

Truman Exit Speeds Tempo of Demo Race

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

It is nearly 25 years since an incumbent President declined to seek renomination. Then it was Calvin Coolidge, whose "I do not choose to run" sent out from his summer White House in the Black Hills opened the way for Herbert Hoover to become President. Now President Truman is more dramatic manner—in the occasion of the Jefferson-Jackson Democratic dinner in Washington—announced his unwillingness to become a candidate or to serve another four years in the White House. He kept his secret well. Though a great many figured he wouldn't run again, only a very limited number knew he would renounce the succession at the Saturday night banquet. The advance copies of his speech gave no hint of such intention.

Now the gate is wide open and wild horses are breaking out of the corral. The race for the Democratic nomination is on in earnest. Previously it was largely on an "if" basis—"if" Truman did not run again. Now there are three avowed candidates in the field: Kefauver, Russell, and Kerr. On the teetertotter is Governor Stevenson of Illinois. With seeming sincerity he disclaims presidential ambitions; but mounting pressures may force him to forsake his ambition to serve again as governor and to carry the party's banner in the national race. One can easily understand his disinclination: He is happy in his job in Illinois where he has made a good record; and the prospect of running against Dwight Eisenhower—must not be very alluring. At the same time he (Continued on editorial page 4.)

Eyes On Tuesday Balloting

By DON WHITEHEAD

OMAHA, (AP)—President Truman's decision not to run added new significance Sunday to Nebraska's bitterly fought primary campaign.

Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee conceded the President's decision probably will help Sen. Kerr of Oklahoma in Tuesday's Nebraska showdown. But he added: "Over the nation, it will help my chances."

Kerr has been running under the shadow of the President and Kefauver had been calling Kerr a "stalking horse" for Truman.

With the President on the sidelines, Tuesday's "popularity" contest becomes a more clear-cut test of strength between the two Senators in their fight for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Without Ties

The Oklahoma oil man, at any rate, became free to campaign without any ties in this, the only presidential preference primary he has entered.

Kerr said Sunday, "I am now a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency."

Kefauver took a crack at Kerr, saying "an amazing amount of money has been spent to defeat me" but that he felt he had a good chance to win.

Referring to statements by Kefauver that the Kerr people are spending huge amounts of money in Nebraska, Kerr said:

"Kefauver is not exactly an object of charity in all the primaries he has entered. If I were a wagering man, I'd risk a little money that \$20 is being spent in his behalf in the United States for every dollar that is spent on my behalf."

Highly Publicized

"And he started with the advantage of 10 million dollars worth of publicity from the crime investigation. The only two things I know that are more publicized in Nebraska are Bob Taft and Ivory soap."

Kerr said the only money he has spent himself was for personal expenses—and anything else spent had been by his supporters.

There seemed little likelihood Truman's decision would have any great effect on the Republican race which is being dominated by the spirited write-in campaign on behalf of Gen. Eisenhower and Sen. Taft of Ohio.

Two on Ballot

The only GOP presidential candidates whose names are on the ballot are Harold Stassen and Mrs. Beary Kenny of Lincoln, who is regarded as a "stand-in" for Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Kefauver was at a square dance in Hastings when he received word of Truman's announcement he would not run.

Kefauver told reporters Truman had showed "complete understanding" last winter when Kefauver told him he intended to enter the presidential race.

Bevy of Beauties Contains SHS Carnival Queen



One of these Salem High School girls will rule as queen of the school's annual inter-club carnival to be held Friday, April 4th, at the school auditorium. Each girl is sponsored by one of the clubs or organizations within the school. Front row from left, Joyce Travis, Marvel Coleman, Judy Shrock, Carol Weinstein, Bobbie Sjodling and Joan Travis. Second row from left, Luella Carlisle, Donna Vogt, Caroline Seay, Othelen Lee, Nadine Gilman and Coralie Doughton. Third row from left, Kay Wesley, Dorothy Swigart, Marjorie Little, Carol Fisher, Evli Tarem, Barbara Wagness and Sharon Lamkin. (Statesman photo.)

President To Work For Party

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman called on fellow Democrats Sunday to "get in there and pitch" for a November victory—and he promised to work just as enthusiastically for the party ticket "as if I were on it."

