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Civil Rights Fuss Jars GOP

Floor Battle Over Platform Appears Likely

CONVENTION HALL, Chicago, July 25 (AP) — The Republicans launched their national convention today with whoops and applause for attacks on the Democrats—and also in bitter pain.

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Nixon winged into town from Washington shortly after 11 o'clock and was greeted with a rousing airport demonstration, mainly from young Republicans.

It was an occasion for reunion too of the Vice President and Mrs. Nixon with their young daughters, Tricia and Julie, who have been in camp in California. Nixon had already aligned himself for a strong civil rights plank. Before leaving Washington, he told a news conference he would back the floor fight, if necessary, for a strong plank.

But there was considerable grumbling in the party over what some conservatives called Nixon's surrender over the weekend to New York's Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

During an all-night session of the platform committee, moderates succeeded in toning down a civil rights plank shaped by the Nixon-Rockefeller statement of principles of last Saturday morning.

Yet it was an occasion for getting off some initial shots at the common enemy—the Democrats. Sen. Thurston B. Morton of Kentucky, the Republican national chairman, boasted at the promises he had been made to everybody in the Democratic platform. To carry them out, he declared would add \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 a year to government costs.

Morton said the Republicans would adopt "a realistic, honest platform that we can and will fulfill."

The Kentucky senator is one of those figuring high in speculation about a possible vice presidential nominee.

But the betting favorite for the No. 2 spot was, at the moment, Henry Cabot Lodge, ambassador to the United Nations.

Speculation over Nixon's choice has centered on U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts and Sen. Thurston M. Morton of Kentucky, the GOP national chairman.

But the group of GOP governors told newsmen after a conference left the convention that there should be a number of nominations for vice president, and the choice left to the convention.

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NIXONS LEAVE FOR CONVENTION: Vice President and Mrs. Richard Nixon wave from the ramp of their private plane as they leave Washington for the Republican National Convention today. He is prepared to accept the Republican presidential nomination and take a personal hand in the final drafting of the platform on which he will campaign. (AP)

Russians Forced American Plane Off Course And Shot It Down Deliberately, Lodge Charges In U.N. Address



UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 25 (AP) — The United States asserted today it has scientific proof that Soviet fighter planes deliberately maneuvered a U.S. RB47 off its course and shot it down over international waters.

U.S. delegate Henry Cabot Lodge denounced the action as "a criminal and reckless act of piracy" which the Soviet Union tried to hide with "reckless talk."

But he did not seek council condemnation of the Soviet Union.

Instead he submitted a resolution calling on the council to either name an impartial fact-finding mission to investigate the incident, or submit the entire matter to the International Court of Justice.

In a highly dramatic speech he produced two maps to demonstrate his points.

Lodge said of the Soviet act of shooting down the plane on July 1:

"This astonishing and criminal fact is established beyond doubt by the evidence of our scientific devices." He did not go into details and U.S. sources said the exact nature was withheld because it involved secret information of great interest to the Russians.

He accused the Soviet Union of denying the RB47 crewmen their rights under international law and denounced as "flagrant disregard for the standards of international conduct."

As Lodge spoke, the chief Soviet delegate, Vasily V. Kuznetsov sat attentively erect, alternately twiddling his thumbs and jotting down notes.

Lodge called the Soviet charges that the plane violated U.S.S.R. air space last July 1 a "complete fabrication" which must be dismissed as a poor attempt to cloak a wanton attack on a plane over international waters.

Lodge said he would introduce a resolution asking that the council call for an impartial investigation of the entire incident, or a judgment on the case by the International Court of Justice.

Lodge declared:

"What actually happened was this: Before it (the plane) reached the point more than 30 miles north of Syktyvkar, at which it was scheduled to turn northeast, a Soviet fighter pressed in from the seaward side and tried to force the

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Tar Heel Republicans Adopt Fluid Strategy

CHICAGO, July 25 (AP) — North Carolina delegates have decided on a fluid strategy for the Republican National Convention.

They drew up the plan Sunday at a caucus that devoted little time to candidates and gave considerable thought to a civil rights plank.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon was endorsed by the GOP nomination for President by the Republican State Convention. But William E. Cobb, Republican state chairman, told reporters the delegation is uncommitted.

He urged the delegates to "stick with Nixon" unless or until there is some reason for another choice.

The delegation then set up a committee to direct strategy on the floor of the convention that opened today.

The committee was created, Cobb told reporters, so the delegation "could move in any direction on candidates or any other matter."

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Mrs. Louis Rogers, GOP committeewoman from North Carolina and a member of the subcommittee trying to fashion a civil rights plank, said the policy agreement between Nixon and Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller caused a resentful reaction among the platform builders.

The consensus of her subcommittee was for a modest (sic) expression of civil rights principles, she said, but the members encountered opposition from the chairman, Joseph F. Carline of New York.

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