

GOP bars Ford delegates from switching to Reagan

KANSAS CITY (UPI) — President Ford won his first convention battle with Ronald Reagan yesterday when a Republican committee approved a new rule to prevent delegates — loyal to Reagan but bound by law to Ford — from switching their votes.

The National Republican Rules Committee overwhelmingly approved the new rule which would bind more than 900 delegates in 19 states. Ford had given strong support to the change, while Reagan's supporters fought it.

Six days before the opening of the 31st Republican National Convention opens, both candidates are shy of the 1,130 delegates needed for nomination. The latest United Press International count gave Ford 1,122, Reagan 1,036, with 101 uncommitted.

While Reagan, with 571 legally bound delegates, would seem to have more to lose by freeing delegates from their commitments than Ford with 367 bound to him, some of the President's support was thought more likely to switch if given the chance.

Despite the defeat, which they had expected, Reagan supporters said they could press to kill the rule when it is considered by the GOP National Committee today and the convention next week.

A number of Reagan's conservative followers also were pushing for more of their ideals in the party's platform. The group, led by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., issued a list of 22 planks for which they would fight at the convention.

And Helms was reported involved in another conservative move — the possibility of a third presidential candidate, Sen. James Buckley of New York.

Buckley campaign manager Leonard Saffir said in New York that his man has been approached both by Reagan and Ford backers about getting into the presidential race.

He identified only Helms as being among those who have made overtures to Buckley. Helms, flying to the con-

vention, was not available for comment.

Saffir said those who have discussed the possibility of launching a Buckley campaign "have asked him not to close the door when they talk to him of their intentions, although he is not making any effort to solicit any support for any presidential bid."

Noting that Ford and Reagan are extremely close in delegate strength, Saffir said, "You can deadlock the convention with 100 votes and anything can happen on the second ballot."

Helms, an early and dedicated Reagan supporter, was crushed by the former California governor's choice of liberal Sen. Richard Schweiker as his potential running mate. But he continued to stress his support.

But as the leader of the conservatives, he launched an attempt to rewrite the platform which Ford and Reagan forces were trying to put together without triggering a party-splitting fight.

Fearful that Ford and Reagan are avoiding hard positions in the platform, the party's most ardent conservatives said they would challenge the presidential candidates on 22 major issues.

"They came here to do a job and not be a rubber stamp."

"This is a revolt on the part of the delegates which transcends whether they are for Ford or Reagan," a source in the conservative camp said.

Helms, leader of the party's most conservative wing, discussed his efforts with Reagan but the source said he did not know whether the candidate offered any encouragement.

"We have not sent this to Reagan and had them approve it," the source said, adding that the move to rewrite the platform was completely independent of Reagan's operation.

The draft of the conservative platform was put together Monday night and will be presented to the platform committee today. The conservatives are ready to take some crucial issues to the convention floor next week, including the

Panama Canal, Taiwan, busing and abortion.

The decision by the conservatives to make their move — despite apparent efforts by the Reagan and Ford forces to find common ground on language in the platform — came as preliminary work continued in advance of the convention.

At the formal meeting of the temporary Platform Committee, Administration witnesses continued testimony with Treasury Secretary William Simon warning that the GOP "will require more than an attractive candidate."

Simon, a possible Ford running mate, said Republicans faced possible extinction of Watergate, domestic failures and an erroneous image as a "barely disguised front for big corporations, bankers and the Chamber of Commerce."

The Treasury secretary said Republicans are outnumbered in registration 2-1 because the GOP "stands for very little indeed." He said the Republicans need a platform "that is a genuine contract with the people and a commitment to more than vague good intentions."

Although Ford asked them to keep it secret, four more potential candidates for the vice presidential nomination acknowledged they have been contacted.



Hurricane aftermath
This debris deposited by Hurricane Belle near Steel Pier in Atlantic City, N.J., was being removed yesterday by city workers. Belle caused heavy flooding in Vermont and downed power lines in other states but has now been downgraded to a tropical rainstorm by meteorologists. Damage was not so bad as expected.

House passes bill to lift price controls on U.S. oil

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House yesterday passed a compromise bill designed to lift price controls on about 15 per cent of the oil produced in the United States and provide energy conservation incentives.

The bill would extend the life of the Federal Energy Administration through the end of next year and give it \$227 million to spend.

The 293-88 vote gave final congressional approval to the measure, which was approved in the Senate by voice vote last week. It now goes to

President Ford for signature.

