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March 25*

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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The August Democratic show promises to be a dull affair. There is hardly sufficient interest to sustain TV coverage for three days. Suspense may be generated by the preliminary Bobby Kennedy-Rubert Humphrey bout if their handlers can be stimulated and encouraged to continue the sparring, the shadow boxing, until zero hour. I suspect however, that the "boss" in the big White House on Pennsylvania Avenue will make the final decision before the contenders strip for the fray, and put on the gloves.

But in July we expect a championship performance by the Grand Old Party. The principals are in tip-top shape; their handlers in each corner are enthusiastic and determined. The nation-wide audience will be treated to an honest fight; a strongly-contested fight but a fair one, with a majority of the delegates making the final decision. The issues will be debated; some personalities will be battered and bruised, but the winner will come out smiling.

Tonight we are privileged to have with us one of our principal contenders. Some say he is a bit bruised along with others from a recent bout in New Hampshire but this has not prevented him from taking long strides



across the continent into the State of California. Accustomed to jet-speed flight; trained in the practical work-a-day world of our competitive free enterprise system, conditioned by years of service in the U. S. Senate, he comes into the ring seasoned and effective.

So in our corner tonight, ladies and gentlemen, wearing a grey suit with a grey necktie, just in from Washington, we have a highly respected challenger, a man of principle, a forceful contender. A devoted champion of and a real scrapper for the American way of life, a living example of how our political system works. Here is a man who doesn't mind the heat in the kitchen. On many occasions he can and does produce more than a little heat himself. Senator Barry Goldwater is highly qualified to address the Economic Club of Detroit. It is a distinct privilege and pleasure to present my courageous and able colleague and warm personal friend, Senator Goldwater of Arizona.



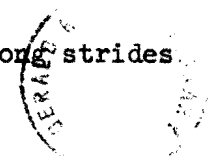
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