Making his first public appearance since bowing out of the White House race Saturday night and opening up the contest for the Democratic nomination, the President told a tumultuous reception at the Mayflower Hotel:

"I am just as sure as that I am standing here that the Democratic convention in July will nominate a winner."

"I will be in there just the same as if I were the nominee because I am that kind of a Democrat. I'm not a fair day Democrat."

Truman's dramatic announcement he would not accept renomination already has cleared the way for a free-for-all scramble for top place on the Democratic ticket. There was some talk the party might "draft" him to run again.

But most party members predicted the nominating convention will be wide open, although they looked for Truman to take an active interest in the selection of a new standard bearer.

Leaves Door Open

Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois—widely reported to be Truman's choice for the nomination—Sunday left the door wide open for acceptance of the nomination although he repeated he does not seek it.

He was asked point blank on NBC's "Meet the Press" television program: Will you say you will not accept the Democratic nomination?

"I will not say that," Stevenson replied.

On the Republican side, New Hampshire's Sen. Bridges, the minority leader of the Senate, interpreted Truman's decision as "an indication the President feels the chances for a Democratic victory this fall are mighty slim."

Sen. Taft of Ohio, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, commented the Democrats may find anyone they nominate "is weaker than Truman himself," and "they may have to turn back to him."

In his speech, Truman gave no hint as to whom he would support for the Democratic nomination.

Wild Convention

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) said Truman's exit "means you are going to see the wildest, free-for-all nominating convention since the 'Cross of Gold' days of William Jennings Bryan," the Democratic nominee at the 1896 convention.

Johnson indicated he might back Vice President Barkley for top place on the ticket this year, and added that he looks for considerable support to develop for the 74-year-old Kentuckian.

Asked Sunday whether he would be a candidate for President, Barkley said:

"I have no statement to make at this time. I cannot comment now one way or the other."

Russell made it clear he has no intention of withdrawing as a candidate because of Truman's action.

Resigns



WASHINGTON — Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson (above) resigned Sunday in protest against the proposed wage increase for steel workers. He contends it will set off a new round of inflation.

Action On Controls Bill Halts

Steelman Given Temporary Title Of Mobilizer

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

WASHINGTON (AP)—Charles E. Wilson quit Sunday as mobilization boss because President Truman sided with his wage board instead of Wilson in a disagreement over how best to avert a crippling steel strike.

Wilson, in a tart letter of resignation submitted Friday and made public Sunday, said he could not "accept public responsibility" for government actions in the steel dispute "which I cannot control."

Truman accepted the resignation, effective Monday.

The President told Wilson he does not regard as unreasonable the proposals for settling the steel wage controversy, and said they do not "constitute any real breach in our wage stabilization policies."

That put him squarely behind the efforts of CIO President Philip Murray, also head of the Steelworkers Union, to win major concessions from the steel producers.

Opposes WSB Ruling

The Wage Stabilization Board's (WSB) six public and six labor members had recommended, as a way for settling the steel wage dispute, pay increase proposals which Wilson has termed "a serious threat" to the stabilization effort if put into effect. The six industry members dissented.

Murray's CIO Steelworkers Union says it will strike April 8 if the industry does not accept the recommendations.

Wilson's resignation, released by the White House late Sunday, said:

"I have no desire to cause you embarrassment, yet in all sincerity I feel that as a practical matter I cannot accept public responsibility for major stabilization action which I cannot control."

Inflation Threat

"It is clear to me that I cannot function effectively on stabilization issues," Wilson wrote. "As I have said to you and publicly on many occasions, the threat to the country from inflation is almost as grave as that from imperialist Communist aggression."

Wilson took over the top mobilization post on Dec. 15, 1950.

Truman said in his own letter, "I regret the circumstances and feel the nation owes a deep debt of gratitude."

Differs with Wilson

Truman, however, made clear he differed with Wilson on the steel wage settlement.

Since his talk with Wilson last week at Key West, Fla., the President said in his own letter, "I find that the proposed changes in wages and working conditions are by no means unreasonable and do not, in fact, constitute any real breach in our wage stabilization policies."

To Wilson, whom he called from the presidency of the General Electric Co., to head up the mobilization effort, the President declared:

"I shall be sorry not to have you at my side, but I wish you success and happiness in whatever future work you undertake."