The House had passed a bill simply extending the FEA for 15 months beyond its expiration date last June 30. The Senate changed some of the oil production pricing regulations and added energy conservation programs. They were modified somewhat in a month-long House-Senate conference.

The bill removes price controls from "stripper wells," which produce less than 10 barrels a day but which collectively produce 12 to 15 per cent of all domestic crude oil.

To encourage increased efforts to get at marginal oil, the bill would allow price increases of up to 10 per cent for oil produced under "tertiary recovery" methods such as injecting fluids to force the oil from wells.

The total price increase from stripper and tertiary wells could not exceed \$1.2 billion a year.

Weather

A beautiful summer day, warm and dry with hazy sunshine. High 85. Some clouds later tonight, quite mild. Low 64. Continued warm and more humid, but not as much sun and thundershowers by evening. High 84.



Acrobatic animal

Alan Emmel and his dog Goldman enjoy themselves during a break between classes on Old Main's lawn.

Election for unionization at stake

Labor board to hold public hearing

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The Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board will hold a public hearing Sept. 8 to decide whether an election is needed to determine whether Campus Loop bus drivers should be unionized by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO.

The Loop drivers, through the Federation, previously had asked the University to agree to an election that would prevent unionization under Teamsters Local 8. When the University

refused, the Federation filed a petition with the Board requesting a hearing.

The hearing will be held in 312 Keller at 10:30 a.m. Sidney Lawrence will be the hearing examiner for the Board. Lee Cogan will represent the Federation.

According to Cogan, if the election request is approved, then elections will be held three to four weeks after the hearing.

Jane Pukovski, president of Teamsters Local 8, said that the Teamsters will also be involved in the hearing.

"As far as I'm concerned, Local 8 already represents those people (the

Loop drivers)," she said. "One of the things we're providing for is protection of students."

According to Loop driver Alex Holt, student jobs would be endangered if the drivers were unionized under the Teamsters.

In addition to deciding who will represent the drivers, the hearing will determine the make-up of the bargaining unit. State law forbids employees of a supervisory status to be included in the same bargaining unit as other employees. However, the law says, "The Board may take into con-

sideration the extent to which supervisory and nonsupervisory functions are performed."

According to Bruce Younklin, operations manager for the Campus Loop, there are student bus drivers, called supervisors, who have responsibilities in addition to driving a bus.

Basically, "Their power lies in reporting to me," Younklin said.

The student supervisors are paid \$2.60 an hour. The other drivers are paid between \$2.25 and \$2.50 an hour.

House bars federal abortion funds

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House yesterday voted for the third time in less than two months to bar use of federal funds to perform abortions.

The action on the emotional and persistent abortion issue came as the House approved a \$56.6 billion appropriations bill for the departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare.

The measure was sent to the Senate with the abortion ban intact. The Senate

earlier rejected the ban and House-Senate conferees could not reach agreement on the issue.

The 223-150 vote meant the House refused to back down from language it wrote into its version of the money bill on June 24, on votes of 199 to 165 and 207 to 167, which said "none of the funds appropriated under this act shall be used to pay for abortions or to promote or encourage abortions."

The compromise measure, which is \$4

billion over President Ford's budget requests and faces a certain veto, contains funds for HEW family planning programs which include abortions for poverty-level women in cases such as rape, incest or danger to the mother's health.

The two Catholic clergymen who are members of the House were divided on the vote. Rep. Robert Drinan, D-Mass., a Jesuit priest, voted to drop the ban, and Rep. Robert Cornell, D-Wis., a Nor-

bertine priest, voted to keep it.

Rep. Joel Fritchard, R-Wash., whose motion to drop the House ban was defeated, said the ban is aimed "against the poor women, the women on welfare, the very ones least able to handle this problem. Some of them will go back to the alleys, to the butchers. You won't stop abortions with this language. You'll just stop safe ones."

Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., author of the abortion ban first adopted in June by the House, said abortion "is an act of violence. To kill an unborn child is to deny the smallest, the most defenseless human being the basic right of all, the right to life."

Richardson takes lenient line on payoffs

ATLANTA (UPI) — Commerce Secretary Elliot Richardson yesterday decried the "ugly" practice of international corporations making payoffs abroad, but argued the Ford administration's proposal for dealing with the matter was better than Jimmy Carter's.

Richardson, in a speech to the American Bar Association, said recent disclosures that major American corporations have violated ethical and legal standards in making such payments "has created an ugly and intolerable spectacle."

