

Communists Propose Higher-Level Talks

Stevenson Tells Of Pressure To Seek Nomination

Door Left Open To Accept Offer

Washington — (U.P.) — Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois said Monday Democratic party leaders are bringing "considerable pressure" on him to run for President.

He indicated in an interview that he is resisting the overtures for the time being, but he certainly avoided saying that he would not accept the Democratic nomination.

Truman Support Decided

A White House official reported meanwhile that President Truman has definitely decided to throw his full support behind Stevenson for the nomination.

There was no immediate confirmation from the president, and Stevenson refused to comment on reports that Mr. Truman has offered to back him.

"I can't discuss what has transpired between us," he told a reporter as he prepared to return to Springfield, Ill. "That's for the president to disclose."

In Private Huddles

Stevenson said he had not conferred with Mr. Truman since the president's dramatic announcement Saturday night that he will not seek reelection.

He acknowledged, however, that he spent all Sunday afternoon and most of Sunday evening in private huddles with other Democratic bigwigs.

Stevenson declined to identify the party leaders. But said "they brought considerable pressure on me to run for president."

"I told them that I just can't be put in the position of running for two jobs at the same time," he said.

That was a reference to his already-announced candidacy for reelection as governor of Illinois.

Washington — (U.P.) — Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas said Monday he definitely is not a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, but Vice President Alben W. Barkley refused to commit himself.

They were questioned about presidential politics after a White House conference with President Truman who revealed Saturday night that he would not run again.

Definite Answer

Rayburn quickly deflated a boomlet in his behalf by giving a flat "no" to a reporter's question, "are you going to be a candidate?" The 70-year-old House speaker added that this was a definite answer.

But Barkley answered a similar question by saying "I have no statement to make" and "I don't care to talk about the Democratic convention." Friends believe the 74-year-old Veep will become a candidate. One said Barkley probably will announce his decision early this week. He thought the answer would be yes.

Oregon Accidents Claim Three Lives

By UNITED PRESS

A month-old baby, a 37-year-old woman and a 70-year-old man met accidental death in Oregon over the week-end.

Ernest John Tanner, month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tanner, Hillsboro, died in a Portland hospital Sunday night from burns suffered when his crib caught fire.

Mrs. Lillian F. Johnson, 37, Manzanita, Ore., died late Sunday in a Seaside hospital from injuries suffered in the plunge of a car off coast highway 101 in Cannon Beach.

James L. Salovich, 70, a foreman for the Weyerhaeuser Timber company in Longview, Wash., was drowned in Portland Saturday when a tractor pinned him under three-and-a-half feet of water in a drainage ditch.

Cooler Weather Eases Burns Flood Threat

By UNITED PRESS

Cold, crisp air eased a flood threat in Eastern Oregon Monday.

The weather bureau forecast continued cool temperatures for Oregon and Washington and said strong winds would strike coasts of the two states late Monday.

Water from record-breaking snow packs in the mountains was still standing in the outskirts of Burns, Ore. Police Chief Lloyd Larsen said, however, that all highways out of Burns were open although shallow water was standing over some of them. Ten families moved out of a Burns motel Saturday and 12 houses in the north and east sections of town were surrounded Sunday night.



PREPARING SHELL for disposal, Capt. Wayne Earl (left kneeling) leads bomb disposal team composed of United Nations and Communist personnel in ridding area near Panmunjom of unexploded shells, bombs. Standing, Capt. Richard Powers (left) and Communist officer. Kneeling (right), Sgt. Irving Bingham. (International)

S.F. Juvenile Gang Warfare Fatal to 2

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Police began a crackdown on juvenile gangs Monday following the arrest of a 19-year-old reformatory escapee for killing two youths and wounding three others.

The murder suspect, Robert Ranson, was arrested near his home six hours after he allegedly settled a gang war with a .45 caliber pistol in the shadow of the dome of San Francisco's city hall Saturday night.