Murray and six major steel producers will meet in New York Monday to resume negotiations, with the strike deadline only eight days away.

Dallas Couples Hospitalized by Auto Wreck

DALLAS—Two Dallas couples were treated here Sunday for injuries incurred in the spectacular wreck of their automobile at Rickreall about 2 a.m.

In Dallas hospital with multiple lacerations was Mrs. Jean Schaffer, 28, 222 Hankle St. Her condition was described as "good" by hospital attendants. Released after treatment for lacerations were her husband, Joseph Schaffer, 28, and Mrs. Lowell Vincent. Mrs. Vincent's husband was treated by City ambulance crewmen who brought the couples from the accident scene.

According to witnesses at the scene the late model car occupied by the quartet was a complete wreck. It came to rest standing on its nose against a garage building at the Rickreall intersection after striking a power pole.

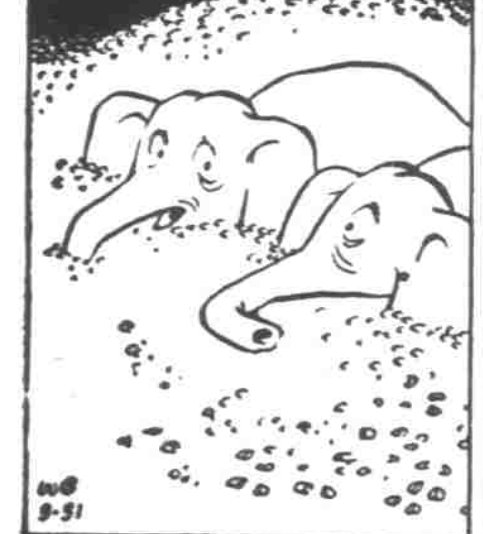
The four were enroute to Dallas when the accident occurred.

Rumor of Roof Falling Fatal to 10 Children

LIMA, Peru (AP)—At least ten children were killed and more than 20 seriously injured Sunday when panic broke out in a movie theatre over a false alarm that the roof was falling in. Fifteen survivors were reported unconscious at children's hospital and doctors gave them little chance to survive.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



That's the trouble with peanuts—ya get one and ya can't stop!

Politics on Parade . . .

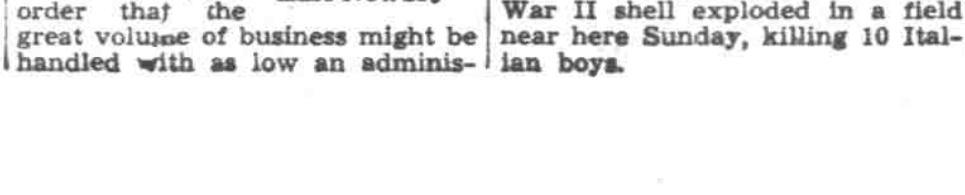
Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

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Today's subject: EARL T. NEWBRY Candidate for SEC. OF STATE (R)

Earl T. Newbry is unopposed for the Republican nomination for secretary of state.

Becoming secretary of state at a time when Oregon was experiencing one of the greatest growths in its history, Earl Newbry was obliged to take steps to re-organize most of the departments under his jurisdiction in order that the great volume of business might be handled with as low an adminis-



Earl Newbry

Tax Collection Dragnet Taps 4,851 Racketeers

WASHINGTON (AP)—A dragnet tax drive against the crime world has tapped 4,851 racketeers for more than 80 million dollars in income taxes—and it's just now hitting full stride.

Revenue bureau officials said Sunday that on the basis of results so far, they expect the special roundup to snare as many as 16,800 crooks this year and get from them at least 180 million dollars.

They expect to jail about 600 racketeers in 1952 for criminal tax frauds. Almost 300 already have been indicted over the past seven months.

Altogether, it seems clear tax collectors are now in the process of dealing the underworld one of its biggest jolts ever.

The revenue bureau set "Operation Racketeer" in motion last spring. It took several months to recruit more than 2,000 agents in 117 special squads for full time racketeers tax investigations.

That work began August. More than 20 million dollars in tax claims were levied against racketeers in January alone.

