

Turmoil continues at political convention site

Republican vanguard assembles, clashes on ERA

From our wire services
DETROIT — The vanguard of the Republican National Convention assembled yesterday to draft a 1980 campaign platform and celebrate a foregone conclusion—the nomination of Ronald Reagan for their bid to reclaim the White House.

The whole show was orchestrated for harmony as the GOP sought to contrast its solidarity with the contention still facing the Democrats.
However, while the Republicans were in harmony, Detroit was in a turmoil.

While the Republican platform committee started its deliberation, sunbaked piles of garbage and parked city buses greeted the members while contract talks continued in the six-day municipal employees' strike.

Potential points of Republican friction seemed to evaporate in a matter of minutes.
Former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, who had been due to speak before a platform draftsmen today, abruptly canceled his appearance.

A spokesman for Sen. John Tower of Texas, the platform chairman, said Kissinger's planned personal commitments for his withdrawal yesterday. He will speak before the convention next week.

Conservative Republicans have long been critical of Kissinger—and Reagan certainly is no fan. In 1976, he forced language sharply critical of the then-secretary of state into the platform upon which President Gerald R. Ford ran.
Further peace-keeping moves make a

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America favors Republican Party, poll says

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Republican Party is favored over the Democratic Party by the electorate as the party best equipped to deal with most of the nation's leading problems, according to a new GOP-financed poll.

The poll, the Washington Post reported yesterday, shows the GOP is regarded by voters as better able to control inflation, government spending and taxes, and to maintain world peace and military stability.

The nationwide poll was taken in mid-June by pollster Robert Teeter, president of Market Opinion Research Co. of Detroit, and paid for by the National Republican Congressional Campaign Committee.

It is to be released in detail today by Rep. Guy Vander Jagt, R-Mich., chairman of the committee, at GOP platform committee hearings in Detroit.

The poll shows Republicans have increased their lead over Democrats from a similar survey taken in October from 8 percent to 29 percent on controlling inflation; from 17 percent to 33 percent on government

spending; from 7 percent to 21 percent on holding down taxes; and from 1 percent to 20 percent on military security.

On the issue of world peace, the GOP went from a deficit of 4 percent to plus 1 percent.

On unemployment, traditionally an issue helpful to Democratic candidates, Democrats held a lead over Republicans 38 to 18 percent in October. In the June survey, however, Democrats led the GOP by 41 to 38 percent, the GOP poll said.

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Monday, July 7
France-Cinema, Antonioni, Zabricki Point, 7 and 9 p.m., Room 112 Kern.
Shaver's Creek Nature Center, guided walk of Walnut Springs Park, 7 p.m., Easterly Parkway and University Drive.
PSOC Bike Shop, 7:30-9:30 p.m. (arrive before 6 or mechanic will leave), Room 8 IM Bldg.
Interdisciplinary Symposium on Value lecture, 8 p.m., Room 101 Kern. James Martin, psychology, on "Adequacy and Ecstasy: Further Developments Toward a Self-reflective Theory of the Development of Consciousness."

Tuesday, July 8
Late Registration deadline and add deadline for 6 week Summer Term.
GSA Council meeting, 7:15 p.m., Room 101 Kern.
Explainsgama concert, Arthur Goldstein Quartet, 7:30 p.m., Fisher Plaza.
Summer Series in Gerontology lecture, 7:30 p.m., Room 112 Kern. Yolanda Jeselnick, exec. dir., Pa. Senior Center Institute, and Eugene F. Erway, exec. dir., Pa. Council on Aging, on "A Forum on the Political Process as an Advocate for Older Adults."
Star Trek Fans meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 75 Willard.
Festival Theatre, Pal Joey, 8 p.m., The Playhouse.

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News briefs

Clergy advise draft objectors

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (UPI) — Some 40 South Dakota clergymen are advising men registering for the draft to express their objections to war when they sign their registration cards.

The Rev. Russell Traver, University of South Dakota campus minister, said men who object to war should write on the bottom of their registration cards: "I am a conscientious objector to war in any form."