Started at Dance

He is accused of killing Norman Bothelo, 20, and Andrew Ulibarri, 19, and critically wounding James Bennett, 21; Thomas Hinmon, 19, and James Erickson, 21, all of San Francisco.

Police said the incident started in this city's Civic Auditorium when Ranson, attending the annual butchers' ball, sought out Bothelo, a member of a rival gang.

Ranson, a leader in the "Portola" gang, said, "I heard these guys of the Fillmore mob had been looking for me, so I went up to this guy Bothelo and invited him outside to the park."

The park of which Ranson speaks is a square which separates the city hall from the auditorium and has been used many times in the past by teenagers for settling their differences with rival mobs.

Brought Cohorts

"He brought 15 or 20 of his guys along and six or seven of my friends came along," Ranson said.

When he saw that he was outnumbered, Ranson said he pulled his pistol to frighten his opponent but they started to surround him.

He managed to scare the advancing youths with threats but said, "This guy Bothelo edged up close, so I fired and his eyes turned glassy and he sagged down."

Bothelo was found dead next to a water fountain with a bullet through his heart.

At this point, the young killer started to turn and run but thought he was surrounded and started to fire wildly.

Homicide Inspector Al Nelder described Ranson as "one of the meanest kids I ever talked to."

HST's Decision May Speed Ike's Return

Paris — (U.P.) — President Truman's withdrawal from the presidential race may hasten Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's announcement of his decision to return home to seek the Republican nomination, reliable sources said Monday.

They said Eisenhower probably will ask formally this week or next to be relieved of his supreme command over the North Atlantic pact armed forces in order that he may return to the U. S. as a presidential candidate in mid-May.

Eisenhower's headquarters refused to say how the expected request would be made, or whether it would be made public first here or in Washington.

Doused Prisoners Ask for 'Truce Talk'

Trenton, N. J. — (U.P.) — Firemen poured pressurized water into a cell block of state prison for 2½ hours Monday and 1½ tough convicts defying prison authorities asked for "a truce talk."

The 14, who were holding 11 trustees as hostages, had defied guards to "come in and get us." Instead, firemen were summoned and they poured water through the barred windows at the rate of 1,000 gallons a minute.

Dripping wet and thoroughly subdued, the cons shouted to Warden William F. Cary, who was supervising the water barrage from the prison yard, for a parley. The firemen turned off their hoses pending an unconditional surrender.

Russia as Neutral Inspector Would Be Discussion Topic

Allies Agree To Ponder Suggestion

Panmunjom — (U.P.) — Communist staff officers proposed Monday that a higher-level truce team take over the unsolved issue of Russia as a "neutral" inspector of a Korean armistice. The Allies reluctantly agreed to consider the suggestion.

United Nations staff officer Col. Don O. Darrow said he will relay the proposal to Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, Allied chief negotiator, and give the Reds his decision Tuesday.

Sub-Delegates Proposed

The Communists proposed that sub-delegates, who have not met for more than two months, tackle once more the question of Russia's eligibility to help police a Korean truce. Darrow protested that the staff officers had not completed their proposal. Darrow said:

"It's hard to tell why they proposed it. They can stall fully as well in either staff officer or sub-delegation meetings, if they want to stall."

"I don't think they necessarily have been stalling. They have been trying to get their views into the armistice agreement."

Amicable Session

In discussions on exchanging prisoners of war, other staff officers continued "explorations in an amicable session." UN Col. George W. Hickman reported. He said negotiators still were studying a Communist proposal of March 21 to exchange prisoners on the basis of lists already exchanged.

The truce supervision negotiators have solved all the issues before them except the Communist insistence on naming Russia as one of the six neutral truce inspectors, the right of the Reds to build military airfields during the truce, and how to translate "Korea" in the Korean language.

Five Men Injured In Sunday Accident

Three persons were hospitalized, and two others were taken to hospitals for treatment, early Sunday after a two-car collision on the Crater Lake highway north of Eagle Point, it was reported today by state police, Conger-Morris ambulance attendants and two Medford hospitals.

