

# DEWEY PRAISES 'FINE RECORD' OF G. O. P. CONGRESS

**By ARTHUR EDSON**  
PHILADELPHIA, June 20.—(AP) The crowds—and the Republican presidential candidates—hit Philadelphia today.

At times there were so many people packed into Broad street, in front of Republican headquarters at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel, that an undernourished midget couldn't have squeezed through.

One of these times was when Gov. Dewey of New York arrived.

In an effort to be unprejudiced, let's quote two opinions on the arrival:

**Difference of Opinion**  
A "Dewey supporter"—"it wasn't much."

A Dewey supporter—"It was a riot."

The crowd didn't seem to have any particular favorites. Shortly after Dewey got his nice ovation, a man carrying an old-fashioned school bell came out the hotel door, clanged and cried:

"Senator Taft, the greatest living American, will arrive at 3:30 p.m."

He got nice ovation, too.

Many of the 1,000 plus delegates checked in today.

Those who drove not thoroughly confused by Philadelphia's many narrow, one-way streets,

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The New York governor arrived this afternoon in like personal command of his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

He told a news conference that he hopes the GOP ticket he will not ask the down-towners to meet in special session to complete work left undone at today's adjournment.

**Predicts He'll Win**

Predicting his own nomination, Dewey said he would be "very happy" to have as a vice presidential running mate "whoever the Republican convention nominates."

He declined comment on the statement of Gov. Kim Stager of Michigan that Senator Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich.) is available as a candidate.

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# TAFT, DEWEY RACE, OHIOAN ASSERTS ON HIS ARRIVAL

PHILADELPHIA, June 20.—(AP) Senator Robert A. Taft said today he felt the Republican presidential race was largely between him and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

The Ohio senator, in his first news conference of the 1948 G.O.P. national convention, later qualified his remark with:

"That appears to be the probability at the present."

Taft met with approximately 200 newsmen and photographers after driving here from Washington with Mrs. Taft in their light two-door sedan.

Police helped him force his way

through a crowd of Taft-for-president rooters who blocked the street in front of the Bellevue-Stratford hotel, his headquarters.

He appeared tired as he seated

himself with a sigh and explained he had obtained only 45 minutes sleep in the last two days.

White Congregational Clarence J. Brown, Taft's campaign manager, was trying to quiet the crowd, two large cardboard photos of the presidential candidate, standing behind him, fell on both men.

Hardly had order been restored when someone brought in a baby elephant and asked Taft to shake the animal's trunk.

Taft did put his hand on the elephant's trunk, rather gingerly; then settled back with another sigh and signalled the newsmen to begin their questioning.

Replying to questions, he said further:

That he had held no conference with former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota and "no bargain was in contemplation".

That he had received no promises of support from Senator Arthur A. Vandenberg;

That he had "very good prospects of winning the nomination" and felt he would receive "in the neighborhood of 300 votes" on the first convention ballot;

That he did not believe it necessary to call congress into special session; and

That he believed the Republican platform, now being drafted, would uphold the record of congress,

At 11:15

Mr. Taft's speech

11:30 Club

Broadway Club