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# Garner, FDR Forces Maneuver For Advantage in Precincts

Opposing factions in the Garner-Roosevelt fight squared off Monday, maneuvering for an advantage in county precinct conventions Saturday. Neither appeared to relish the final week of battling, because both had considerable known strength, but it seemed that neither knew just how to determine the ultimate power of the other.

It was a case of each side having a Goliath which it was pitting in battle against another Goliath. One was certain to be stronger than the other—but which one?

## Plans Neighborhood Meetings

Bulky Harold H. Young, leader of the Roosevelt forces, busied himself with arrangements for neighborhood meetings of voters.

Politically-wise Maury Hughes, county chairman of the Garner organization, implied that a meeting of leaders Monday afternoon would develop a final-week plan of actions designed to give Texas' native son presidential candidate victory in the precinct conventions.

Similar activities, a girding for battle, was going on in most other counties of the state.

Rooseveltians, claiming that the Garner organization controls the Democratic party in Texas, from precincts upward, are urging the voters to participate in precinct conventions Saturday.

## Fear Voter Apathy

The third-term command feared apathy of the voters, sought to whip their interest into going to the meetings.

"If the voters go to the precinct conventions, we'll win," Young declared, claiming that the rank and file preferred Roosevelt.

Hughes and other Garner leaders, including Myron G. Blalock, insisted that Texans will be loyal to a Texan—and vote at precinct conventions for delegates pledged to Garner.

## Conventions Saturday

Convention of precincts in Dallas, Highland Park and University Park will be held at 7 p. m. Saturday. Those in rural communities will be held at 2 p. m. Delegates will be chosen for the county Democratic convention which will be held at the city hall on Tuesday, May 7.

In Fort Worth, Mack Taylor, Tarrant county head of the Roosevelt forces, said that an active campaign was being carried on to make sure that Roosevelt supporters attend the 114 precinct meetings. A. B. Eulbertson, county Garner chairman, insisted that the vice president's own record is enough for him to win the precinct conventions there.

"We'll just rely on Mr. Garner's popularity and record to carry him forward as the people's choice," he said.

## Campaigns Over State

In Waco, Houston, Austin, San Antonio and other large and small cities, similar remarks, similar campaigns were being made.

Among G. Carter, Fort Worth publisher, denied in a letter to Harold Ickes, secretary of the interior, that the Garner campaign is "anti-Roosevelt." The letter was a reply to Ickes' letter last week to Carter criticizing the publisher's references to Ickes as a "carpetbagger."

Carter said that since Roosevelt has not announced, and "Mr. Garner being the only full-fledged candidate at this time, we are supporting him on his qualifications."

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