Fund to be cured, leader says

HARRISBURG (AP) — House Majority Leader Matthew Ryan said he does not want to quit for the summer until the financially ill unemployment compensation fund is cured.

And he said he is still confident the House can do it, even though that chamber failed twice last week to approve a bill that would strengthen the fund's finances.

With a third vote scheduled for tomorrow, Ryan told reporters, "I think enough people either haven't voted yet or are wavering that we can get it up to 102 votes (the minimum needed for passage)."

Gov. Dick Thornburgh and his top aides have been asking officials such as Philadelphia Mayor Bill Green and Pittsburgh Mayor Richard Cafiguiri to help convince lawmakers to vote

for the bill, said press secretary Paul Critchlow.
"We don't think it would serve any useful purpose for the governor to come out right now with guns blazing, but there has been a lot of quiet, behind the scenes work," Critchlow said.
Because businessmen must repay the ever-growing billion dollar debt that the unemployment fund owes to the federal government, Thornburgh said it could drive industry away from Pennsylvania.
The legislation would help balance the unemployment fund by raising taxes for businesses by \$40 million and cutting unemployment benefits by \$16 million.
The bill affects who is eligible for unemployment pay, but leaves untouched the maximum benefits and the annual escalator clause.

Pigeon shooter stops problem

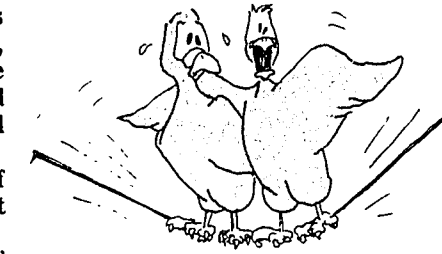
FRENCHTOWN, N.J. (AP) — Russ Barton, official pigeon shooter, loaded his shotgun, walked down the middle of Bridge Street and scanned the skyline of this normally tranquil borough on the Delaware River.

The 55-year-old glared at the roof of the old Gem Theater. He liked what he didn't see — pigeons.
"Not a one, Billy Buck, not a one," he told William Burd, 64, who picks up the birds after Barton shoots them. "Used to be hundreds of 'em up there till I finished 'em off . . ."

Barton and Glimm Hummer, another sharpshooter, were retained by the borough council a few years ago to terminate "the pigeon problem" in this rural community of 1,500 people some 30 miles northwest of Trenton.

Sargent Russell, who is renovating the Gem Theater into shops and offices, estimates there were 500 of the birds in the attic of the Civil War-vintage building when the ceiling was gutted a few years ago.

For \$100 a year and all the bird shot shells they need, Barton and Hummer are authorized to shoot pigeons at will.
"I shoot 'em anywhere and anytime there's a complaint, but



Soviets uneasy about tourists

MOSCOW (UPI) — Yesterday, less than two weeks before the opening of the Moscow Olympics, Soviet television broadcast a documentary warning Soviet citizens against ideological subversion by foreign tourists.

The broadcast, entitled "Lies and Hatred" was the latest evidence of official concern about the influx of thousands of tourists for the Games, which begin July 19.

Viktor Grishin, a Politburo member and head of the Moscow party organization, warned Soviet citizens months ago against ideological contamination from foreigners.

The broadcast yesterday renewed a number of old charges, including the labeling of two former Moscow correspondents for American news organizations as CIA agents.

The documentary charged that a Russian emigrant organization met with the CIA in January and was directed to go to Moscow under the guise of friends.

It said the organization has prepared instructions for anti-Soviet activity by tourists attending the Olympic Games, including ways to conceal contraband documents and to whom they should be given.
The film showed tourists arriving by bus, apparently from Finland. Several tourists were photographed with anti-Soviet pamphlets strapped to their waists beneath their clothing or concealed in their luggage.