So far, about seven out of every 10 racketeers checked have been found in arrears in their taxes. Through February 7,661 racketeer investigations had been completed. The average collection has been \$18,652 per hoodlum.

The drive started with a master list of 27,734 known or suspected racketeers—compiled with help from local police, Senate crime papers and other sources.

This list now has been expanded to 37,400, including the cases already closed. New names are being added at the rate of about 1,200 a month.

The number of criminal tax cases is far below the number of delinquencies because criminal fraud is much harder and takes much longer to prove.

The biggest single assessment in the current drive has been one of \$3,334,805 against Joseph M. Kirby of Costa Mesa, Calif., for 1944-48 taxes, plus penalties and interest.

Hardened Cons Riot 11 Hours In New Jersey

TRENTON, N. J. (AP)—The most hardened convicts in Trenton state prison—segregated from the rest because they are troublemakers—rioted for 11 hours Sunday.

Starting shortly after 1 a.m., the prisoners broke windows, tore out plumbing, ripped their mattresses and set them on fire. Some broke out of their cells and wandered about the three-tiered cell block of the segregation wing.

Prison guards fired tear gas bombs into the wing to quiet the men. They were given no food and finally at noon they filed out of the building one by one as the warden read the names of a roster.

The riot was over food. A prisoner spokesman talked with warden William F. Carty through one of the broken windows. Carty stood outside in a courtyard.

A burglar with a good vocabulary, the spokesman, said the food was "unpalatable."

The prisoners in this wing are served their meals in their cells and do not go to the mess hall where the well-behaved prisoners eat.

The state Senate currently is investigating conditions at the prison, and charges were made that liquor and narcotics were smuggled in.

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Portland Bus Strike Delayed

PORTLAND (AP)—AFL employees of the Portland Traction Co. voted Sunday, 242 to 162, to postpone a previously announced April 1 strike deadline for one week.

The 1300-member union is demanding a 15 cent hourly pay increase and other contract benefits. The company has refused to arbitrate unless the Portland City Council grants a fare increase.

A citizens' advisory committee, studying Portland's mass transportation system, had requested the postponement.

SHELL BLAST KILLS 10

VELLETRI, Italy (AP)—A World War II shell exploded in a field near here Sunday, killing 10 Italian boys.

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Ranson was charged with suspicion of murder and suspicion of attempted murder.

Nelder said Ranson told him he went to the annual Butcher's Ball at civic auditorium Saturday night "for a good time, with a couple of members of 'the Portola mob.'"

Lehman Clan Produces 4th Valedictorian

DAYTON — For the fourth time in five years a member of the Lehman family will be valedictorian of the Dayton Union High School graduating class.

Joanne Lehman, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lehman of Dayton, missed perfect grades by only .03 of a point for 1.03 average to continue the family monopoly begun by brother Sherman in 1948. Sister Eileen took the honors in 1949 and brother Melvin followed through in 1951.

Two members of the family are continuing formal education while another is learning the farm business on his parents' 200-acre farm 5 1/2 miles southwest of Dayton.

Sherman, who set the precedent, is majoring in mathematics at Stanford University. Eileen is a junior at Oregon State College, and Melvin is sticking to the farm.

Joanne's honors will end the monopoly by the Lehman's too. They have no other children.

Announcement of the award was made by Howard B. Holt, principal of the school. Betty Davis will be salutatorian.

Joanne serves as student body treasurer and editor of the school paper. Miss Davis, whose grade average was 1.21, is also active in student body affairs. She is president of the Future Homemakers, vice-president of the Pep Club and has been active in drama presentations. Betty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Davis of Dayton.

Commencement will be held May 21.

BATTLEFRONT QUIET

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—U.S. Sabre jets damaged two Russian-built MIGs Sunday in a brief dogfight south of the Yalu river boundary of Red Manchuria. The battlefront was generally quiet.

THE WEATHER

Table with weather forecasts for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Willamette River. Columns include Max., Min., and Precip.

BUS PLOWS INTO SHEEP

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. (AP)—Seven passengers were injured and 65 head of sheep killed Sunday afternoon when an American Bus Lines bus overturned after running into a herd of sheep on the highway 18 miles west of here.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Table showing Salem precipitation for this year, last year, and normal. Columns include This Year, Last Year, and Normal.