The police report said that a car driven by George Joseph Suprenant, 48, of 401 East 12th street, Medford, collided head-on with one driven by Harold V. Martin, 17, of 763 Marshall avenue, Medford, at about 1 a.m. Sunday.

Martin was taken to Community hospital with a back injury. His passengers, Allan Holland, 18, Alberta, Canada, and Ray H. Chamberland, 271 Vashit way, were treated there for shoulder and rib injuries, and released.

Suprenant is confined to Sacred Heart hospital, and his passenger, Albert F. Williams, 45, of 4 Clark street, Medford, was treated there and released.

Both cars were severely damaged, police reports said.

DOGS TO BE CONFINED

During the gardening months of April, May and June, dogs in the city of Medford are to be kept from running at large in the city limits, city police warned today.

Mrs. Truman Key to President's Decision Not To Be Candidate

By MERRIMAN SMITH

Washington — (U.P.) — Politicians from Congress to the Kremlin found it hard to believe, but the key to President Truman's decision not to run again was his wife.

His "beautiful little girl with golden curls," with whom he was first "smitten" at the age of six, had more to do with his bowing out of the White House than all the machine politicians put together. She was not the sole factor, but a highly important one.

Knows Physical Toll

Mrs. Truman knows better than any other person outside of the president, himself, the physical and emotional toll 17 years of official life in Washington have taken from her husband. Seven of those years have been in the White House. She shares with him a deep yearning for life without pressure and in comparative privacy.

Consequently, she has for some time encouraged the idea of his not running again. Mrs. Truman has too much respect for her husband's own judgment to use tactics more forceful. But she has made no secret of her desire to leave the fishbowl life of the White House.

Her desire to leave the White House reached an all-time high on Nov. 1, 1950, when two Puerto Ricans tried to shoot their way into Blair House and kill the president. Mrs. Truman was alarmed and frightened, as any normal woman would have been after such an experience.

Mrs. Truman Jubilant

Since the president made his announcement, Mrs. Truman has been jubilant. At the big Democratic reception Sunday afternoon she was noticeably relaxed and glowing for a relatively shy person to whom public appearances are frequently painful. She even smiled while the flashbulbs were flaring. More often she squints.

Aside from Mrs. Truman's feelings, there were other important reasons behind the president's decision. One political school of thought here believes that Mr. Truman believes Eisenhower will get the GOP nomination.

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Kefauver Expected To Be Easy Winner In Wisconsin Vote

Republican Race Seen as Slugfest

Milwaukee — (U.P.) — Sen. Estes Kefauver Monday was considered by his backers as a hands-down winner in Tuesday's Wisconsin primary after President Truman said he would not be a candidate for re-election.

But the Republican contest was a four-way slugfest between Harold E. Stassen, Robert A. Taft, Earl Warren and a "favorite son" running as a stand-in for Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Do or Die Battle

Most observers felt the GOP battle was a do or die testing ground for all four—particularly Stassen and Taft.

But Mr. Truman's announcement that he wanted to vacate the White House left Kefauver opposed only by two pro-Truman candidates, although organization Democrats speculated that Mr. Truman would accept a convention "draft."

The interest in the primary—kindled by the extensive stumping carried on by the Republican hopefuls—was expected to turn out a record vote of about 1,000,000. In 1948, only 700,000 persons voted in the primary.

Omaha — (U.P.) — The Democratic race in Tuesday's Nebraska presidential primary took on new significance Monday after President Truman stepped out of the 1952 race.

Sens. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma were set to tangle in the first full-fledged contest since Mr. Truman's status at last was cleared up.

Near Record Vote Seen

And the battle promised to draw a near record vote.

The Republican contest will be a write-in battle with supporters of Sen. Robert A. Taft and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower seeking to edge Harold E. Stassen, the only prominent GOP hopeful whose name will appear on the ballot.

