men in that convention, notably Governor Dewey and Governor Pine. Dirksen let his own inner feelings apparently get away from him by his better political judgment.

I'D LIKE to mention the Michigan caucus, the first time that the Michigan delegation was polled on its presidential choice. You may have been up at 2:30 or 2:45 that Friday morning when we finished.

The Michigan delegation came to Chicago uncommitted and maintained that position although several of us had made a commitment. On July 2 I publicly announced that I had definitely decided I would be for Eisenhower. I am sure my announcement had some effect on several members of the Michigan delegation.

We came early morning. We had morning breakfasts and our chairman, Art Summerfield, briefed us and brought us up to date on the happenings during the night. So I would say that the Michigan delegation was very well informed.

THAT CAUCUS at 2:30 or 2:45 a.m. saw our vote announced.
The newspapermen, the radio and TV men were all there, and they were forced into that room to receive the announcement from Summerfield. He told them that 34 delegates were for General Eisenhower and 12 were for Taft. That was the news that these men had been waiting for so expectantly throughout the hours.

They had had their various reports and they had received the press polls which followed along with a certain degree of accuracy. The result that was eventually announced.

Michigan being in such a strategic position, there was a tremendous amount of importance attached to the announcement that Art Summerfield gave them that night.

THROUGHOUT this whole convention, Michigan was in a very important position—a position of high prestige. We were one of the key states that could have swung this election one way or the other.
Believe me, it was exceedingly fine to know and to appreciate the position not only of the Michigan delegation, but also the position of the Michigan delegation's chairman, Summerfield, in this whole picture.

He was unbiased. At no time did Summerfield attempt to inflict his own personal opinion upon the Michigan delegation. I feel that he sensed what the people of Michigan wanted and what the people of America wanted. They wanted Eisenhower.

But Summerfield was exceedingly fair, and no Taft supporter and no Eisenhower supporter on that delegation at any time had any criticism of the way our very fine chairman handled a difficult job.

THE PRESSURE on him as the chairman of the Michigan delegation was tremendous. I have the greatest respect for him. Certainly he should have the commendation and the congratulations of the Republicans of Michigan for the very fine job and the very fine position he handled himself as chairman of the Michigan delegation.

Then, of course there was the actual selection of the nominee. Overnight, from the time the original Michigan caucus report was given out until the time our votes were cast—35 for Ike and 11 for Senator Taft—one individual had changed and voted for Ike.

But that was a dramatic moment when the roll call ended and Eisenhower had 595 votes—just nine short of the nomination. Dramatically it was. Minnesota demanded that the floor and everyone knew what was going to happen. They were going to support the delegation to Gen. Eisenhower and the contest was over.

ONE OTHER ITEM may be of interest.
The Michigan delegation assigned various members to contact

other state delegations. I was given three—Kansas, Tennessee, and Minnesota.
The one to the state of Minnesota was the one which I really worked hard. As a consequence, it gave me an opportunity to be informed at all times what Minnesota planned to do so far as Gov. Stassen was concerned.

It was also to ascertain that Stassen would not receive the total vote of the Minnesota delegation on the first ballot.

STASSEN DID NOT have the full support of the Minnesota delegation, for it gave 9 votes to Eisenhower and the balance to Stassen. My Michigan delegation was ready to dump Stassen and only by the extreme pressure of the members of that delegation did he have any votes on the first ballot.

It was my advice to the Minnesota delegation that Stassen come in at the proper time, make the proper speech he so well could do, announce his decision and release his votes in favor of Eisenhower. The Donald Dickey, agreed and took me over to the Minnesota delegation to register in some precinct in the city. I felt Stassen had lost so much prestige in the Republican party as well as nationally in the past few years.

I FELT he would have a marvelous opportunity to get back into the good graces not only of the Republican party, but of the people of America as well, by making that fine gesture at the proper time. It was obvious that the man could never be nominated.

But if he would only come forth at the proper time, make the proper speech, release his delegates to Eisenhower, he would once again gain in some respect to the party and be the hero of the day.

