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THE GLADIATORS—Gen. Ike Eisenhower, left and Sen. Robert Taft square off in what is expected to be the hardest fought battle in GOP convention history. National GOP Committee Chairman Guy Gabrielson called the 1952 Republican convention to order at 12:30 p.m. (CDT) July 7, 1952. (NEA Tele-photo).

MACARTHUR CALLS FOR GOP CRUSADE

CONVENTION HALL, Chicago, July 8.—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the "old soldier" whom President Truman fired 15 months ago, rallied Republicans Tuesday to a crusade against the Democratic "war party."

Republican leaders generally reacted with enthusiasm to the impassioned call to battle MacArthur Monday night to oust the Democratic "schemers and planners."

In a 55-minute keynote address to the 25th Republican national convention, the 72-year-old hero of the Pacific loosed slaves of scorn against the Truman administration. He aimed directly at the "indecisive conduct of the campaign in Korea."

"Increased War Danger" That conduct, the other "tragic blunders," he said, increased rather than decreased the danger of global war with Russia.

"It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it," MacArthur said. "I criticize not the morality of the decision, but its irresponsibility and recklessness."

That statement touched off a burst of applause that lasted a full minute. But the delegates' cheers were even louder when he said the administration had talked and pledged peace while moving toward war, and added:

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MacArthur was interrupted 71 times by applause and got an eight-minute stamping, whooping ovation from the 12,000 persons in the hall when he marched down the center aisle to take the platform.

The general didn't wear his five-star uniform, as he has in so many of his public speeches in which he has attacked the Truman administration. He wore a blue double-breasted suit with a matching blue tie.

There was another wild demon-

stration when he left the platform. The reaction of Republican leaders generally echoed the statement of House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts that it was a "splendid fighting speech."

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KOJE ISLAND, Korea, July 8

Bill Jordan Visits China

Serving aboard the radar picket destroyer USS Henry W. Tucker is Bill B. Jordan, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Jordan of 1308 South Bassett, Eastland, Texas.

Jordan entered the Naval service Oct. 17, 1951 and received his recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. Before entering the Navy he attended Eastland High School.

The Tucker, operating with units of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, recently completed a tour of patrol duty near Formosa.

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