

Republicans deliberate policies

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WASHINGTON — Liberal members of the Republican Party, participating in a well-attended but unauthorized platform hearing, told GOP leaders yesterday that large blocs of voters could be alienated if President Reagan's policies are slavishly written into the 1984 platform.

Weicker, claiming it was the intention of party leaders to see a platform entirely supportive of the president "slipped through in Dallas," told the forum: "The day of one voice being able to speak for all is long gone in light of today's diverse, informed electorate."

And, speaking with reporters, Weicker said the party's platform-drafting process could cost Reagan

members of the other party, giving advice on how their party should conduct itself," Dolan testified.

"If the media buys this, they will buy anything."

NCPAC, the conservative political action committee headed by Dolan, has poured millions of dollars into advertising, beginning in 1980, in efforts to unseat senators it deems as too liberal.

"You have assembled a record which will lead to an embarrassing defeat of this party," Dolan told the panel of senators conducting the hearing.

Noting that Weicker, Stafford and Chafee had only narrowly won their re-election efforts in 1982, Dolan said:

"The three of you instructing the Republican Party on how to broaden its appeal is a little like Ayatollah Khomeini writing a sequel to 'How to Win Friends and Influence People.'" Chafee asked Dolan to "please spell my name right" in future mailings in

Rhode Island. And Andrews told Dolan: "You emphasize what I said in the beginning — that there is room for everyone in the Republican Party."

"I disagree with that," Dolan told the North Dakota lawmaker.

Meanwhile, Rep. Trent Lott, R-Miss., chairman of the GOP Platform Committee, defended the party's way of dealing with the platform and said that liberal and moderate viewpoints would not be shut out.

Lott, in an interview late last week, said that while party leaders had not sanctioned the Weicker hearing, "I think it's part of the process. In the Republican Party, we have a divergence of views."

While the preliminary draft of the platform is not being made public, Lott said that by the time of the Republican National Convention, which begins Aug. 20, "we'll have a working document that we can play off of, throw away or amend it."

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But conservative activist John T. Dolan, one of more than 60 witnesses to appear at the maverick session, labeled the hearing a "cheap media stunt" and urged its organizer, Sen. Lowell Weicker, and three other sponsors to quit the Republican Party.

"Help the Republican Party by leaving it," advised Dolan, chairman of the National Conservative Political Action Committee.

"Well, Merry Christmas to you, too," said Weicker, a Connecticut Republican.

Dolan called on Weicker and three other sponsors of yesterday's hearing, Sens. Charles McC. Mathias of Maryland, John Chafee of Rhode Island and Robert Stafford of Vermont, to resign from the party.

And he told two other GOP senators who participated in the hearing, Mark Hatfield of Oregon and Mark Andrews of North Dakota, to "be more careful about the company you keep. The folks back home might be upset to see the people you are palling around with."

Weicker and the five other senators said they were sponsoring the forum because Republican officials had decided to forgo the usual round of public hearings.

Instead, preliminary platform drafting sessions have been held in secret with White House aides.

needed votes. "Any time you close out any major segment of the American people, I don't think you can turn around the next day and ask them for votes."

Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, told the senators that the Republican Party should not allow its "New Right to go unchecked," and claimed that ultra-conservative positions taken by the party may scare away many voters.

And Sen. Robert J. Dole, R-Kans., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, told the sponsors of the forum, "You can't have a better exercise than to have this hearing."

Dole, who opposes efforts by conservatives to write a "no-tax-increase" plank into the platform, said "responsible Republicans" know that cutting spending won't be enough to end soaring federal deficits and that tax increases will be needed.

"I think we should just give Mondale the trophy on that and move on to something else," Dole said of Mondale's convention statement that there would be a tax hike under either a Reagan or Mondale administration.

The biggest stir of the day was clearly created by Dolan's testimony. "Since I am myself not adverse to cheap media stunts, I want to congratulate you for coming up with one of the cheapest of all — a bunch of senators, largely ignored by their party because they act as if they are

Pittsburgh man doing well following heart transplant

A 53-year-old Pittsburgh man is in stable condition following a heart transplant performed last Friday at the University's Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Dr. G. Victor Rohrer, associate dean for patient care, said Richard Reynolds of the Pittsburgh suburb of Hazelwood underwent the surgery after doctors determined that other surgery could not repair his damaged heart.

"He was not a candidate for bypass surgery because of his extremely weak heart muscle," Rohrer said.

According to a medical center news release, the donor heart was obtained from a 33-year-old New England man and flown to Hershey by helicopter. Reynolds is expected to remain in the hospital's critical care unit for at least a

week. Dr. John L. Pennock, along with more than 20 physicians and medical personnel, performed the 7-hour operation. Surgery began at about 9:45 p.m. Thursday and was completed at 4:45 Friday morning.

Nancy Hollinger of the medical center's public information office said the operation was Hershey's second successful heart transplant. The first was performed March 14, also by Dr. Pennock, and that patient is doing well, she said.

Dr. Pennock, an associate professor of surgery, earned his B.S. degree at the University in 1968. He received his medical degree from the Temple University School of Medicine in 1972.

—by Michael J. Vand

Tanker crumples bow, leaks oil

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — A fully loaded 690-foot oil tanker rammed into the side of a ship channel yesterday near two wildlife refuges, crumpling its bow and causing "substantial" pollution in the area, authorities said.

No injuries were reported to the crew of the British tanker Alvenus, which ran aground around 1 p.m., then drifted outside the dredged channel about 10 miles offshore from Calcasieu Pass and about 40 miles south of Lake Charles, said Coast Guard spokesman Mark Kennedy.

There was no immediate estimate of how much oil the tanker held.

Initial reports indicated the ship's bow had come off, but a Coast Guard helicopter that got there 90 minutes after the accident found it was only cracked, said Kennedy.

"It wasn't an open crack. It was like a crinkle — like you do to a can when you push it together," said John Helbert, a commercial helicopter pilot who flew over the damaged ship.

"The first quarter of the boat was bent up. The crinkle went from the waterline on one side, up the side of the hull across the top and down the

other side." The tanker first ran into the side of the ship channel, then drifted outside of the dredged channel and stuck on the bottom, Kennedy said.

"Outside the channel water is very shallow, so it doesn't take much to be aground. I'm sure it's not more than 30 feet of water," said Kennedy.

The accident happened about 40 miles south-southwest of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and about 25 miles southeast of the Sabine Migratory Wild Fowl Refuge.

"She is leaking her crude oil and pollution is substantial at this time with the potential for major pollution," said Lt. David Ealey of the Coast Guard in Port Arthur, Texas.

However, Kennedy at regional Coast Guard headquarters in New Orleans, said there was no word on how bad the spill was. Helbert, who works for ERA Helicopters of Lake Charles, said it was about one square mile across and drifting southwest.

"The ship doesn't seem to be breaking up right at this moment, and the weather isn't that severe, so the crew isn't in imminent danger right now," he said.



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