That proposition was put to Gov. Stassen. He would not agree to go along with it and as a consequence, nine votes on the first and original ballot went against him.

THEN WHEN it was 9:30 for Eisenhower and Minnesota, first floor, it put the clincher on for Eisenhower. That was the contest and it was all over.
I want to thank the local citizens who supported me so well and so graciously with their letters and answers to my own little preferences that I was giving me the information that I wanted me to. I very much appreciate their comments and their letters. They were for Eisenhower or Taft.

Hostess
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All of us had the unforgettable feeling of having men in suits snatched at our pins and banners. I had my "I Like Ike" banner torn several times and the buttons we wore were fair game for any Taft supporter.

"THEY NEVER forgot the fight, not for a minute. They'd hit at people wearing Eisenhower buttons and shoot at him as he walked along the street. I honestly think that they hurt their chances a lot by their rudeness and intelligence."

"Mister Taft, himself, showed some of these characteristics. He seemed smoother and polished, more at home in the crowd than the General did, and seemed to be looking for the applause of the people all the time. His manners, in public anyway, were always good, though."

"The General is very boyish looking. He's quiet and makes everyone aware of a certain shyness. When the crowd would clap for him and shout at him he always looked a little surprised and then started to grin. He's not a handsome man but when you see him smile you like him."

"HE DID ACT a little unsure, but everyone I talked to said it was because he'd had so many years of military discipline behind him he'd forgotten how the public acted. Some people say he's too military to make a good politician. Well, maybe, but we want a president, don't we, not a politician?"

The bird's nest was paused, swallowed, commented about the condition of what was left of her voice. She looked around "home", the Birmingham National bank, and said "It's so quiet here."

Asked her greatest impression about the convention, Miss Gardner did not recall the excited delegates milling about, the speeches made by party leaders, nor any of the things we at home watched on television screens. Instead she said:

"THE GREATER SHOW of maturity of the Eisenhower supporters. There were few really young people among them and few really old people, but there was a deep maturity about them all. They were all serious, hard-working people."

"You could feel that they believed they were behind the man best suited for the job. It showed in their actions and their public speeches and in the little serches of conversation you'd overhear from across the room."

"They had their fun and they lost their tempers, but they were more quiet and dignified about it all."

"Our Michigan delegates were no different from the rest of the group of people there to do a job to the best of their ability with the fun they had incidentally as an assignment they had been given by the folks back home."

streets, there was no such thing as a conversation. Everything you said had to be shouted. There were hundreds of people milling around, parades forming over the sidewalks and sometimes it seemed that every time you turned around you bumped into a hand.

"I'll never know before I know now that the word 'bedlam' means—a national convention!"

B'ham Is First Club Visited by New District Governor
Alan P. Brander, Rotary district governor from Wallaceburg, Ontario, visited Birmingham Monday on the first leg of a trip during which he will visit the 40 Rotary clubs in Michigan and Ontario which comprise his district.

Speaking before the Monday luncheon session of the Birmingham club, Brander discussed the four units of Rotary club service, vocational service, community service and international service.

Brander also stressed the lasting friendships that come from Rotary and suggested to the Birmingham branch that the club continue to make aid to crippled children its primary community project.

Record Vote Cast In Bloomfield's B of E Election

A record crowd of 400 attended the annual election of Bloomfield Hills school board members Monday night and rejected two incumbent members.

To serve for another three-year term are Rita MacKenzie and Robert Sadler.
A third member, Edward Proctor, was elected to fill the vacancy left by Clyde Johnson who moved out of the district with two years to serve on the board.

Results of the balloting were: Rita MacKenzie 278; Robert Sadler 240; Edward Proctor 221; Charles DeVeige 114; Dr. Stanley Jenson 101. A board member's salary is \$60 a year.

Recreation Board

The annual election and reorganizational meeting of the Birmingham recreation board is scheduled for 8 p.m. July 17, in the commission room of the municipal building.

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