

Morgan Says Ore. Race by Adlai Likely

State's Democratic Vow To Stay Neutral in Primary

PORTLAND — State Democratic Chairman Howard Morgan, who returned Sunday from a national committee meeting at Chicago, said that Adlai Stevenson may enter the Democratic presidential primaries in Oregon. The state is under "active consideration" by Stevenson's staff, Morgan reported.

Stevenson's name could be placed in nomination here without his consent, Morgan said, however, that he was hopeful that no Democratic candidates would be nominated without their approval.

Mrs. Thomas Scales of Sandy, vice chairman of the party who attended the Chicago meeting with Morgan, said she was impressed with the "economic outlook, the unity and the organization of the party."

Morgan said he had conferred with the three leading Democrats mentioned for the nomination—Stevenson, Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) and Gov. Averell Harriman of New York.

Stevenson announced his candidacy last week, Kefauver is expected to announce his decision next month, and Harriman has stated he is not "actively" seeking the nomination.

Morgan said he had assured the three that Democratic Party officials in Oregon would be neutral in the event more than one of them was entered in the May 18 Oregon primary.

Speaking as an individual, and not as a party official, Morgan last month criticized Harriman for his close association with Carmine DeSapio, head of New York's Tammany Hall.

Asked if this criticism had been discussed at the Chicago meeting, Morgan replied only that this had been one of the "most pleasant, fruitful and constructive trips" he had ever made in behalf of the Democratic Party.

Willoughby Heads Livestock Group

GEARHART — Hubert Willoughby of Harrisburg will serve as president of the Western Oregon Livestock Assn. for the coming year.

Others elected Friday at the close of the organization's annual meeting here are: Sam Dement, Coquille, vice president; and Harry Lindgren, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer.

Eugene was chosen as the site for next year's meeting.

Almira Rebekahs Elect New Officers

DALLAS—Almira Rebekah lodge No. 26 met Tuesday evening at the IOOF hall for election of officers. Mrs. J. F. Spooner, noble grand, presided at the meeting.

Officers elected for the coming year were noble grand, Mrs. Calvin Barnhart; vice grand, Mrs. L. L. Meyer; secretary, Mrs. Al Burelbach; financial secretary, Mrs. Oness Whaley; treasurer, Mrs. Charles Cochrane.

Plans for the official visit, Dec. 6, of Mrs. Edna Bradley at Clatskanie, state assembly president, were made. It will be a joint meeting with Independence at Dallas Degree work will also be done.

There will be a dinner preceding the meeting Dec. 6 at The First Presbyterian church for members in honor of Mrs. Bradley. Those interested in purchasing tickets may call Mrs. Spooner.

NOT THE SAME RIDDELL

MOLALLA—Molalla folks were startled Friday when it was broadcast over the radio and an item in one of the newspapers that Jim Riddell of Monmouth had died from a heart attack while shoveling snow from the front walk in Monmouth. There is a Jim Riddell, with the name spelled the same, who had lived in Molalla for many years, operating a grocery store; but now living in San Diego, Calif., with his son and family. Folks finally were convinced that it was not the Jim Riddell so well known in Molalla area.

Nikita Collapses Scout Camp Bed

NEW DELHI, India — Nikita Khrushchev, Russian Communist Party boss, may doubt the efficacy of an Indian good luck sign, a pretty Indian girl dabbed on his forehead Monday.

Half an hour later, in a Boy Scout camp, Prime Minister Nehru stretched out on a string camp bed and then asked Khrushchev to try it as well. The bulky Russian, who appears to outweigh 160-pound Nehru by at least 40 pounds, did so—and it collapsed under him.

Pilot Blames Prop Failure For Crackup

CAB Probe of Seattle Crash Will Last for Several Weeks

SEATTLE — Civil Aeronautics Board investigators studied the burned remnants of a crashed airliner Monday seeking the full answer to what caused an accident that took 27 lives.

Frank K. McKivern of the CAB Bureau of Safety Investigation said the probe of Friday's crash of a chartered Peninsular Air Transport DC4 probably will take several weeks and will include a public hearing.

The four-engine transport, loaded with GIs flying to their homes in the East for the holidays, crashed at two minutes after midnight Friday after taking off from Boeing Field here. Forty-seven of the 74 aboard survived.

William J. McDougall, 40, Miami, Fla., the pilot, said Saturday the immediate cause of the crash was propeller failure.

He said the propeller on the No. 4 engine (outside, right) failed to function properly when he ordered a routine reduction from "full takeoff" power after the plane had reached an altitude of about 1,000 feet and speed of 135 miles an hour.

Attempts to "feather" the propeller (turn its edge to the wind) so power could be cut off from the engine were futile, McDougall declared. Instead, the propeller blades turned flat. This created a severe drag "like having a barn door out on your wing," and caused the plane to yaw, losing control and altitude.

McDougall said this could have been caused by failure in the engine or failure of the propeller mechanism.

Suomi College in Michigan claims to be the only Finnish-American institution of higher learning in the United States.

Portland UAL Flights Land Here Sunday

Salem's United Air Lines station Sunday evening was busy taking care of Portland and Seattle-bound flights of that airline and one Western Airlines flight.

United flights were one DC-4 flight and three DC-6 flights and the Western Airlines flight was a DC-4. All came in here because of fog to the north of Salem, the last arriving around 11 p.m.

Three bus loads of Portland-bound passengers were sent to that city after the planes landed here and Seattle-bound passengers of United Air Lines, who numbered 21, were taken to Salem hotels for the night and continued on to their destination Monday morning.

United said that during the past week they had handled not only Portland-bound passengers from flights that could not get into that city but had also handled some Eugene and even some Medford-bound passengers, forced to stop here because of bad weather in those two cities.

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