But he said the way to cure the situation is through the administration's proposal for a disclosure act requiring that the public be told of such payments, and not by making such payments a criminal offense.

Richardson said the administration proposal will lift a great burden of proof from the government, which in order to demonstrate an offense will need only to show that the payment included under the law was made and not reported.

The prosecution "will not need to show that it was made with a corrupt motive or intent," Richardson said.

Based upon his experience as attorney general, Richardson said, "I doubt sincerely whether a criminal prohibition against payments could be enforced at all with regard to conduct most or all of which takes place overseas." He said government authorities would have to seek out evidence and key witnesses beyond the reach of domestic courts.

Richardson later told a news conference he does not "hanker" for the vice presidency, but said he would bring "obvious" attributes to President Ford's ticket — possibly offsetting the Watergate tinge of Ford's pardon of Richard Nixon and adding some geographic balance.

"The obvious things are geography, to the extent that the northeast is to be important, experience with the realistic effort to deal with the problems of excessive government, and a relation to Watergate that could be looked at as being a balancing factor," said Richardson.

Rep. Parren Mitchell, D-Md., who recalled his days as an attorney working with Baltimore law enforcement agencies, asked in arguing against the ban:

"Have you ever seen a coat hanger abortion? Have you ever seen an abortion performed with a rusty pen knife, what it does to the woman physically and psychologically? I have. You can't live with that on your conscience. You can't live with that."

Rhodesian raid kills over 300 Mozambique black nationalists

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (UPI) — Rhodesian troops invaded Mozambique in a surprise reprisal raid and killed more than 300 black nationalist guerrillas at a command post, a government statement said yesterday.

The statement said 30 Mozambican Frelimo troops and about 10 civilians also died in the lightning raid, the heaviest yet by Rhodesian forces across the border into Mozambique.

The government statement said the Rhodesian forces suffered no casualties "apart from a few minor injuries" in the raid which included the destruction of a roadblock and a bridge.

The statement said the Rhodesian raid on the black guerrilla command center and base camp was made "in accordance with the accepted international practice of hot pursuit." It retaliated against "unprovoked aggression" into Rhodesia by black guerrillas based in Mozambique and supported by the Marxist government in Maputo.

"In the absence of any restraining influence from the outside world, Rhodesia has had no option but to strike at centers of organized terrorism on her borders in the interests of her own self-preservation," the statement said.

The Rhodesian retaliation was the toughest reprisals taken by the security forces since the guerrilla war against black nationalist insurgents began in December 1972.

"The camp was attacked on irrefutable evidence that the terrorists therein were involved in the planning and execution of operations against Rhodesia," the statement said.

"Repeated warnings have been given in recent months by the Rhodesian government of the risk inherent in supporting terrorists," it said.

"Officers returning from the operation have confirmed that evidence found at the headquarters and camp proves conclusively the extensive involvement of Rhodesian terrorists and the presence of their senior commanders," the statement said.

"These terrorists owe allegiance to nobody save themselves and acknowledge no Rhodesian political leadership," it said.

The government statement gave no indication where the guerrilla base was located. Rhodesia has charged that an estimated 6,000 trained guerrillas are in Mozambique and 4,000 are undergoing military training, aided by Russian, Cuban and Tanzanian advisers, preparing for a major offensive timed for the October rainy season.

The government statement said the surprise attack was in reprisal for a guerrilla mortar attack Sunday on a Rhodesian army base along the Mozambique border.

Four white Rhodesian troops were killed in the Mozambican attack and a fifth died in follow-up operations. The losses were the heaviest by Rhodesian troops in a single engagement in the three-year-old campaign by black nationalist guerrillas to topple the white minority regime of Premier Ian Smith.

Faculty union hearings today

The Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board will reconvene hearings on the question of a faculty bargaining unit for PSU today at 9 a.m. in 404 Old Main. The hearings, entering their 15th day, will be in session today, Friday, and Wednesday through Friday of next week. Various professors will be called on to testify at the hearings.

The hearings are being conducted by Sidney Lawrence of Pittsburgh to determine the makeup of a possible collective bargaining unit for the University faculty.

The Penn State University Professional Association (PSUPA) has petitioned the PLRB for a vote to determine bargaining status with the University. The vote would include all University faculty, except those at Hershey Medical Center, most staff-exempt professional employees in the University's Code 5 class, and department heads in the Code 3 section.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) has intervened in the hearings and would be on the final ballot for determination of a bargaining unit.