

# Rival U.S. Party Platforms On Major Issues Compared

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Here is a comparison of the Republican and Democratic platforms on major issues (Republican planks as proposed by platform committee for adoption by convention Tuesday):

**FOREIGN POLICY**  
Republican — Says Eisenhower policies have helped check the threat of global war and advance of communism. Endorses collective security system as basis of foreign policy. Opposes seat in United Nations for Red China. Urges impartial friendship for Israel and her Arab neighbors but promises support to maintain an independent Israel.

Democratic — Charges Eisenhower administration has followed policy of "bluster and bluff" in foreign affairs with result that the United States has lost world leadership and anti-Americanism grows abroad. Promises to sell defence weapons to Israel. Declares true non-partisanship needed in conduct of foreign affairs. Also opposes seat for Red China in UN.

**TAXATION, FISCAL POLICY**  
Republican — Promises tax cuts, particularly for low- and middle-income families and small businesses, insofar as balanced budget permits. Also pledges further reduction in government spending and maintenance of a "sound" dollar.

Democratic — Favors increase in personal tax exemption from present \$600 to \$800 to save lower-income taxpayers about \$40 a year in income taxes. Also favors tax adjustments for small businesses, promises to reduce interest charges paid on national debt.

**Civil Rights**  
Republican — Accepts U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing racial segregation in public schools and concurs in court's conclusion that it should be carried out with "all deliberate speed." Opposes use of force to settle the issue. Calls on government to support Supreme Court "in every legal means" to bring about end of segregation.

Democratic — Avoids outright endorsement of high court ruling, saying it "brought consequences of vast importance." Rejects "all proposals for the use of force to interfere with the orderly determination of these matters by the courts." Recognizes Supreme Court decisions as "a part of the law of the land."

**AGRICULTURE**  
Republican — Endorses Eisenhower administration farm programs, featuring flexible price supports and soil bank plan under which payments are made to farmers for reducing production. Restates party goal to achieve "full parity" for farmers in markets and not through use of subsidies. Pledges fewer rather than more government controls.

Democratic — Would repeal flexible system and restore high, rigid supports for basic crops and use production payments to help regain parity for agriculture which it says existed under Truman administration. Also promises to develop supports for perishable products.

**LABOR**  
Republican — Claims Republicans have given labor its greatest prosperity and strengthened the process of free collective bargaining. Promises to revise Taft-Hartley Act and to assure equal pay for equal work regardless of sex.

Democratic — Charges Republicans with "anti-unionism" in obtaining enactment of the Taft-Hartley law and promises to repeal it. Promises to raise minimum wage standard from present \$1 to \$1.25 an hour and to extend its application.

**SMALL BUSINESS**  
Republican — Promises greater aid for small enterprises, including larger share of government contracts, loans at "reasonable" rates of interest and extension of the Small Business Administration, now scheduled to expire in mid-1957.

Democratic — Charges Republicans have discriminated against small enterprises in favor of large ones, with result that giant corporations "dominate" the economy. Promises to make more and cheaper loans available to small businesses and to give them tax relief.

**NATURAL RESOURCES**  
Republican — Praises Republican efforts to conserve oil, forestry, mineral, water, fishery and wildlife resources. Endorses Eisenhower policy of developing these resources on partnership basis with private interests.

Democratic — Charges administration has allowed "special interests" to "despoil" resources for future generations. Promises to double present conservation efforts to develop "aggressive" program to provide abundant supplies of low-cost energy.

**NATIONAL DEFENCE**  
Republican — Claims development of U.S. military strength to point where it is key factor in maintenance of peace. U.S. said to have strongest military striking power in world. Promises to strengthen national security while striving for world agreement on disarmament.

Democratic — Charges Republicans have slashed armed strength in efforts to balance budget and reduce taxes for "political considerations." Says that as long as there is no international control of weapons, the U.S. must maintain armed strength to deter war.

**ATOMIC ENERGY**  
Republican — Pledges continuous, vigorous development of atomic energy for national defence and peaceful uses.

Democratic — Charges Republican policies threaten U.S. with

loss of world leadership in this field.

**GENERAL WELFARE**  
Republican — Promises to push government programs to advance physical and mental welfare of the people. Also pledges financial aid for schools, education of physicians and to encourage the building of more houses.

Democratic — Pledges increased benefits under social security system, aid for schools and scientific education and expansion in housing programs. Also promises government aid in medical research.

**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**  
Republican — Claims Eisenhower administration has increased government efficiency by firing irresponsible, inefficient and disloyal employees. Promises further efforts to increase efficiency of postal system and to promote a non-political civil service system.

