Hats Black, Befuddled

Rightists capture Lubbock YR meet

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Distant Lubbock was the site of the 1967 Texas Young Republican state convention. Thirteen Rice delegates witnessed all the intricacies of parliamentary procedure and political maneuvering in the fight for the state chairmanship.

The giants of the convention, Texas and Texas Tech, who had deleted every dissenter from their delegation in the most suspect manner, aided by some sycophantic Teenage Republicans formed the chief support for Glenn Looney and a coterie of Austin “black hats.” There was, however, also a contesting delegation from the University of Texas.

The opposition, led by Rice, University of Houston, Harris County and Houston Area TARS, supported Neil Calnam.

Tower Pleads

Senator John Tower, foreseeing the coming battle, opened the convention with an impassioned plea for unity.

At 4 am Saturday morning the credentials committee solved the debate over the Texas representation by refusing to seat either delegation. Dick Teel, president of the UT group promptly ordered a walk-out and all black hats left, followed vociferously by Tech, Baylor, Midland County and SMU.

At this moment, Rice delegate Robin Walker took the microphone to announce that Rice would not leave under any circumstances. By morning a compromise agreement had been reached and the convention resumed.

YR Computer

Rice offered a comprehensive computer program devised by J. Otto Tennant for YR data. Tennant delighted in explaining his program to befuddled UT black hats.

Saturday morning Rice had the pleasure of seeing Jack Brannon easily trounce a much older opponent to become Area 10 chairwoman. Area 10 includes Harris County and extends to Beaumont and Brenham.

The completion of the convention voting Saturday afternoon found Rice on the disappointed side as Clanan lost to Looney by 13 votes out of 641 cast. Happily, Looney men were defeated for vice-chairman, national committeeman, and treasurer.

Rice delegates were Bill Strait, YR president, Ron Webb, Langston Rogde, Micky Guiberteau, Bill Vaughn, Robin Walker, Charles Marstrand, Richard Carter, J. Otto Tennant and Jack Brannon, plus alternates Clark Chamberlain, Nancy Meffert and Greg White.

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