

Shortest Sailor Trys Rifle



SEAMAN RECRUIT Larry Roucka, 17, of Omaha, Neb., smallest seaman at the San Diego Naval Training Center, gets his rifle instruction from CPO Robert E. Blurton. Roucka just squeezed into the Navy, passing its physical limits by a hair. He is a pound over the minimum weight of 165, a day over the minimum age of 17 and one inch over the minimum height of five feet.

(AP Wirephoto)

Democratic Party Leaders To Speak in Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Democratic presidential aspirations of 1956 will be spotlighted here the next three days as three major potential contenders speak at the national convention of Young Democrats.

Adlai Stevenson, 1952 nominee for president and a candidate for the nomination again this year, and Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn) and Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, both potential candidates, are all scheduled to appear before delegates. Kefauver will give the keynote address Thursday and Harriman will speak at the closing banquet Saturday night.

Stevenson will be here about four hours Friday and will make what is billed as an informal appearance. A reception will be held for him.

Other big-name Democrats, including several who have been talked for presidential or vice-presidential nominations, will attend the 3-day convention.

Among the other speakers are Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama, Democratic vice-presidential nominee in 1952, and Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, boomed as a possible presidential nominee next year.

A running battle of words involving Stevenson, Harriman and Williams has turned attention on the visit of the three. Stevenson touched it off two weeks ago with a plea for moderation next year.

Williams and Harriman immediately replied that "moderate" is not the word for the Democratic Party.

Sen. Mike Monroney (D-Okla), also scheduled as a speaker at the convention, has taken Stevenson's side of the dispute. Monroney is supporting Stevenson for the 1956 nomination.

Five top party figures will appear on a panel Friday for a discussion of the party's position on such issues as farm prices, national economic conditions and foreign politics. They are Senators Kerr (D-Okla) and Clements (D-Ky); Govs. Folsom of Alabama, and Faubus of Arkansas, and John C. White, Texas agriculture commissioner.

Labor Chief



George Meany, present head of the AFL and slated to head the combined labor forces of the CIO and AFL when the two unions merge next week, sits at his desk in Washington headquarters. The 61-year-old Meany maintains the merger will benefit the nation as a whole. (AP Wirephoto).

French Cabinet Ousts Assembly; Plans Elections

PARIS (AP)—The French cabinet decided Wednesday night to dissolve the National Assembly and hold new elections.

At this stage, Premier Edgar Faure appeared to have turned a seeming defeat into victory. He has been campaigning all along for early elections, but the devious approach to them was a surprise—even in French politics.

Tuesday the Assembly gave Faure a vote of no-confidence, usually the signal for the government's immediate resignation. But the size of the Assembly vote against him brought into play an obscure constitutional provision permitting the cabinet to order dissolution.

The unprecedented decision was announced Wednesday night following a 3½-hour cabinet session at the Elysee Palace, the French white house. No date was given for the elections, but they must come between 20 and 30 days after the dissolution order is handed down.

Faure told newsmen later this constitutional time limit raises problems. If the order is handed down immediately the voting would come during the Christmas vacation—perhaps on Christmas Day.

There was some speculation that publication of the dissolution decree will be delayed so the voting can be held Jan. 8, the first Sunday after the holidays. The French traditionally hold their elections on Sunday.

Lodge Accuses the Soviet Union Of Advocating "Paper Disarmament"

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. Wednesday accused the Soviet Union of advocating "paper disarmament." He said the Soviet proposals are "hypocritical" and the United States will not take part in them.

This was the answer of the chief U. S. delegate in the UN Assembly's political committee to a 10,000 word speech by V. V. Kuznetsov, first deputy foreign minister of the Soviet Union, opening the long-awaited disarmament debate here.

Kuznetsov put forward the Soviet position on disarmament voiced by Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov at the Geneva foreign ministers conference and rejected by the West. The gist of this is for disarmament to take effect immediately without first setting up controls and inspection.

Against U.S. Foreign Bases

The Soviet delegate also called for the liquidation of U.S. bases

on foreign soil. He said the Western approach to disarmament "cannot produce positive results." The West wants inspections and controls to be operating before disarmament by stages takes effect.

Kuznetsov also rejected once more President Eisenhower's "open sky" inspection plan unless it is made part of a general disarmament program. Lodge and other American delegates have said the President's plan for a mutual exchange of aerial inspection with Russia is the gateway to disarmament.

Agreement Held Unlikely

The uncompromising stands taken by Lodge and Kuznetsov at the start of this discussion boded ill for later agreement and indicated the 9-year stalemate on disarmament in the UN will continue.

Lodge's ire was aroused when he read a statement in the English translation of Kuznetsov's text that "the United States and other Western powers oppose the reduction of armaments and the prohibition of atomic weapons."

Lodge replied the United States has pledged energetically to seek and work for a "comprehensive, balanced, progressive and enforceable program for the reduction and limitation of all arms, armaments and armed forces, under effective international control and inspection."

Says Russia Hesitant

He charged that the Russians have refused to allow the degree and kind of inspection other

countries would accept.

He said the Soviet Union called for the elimination of atomic stocks as an immediate objective.

"It would commit all states to a series of measures vitally affecting their national security without providing the means of inspection and control to see that what is promised is actually performed," Lodge said. "Now, Mr. Chairman, the only word we can find for that is that it is 'paper' disarmament. We think that it is dangerous. We think it is hypocritical. And we will not lend ourselves to it."

Answering Kuznetsov on U. S. bases, Lodge said they are mutual defense bases brought into being by Soviet policies and actions. Kuznetsov replied that the establishment of bases "whose guns are pointed at other states," did not promote peace.

Labor Violence Up Says Labor Tab

WASHINGTON (AP)—Government officials who keep tabs on labor affairs say there has been a notable increase in labor violence this year. They add that it is still a comparative rarity.

More instances of beatings, shootings, property damage and picket line disturbances seem to have flared up in 1955 than in several years gone by.

Nobody keeps any statistics on labor violence but, officials estimate, it happens in only a small fraction of collective bargaining situations. The Labor Department, for instance, estimates that employers and unions maintain about 125,000 separate contracts.

Snow No Threat to Model 'T'



WHILE HUNDREDS of modern, low-slung, high-powered automobiles were stopped in their tracks by deep snowdrifts in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Tuesday, Tim Hill moved about with ease in his ancient Model T Ford touring car, so much so that he is shown in this photo helping move one of those high-powered beauties out of a rut. (AP Wirephoto).

Tenneson Leaves China for Home

HONG KONG (AP)—Richard R. Tenneson, American GI who elected to go to Red China after the Korean War, has been allowed to leave that country, it was reported.

The British Red Cross received word from the Chinese Red Cross of Tenneson's release. He is expected here Thursday.

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