Democratic — Charges Eisenhower administration with failure to understand or trust federal employees. Promises employee security system to protect both rights of workers and national security. Also promises to "restore" efficiency to postal system.

**STATEHOOD**  
Republican — Pledges immediate statehood for Alaska, with reservations for defence requirements, and for Hawaii. Promises continued encouragement for political and economic growth of Puerto Rico. Favors self-government, national suffrage and representation in congress for the District of Columbia.

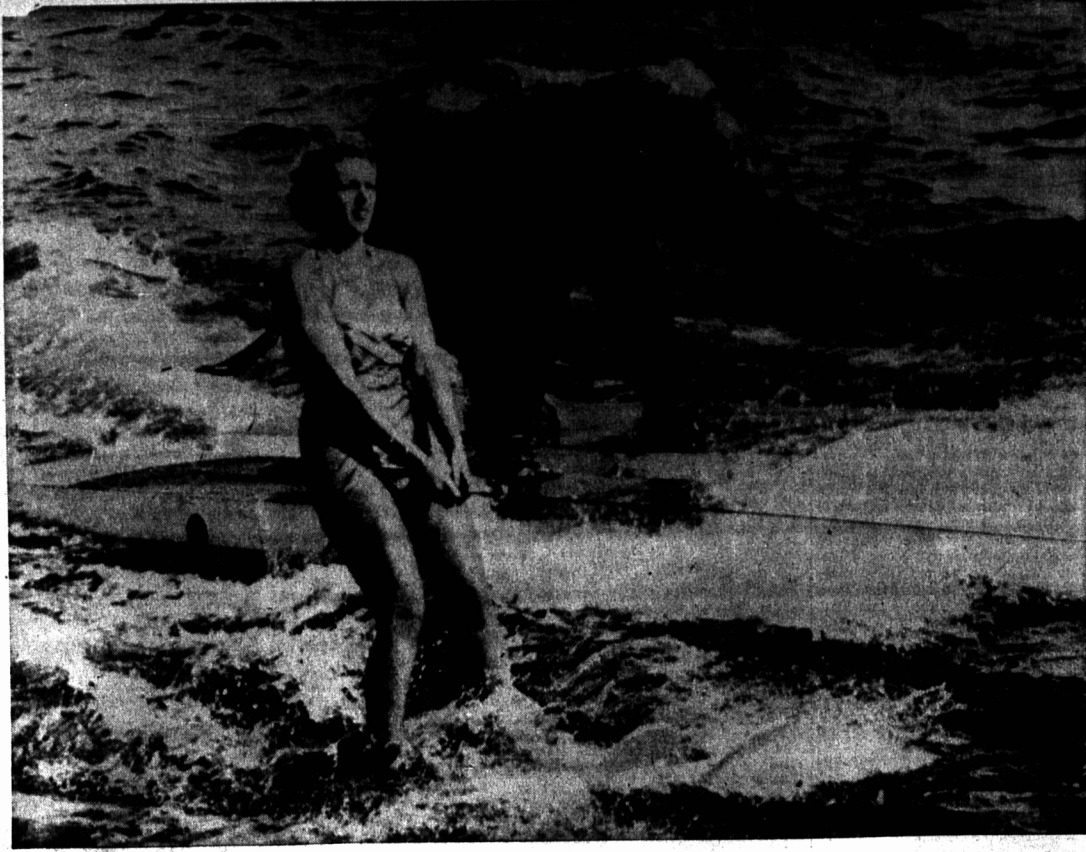
Democratic — Charges Republicans have stood in the way of statehood for Alaska and Hawaii and promises action to grant them statehood. Pledges support for the development of Puerto Rico and immediate home rule and ultimate national representation in Congress for the District of Columbia.

**PEIPING VISIT**

HONG KONG (AP) — Prince Souvanna Phouma, premier of Laos, and a government delegation arrived in Peiping Monday. Peiping radio said they were greeted at the airport by 7,000 persons including foreign minister Chou En-Lai. The Indochinese premier said he does not anticipate the conclusion of any agreements.

**BRITAIN BIGGEST USER**

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt's Suez canal authority published figures Monday showing Britain remains the biggest user of the waterway. Of 1,019 ships that passed through the canal since the July 26 nationalization, it said, 256 were British, 147 Norwegian, 87 Liberian, 84 Italian, 62 Panamanian and 61 Dutch. Among the others were 23 American and 21 Russian ships.