Kefauver To Arrive In Oregon April 10

Portland — (U.P.) — Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., informed his Oregon democratic presidential backers Monday he will arrive here April 10 to plan his campaign for the May 16 state primary election.

Kefauver telegraphed word of his intention to Dave Darland, dean of students at Pacific university in Forest Grove, who is also a leader in the Kefauver-for-President movement in Oregon.

Darland said Kefauver's April 10 visit likely would be brief and would be concerned mainly with discussing campaign strategy with his Oregon supporters before returning at a later date to launch the actual campaign.

Weather

FORECAST: partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Showers in mountains. Little temperature change. Low tonight 30-33. High Tuesday 60.

Highest Yesterday 53 Temp. 53
Lowest this Morning 33
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today, Trace

Wilson Quits in Huff; Steel Parley Renewed

Angry Departure Of Defense Chief Shakes Program

Washington — (U.P.) — The wage-price stabilization program was rocked to its foundations Monday by Defense Mobilization Chief Charles E. Wilson's stormy departure from the government.

The former General Electric president, who held the second most powerful post in the administration, resigned in angry protest against President Truman's handling of the steel dispute.

Strike Seen Likely

Although steel union and management representatives scheduled new bargaining talks in New York Monday, government hopes for averting a nationwide strike on April 1 plummeted almost to zero in the wake of the top-level row.

Senate action on a one-year extension of the controls law, scheduled for a committee vote Monday, was called off to permit senatorial tempers to cool. Some Republicans demanded that the legislation be put on ice until the steel crisis is settled and Wilson's successor is chosen.

Steelman Named

Mr. Truman said Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman will serve as acting director of Defense Mobilization for the time being.

Wilson planned to get out at the close of business Monday. His office said he "might" hold a news conference before he left, but that it would be confined to a review of the rearmament job to which the President appointed him in December, 1950.

Mr. Truman and the 65-year-old industrialist parted company with a blazing exchange of letters which the White House made public late Sunday.

Charges Hurdled

Wilson charged that Mr. Truman reneged on an agreement made at Key West on the price issue. And he said Wilson was all wrong in his contention that the steel pay raises of 26 cents an hour recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board were "unstable."

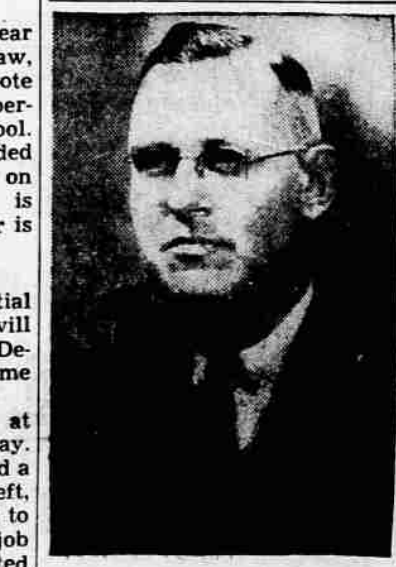
Wilson's resignation hit the White House shortly before midnight Friday, a few hours after the defense mobilizer learned that Mr. Truman had refused to go along with his plan for settling the steel dispute by raising both wages and prices.

Convinced Truman

Price Controller Ellis Arnall and Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Putnam tipped the scales against Wilson at a long White House meeting Friday afternoon. They were understood to have convinced Mr. Truman that the steel companies could pay the proposed wage increases out of their current profits without hiking steel prices.



(Acme Telephoto)
CHARLES E. WILSON Quits Government



JOHN R. STEELMAN Serves as Director

Truman Would Be Elder Statesman

Washington — (U.P.) — President Truman is looking forward to becoming an "elder statesman."

He has already made fairly definite plans for a post-White House career of lecturing and writing on public affairs, it was learned Monday.

But Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan and some of the other presidential cronies who have been dubbed "the Missouri gang" may soon be casting about for gainful employment in private life.