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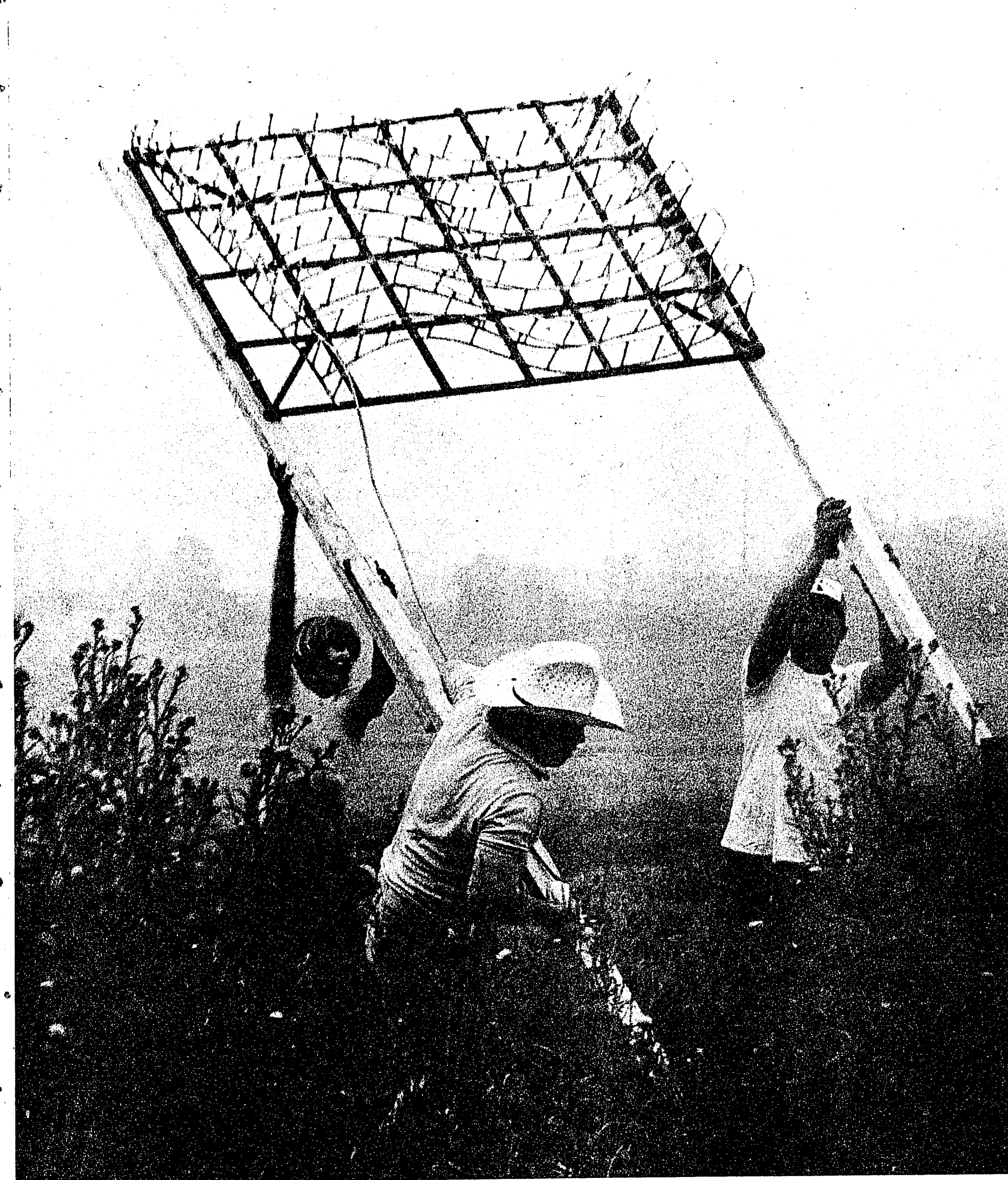
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Stadium setting for the Fourth

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Top left: Crew from the Happy Valley Fireworks Co. raise the flag display prior to the show at Beaver Stadium last Thursday. Above: A sole worker, wearing ear protection, sets off a charge then calmly walks a few feet away before the skyrocket explodes. Bottom: Just a few members of the awe-struck crowd.

Photos by Brian Gamerman and Chuck Andrasko