**DOES IT EVERY DAY**  
TORONTO—Lady, a three-year-old trained elephant, doesn't seem to find it so unusual to practise skier Ann Duthie. Lady uses two her water-skiing. She will do it 17-foot pontoons bolted together at the waterfront show of the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. With her is Toronto water-skier Ann Duthie. Lady uses two her water-skiing. She will do it 17-foot pontoons bolted together at the waterfront show of the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. (CP Photo)

## Report Japan Interested In Buying Canadian Coal, Grain

OTTAWA (CP)—Japan is interested in buying coal from Canada, Japan's deputy trade minister said Wednesday.

Homan Kawano said his country also expects to buy more Canadian grain this year than last as a result of two typhoons that hit crops in Japan. Last year Japan bought \$1,880,000 worth of Canadian wheat, \$8,093,000 worth of barley and \$1,163,000 of flaxseed.

"But we hope in return," he told a reporter through an interpreter, "that Canada will buy more Japanese goods."

Mr. Kawano discussed the possibility of getting Canadian coal, mainly for Japan's steel industry, in talks with Mines Minister Prudham and W. E. Uren, chairman of the Dominion coal board.

He said the possibility is still under study by Japan, particularly regarding quality. The main need was coking coal for steel furnaces.

## Submarine Power Cable Will Have Electronic Alarm System

VICTORIA (CP)—The new high-voltage submarine cable being laid in Georgia Strait from Vancouver to Vancouver Island will be safeguarded by a trouble-shooting alarm system.

The electronic device will warn of any drop of pressure inside the cable which contains nitrogen gas to keep out water in case of leaks or breakage.

The alarm system will be installed by the British Columbia Telephone Company and connections will be at strategically located "gas pressure houses."

Leakage trouble or a short circuit will flick a light at the telephone exchange nearest the trouble zone.

Emergency pumping equipment at each "gas pressure house" automatically starts when gas pressure drops below 300 pounds per square inch inside cables.

Sufficient pressure is generated, until repair crews arrive.

## Will Discuss Rural Problems And Other Ones At St. F. X.

ANTIGONISH, N. S. (CP)—Claude Jodoin, president of the Canadian Labor Congress, is a guest speaker at the biennial rural and industrial conference sponsored by the extension department of St. Francis Xavier University here Aug. 19 to 21.

Other speakers will include Msgr. George G. Higgins, director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; Rev. M. J. Mac-

## New Party Campaigning In Trinidad Election

By E.P. SMITH  
PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (Reuters) — When Trinidad voters choose the 24 elected members of the new legislative council Sept. 24 they will have a selection of candidates from 10 parties. It is the first election since changes were made in the Trinidad constitution, including an increase in the number of elected members of the council to 24 from 18.

The main interest is centred on Dr. Eric Williams and his People's National Movement and the growing influence of the Hindu-backed People's Democratic party which has been described in the local press as one of the colony's most powerful religious movements and a formidable political organization.

Some of the parties are mushroom organizations, established for the occasion, and figure to wither and die after the election.

**EXPERIENCED LEADER**  
An outstanding exception is the People's National Movement, whose leader, Williams, a Negro who holds a degree of doctor of philosophy of Oxford University, was formerly deputy chairman of the Caribbean commission's research council.

Hardly a year old, the movement has aroused great interest throughout the colony, largely because of the eloquence and intellectual gifts of its leader and its clear-cut program of self-government for Trinidad and Dominions status for a British Caribbean federation in five years' time.

Although it has attracted to its ranks a number of enterprising young intellectuals, and such well-known personalities as former international cricketers Leslie Constantine and Victor Stollmeyer, its weakness lies in political inexperience and the absence of seasoned political campaigners.

## Machines Peel The Potatoes For 10,000 At Camp Gagetown

CAMP GAGETOWN, N.B. (CP) — Col. G. H. MacDonald of Ottawa is nearing the end of a monumental job — construction of permanent buildings to house the 10,000 soldiers who will be stationed at this new army camp.

Col. MacDonald, assistant director of works for the army, is modestly proud of his handiwork, particularly the 500-man mess halls which have equipment that would arouse the envy of any housewife.

The mess halls are designed for speed and efficiency. Hot and cold foods will be dished out by experienced army cooks in the stucco buildings equipped with acoustic ceilings and terrazzo-tiled floors.

The men will pick up their meals cafeteria-style and eat four to a table. Special space is provided for a modern butcher shop, refrigerators and the pastry cook.

Army engineers say the "little extras" make the mess halls the best and most modern in existence.

Machines peel the potatoes. Huge dish-washing machines take only 20 minutes to whisk through dishes used by 500 men. Exhaust fans can change 4,000 cubic feet of air a minute while meals are being cooked on propane gas stoves.

The army even refrigerates its garbage, in steel cans kept at 25 degrees in a tiled room. This keeps the garbage from odorous spoiling until it can be carted off for burial in a sanitary area.



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