Associates said Mr. Truman has no present intention of running for the Senate in Missouri, as he has hinted he might like to do.

But they said he would be very pleased if Congress would enact long-pending legislation to make all former Presidents ex-officio members of the Senate for life.

Communists Batter United Nations Lines

Seoul — (U.P.) — Communist artillery battered Allied lines in two places across the front Monday while Red infantrymen threw four light attacks into UN positions.

UN infantry commanders, calling in support from Fifth Air Force planes, were out of luck. Foul weather grounded all air missions except a few weather reconnaissance flights.

A "heavy barrage" of enemy artillery and mortar fire flushed a UN patrol from a newly-occupied hill west of Yonchon in the western sector.

Sheriff Will Attend Search-Rescue Session

Sheriff Howard Gault will leave tomorrow for the Troutdale airport, near Portland, where he will participate in a conference regarding the state program of air search and rescue, he said today.

Gault is a designee for ground search operations in Jackson county of the State Board of Aeronautics, and the conference will be attended by a number of men who have responsibilities for aiding search procedures.

Chance To Avert Strike April 8 Declared Dimmer

Union Will Seek Installment Boost

New York — (U.P.) — Representatives of the "Big Six" steel companies and the United Steel Workers "postponed" their scheduled showdown bargaining conference Monday.

Industry sources indicated a belief that the postponement was for an "indefinite" time. But union sources said they understood it would be for only a few hours.

Washington — (U.P.) — The "Big Six" steel companies and the CIO United Steelworkers renew contract talks Monday amid dimming prospects for avoiding an industry-wide strike April 8.

Sixteen-man bargaining teams for both the industry and Philip Murray's powerful steel union were scheduled to meet in the afternoon for the first down-to-earth talks in three months.

Early Settlement Hampered

The union will drive for industry acceptance of an 18-month contract calling for a total of 26 cents in wage and fringe boosts in installments—as recommended by a Wage Stabilization Board majority.

But an exchange of letters between President Truman and Charles E. Wilson as the mobilization chief quit Sunday threw a big roadblock in the way of an early settlement.

Wilson, who had opposed any wage boost for the 650,000 steelworkers, accused Mr. Truman of altering a plan, on which they had agreed, for permitting the industry to boost prices to offset—at least partially—any wage hike granted.

Wants to Follow Law

The President, accepting Wilson's resignation, replied that he expects to see the price controls law "faithfully executed." Under price rules, the industry is entitled to about a \$2 a ton increase by the so-called Capehart formula although it claims it would need \$12 to offset the recommended wage package.

The industry had counted on Wilson to ram through more than \$2 a ton in price relief and the resumption of negotiations was arranged last week after it had the former mobilization chief's assurance that the President would go along. Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Putnam and Price Chief Ellis Arnall blocked the deal.

Wilson said the President's action "violates my senses of justice."

Industry sources said the outlook for an early agreement was "pretty dim" unless Murray retreated from the package proposed by the wage board—a move he hardly is expected to make. The union set its new strike deadline after postponing four walkouts at government request.

The wage board package would give the union a 17½ cent pay increase in three installments and 8.6 cents in fringe benefits in two installments. In addition, the board suggested that the companies give the steelworkers a union shop.

100,000th Korea Vet Due in States Tuesday

Seattle — (U.P.) — The 18th man off the gangplank of the Navy transport Pvt. Joe P. Martinez Tuesday will be the 100,000th Korean war veteran to return through this port on rotation furlough.

The Martinez was scheduled to dock at 8:30 a.m. Aboard are 1,576 veterans.

A special dockside ceremony is planned to greet the ship and the 100,000th man. Can-can dancers, bands, singers and speeches on the dock will be followed by a parade up Seattle's "welcome lane."

BULLETIN

Washington — (U.P.) — The Commercial Telegraphers Union Monday postponed until 12:01 a.m. Thursday a threatened strike against Western Union to allow federal mediators to seek a settlement of a deadlocked contract dispute.