

Weather

FORECAST—Continued fair through today except for afternoon thunderstorms in the mountain areas south and east of Medford. High today near 90, low tonight 56.

Highest yesterday 91
Lowest yesterday 58

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TWO TANKERS RAVAGED BY RAGING OIL FIRES

Three Reported Dead in California Blaze, Explosions

Damages May Reach \$5,000,000 Total

Oleum, Calif. — (U.P.) — A raging oil-fired fire spread by two explosions swept the Union Oil company pier here Saturday, enveloping two oil tankers in flames as they were handling their volatile cargoes.

Three deaths were attributed to the tragedy. Capt. Eugene Fulton of the tanker Victor H. Kelly died of an apparent heart attack as he rushed through his flame-swept vessel warning his men to abandon ship, and a ship's wiper, identified only by the name of Yorler, aboard the Kelly, was missing and presumed drowned after diving over the side to escape the blaze.

The ship's radio operator, W. A. Liggins, was missing and presumed dead after crew members said he was last seen aboard the Kelly in the vicinity of one of the explosions.

A company spokesman said the fire may have caused as much as \$5 million damage, depending on the extent of loss to the tankers.

Thirty others were reported injured, most of whom were released from the company infirmary or nearby hospitals after treatment for shock and burns. None was reported seriously injured.

The blaze was controlled three hours after it broke out at a connection point in a pipeline on the pier, apparently caused by a tremendous pressure backlash in the pipe which produced sparks and ignited the oil.

The Kelly, first to catch afire and rocked by two explosions forward and aft, was reduced to a partially submerged hulk. The tanker Lompoc was pulled clear of the burning pier and marine firefighters managed to tow her to safe anchorage where her fire finally was controlled, leaving her scorched and listing but apparently not too extensively damaged.

Quick action by firefighters called in from surrounding communities kept the fire confined to the end of the pier. The nearest buildings, some half-mile away, were never threatened nor were several refinery installations even farther away.

North Park Entrance Opened Late Saturday

One-way traffic was opened Saturday afternoon on the north entrance road to Crater Lake National park, according to James G. Bromley, district maintenance superintendent for the state highway department.

Traffic is flowing over the road from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., the superintendent said, behind a pilot car with one hour intervals between north and south runs. He expected the one-way traffic to last for five or six days when normal traffic could begin.

Uneasy Peace Settles Over Scene of Eviction Battles

Lapeer, Mich. — (U.P.) — An uneasy peace settled over the embattled Spencer farm homestead Saturday night after a 60-year-old widowed mother, ejected from her home during a bloody eviction fight yesterday, was informed she may soon be permitted to move in again.

As Sheriff Clark Gregory revealed a move by "friends" to return the ousted Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens to her home, a 26-year-old fireman, who moved into the Spencer home as soon as the woman was ousted yesterday, packed up his belongings and left.

At first Richard Newman, a member of the Flint, Mich., fire department, was belligerent. "I've got possession of this place now and I intend to keep it," he declared.

But when Sheriff Gregory withdrew the deputies he had stationed at the house to protect Newman and the property, the new tenant accepted the advice of angry neighbors to "get out and stay out."

Valley Soap Box Derby Slated This Afternoon

The 1952 Rogue Valley Soap Box Derby—first to be held in this area in many years—will get under way at 12:30 p.m. today.

Nearly 100 youngsters will pilot their racers—built entirely by themselves—down Queen Anne avenue. The winner will represent this area at the All-American Soap Box Derby to be held in Akron, O., on August 10.

Earl Newberry, Ashland, Oregon's secretary of State, will be marshal of the parade of contestants and officials which will precede the actual running of the long-awaited race. The parade will be down the course of the race, which starts on Queen Anne avenue at Academy place.

Another event to precede the actual race will be an "Oil Can Derby," in which the mayors of Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass will compete in what have been described as "very unique" cars.

Today's race climaxes months of preparation for the derby racers, during which they have constructed their own cars.

It also climaxes months of work on the part of the derby's sponsors, and by many individuals, organizations and business firms, which contributed time, labor, equipment and merchandise needed to round out the many related activities associated with a youth program of the size of the derby.

Many Committees

More than 50 volunteer committees will be on duty at the derby track today, to assist the boys in getting their cars

Stevenson Headquarters Open Democratic Battle

Chicago — (U.P.) — Stevenson for president headquarters, an independent group booming Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois for the Democratic presidential nomination, said Saturday "we have no doubt he will respond to the call of higher duty."

The prediction was made in letters sent to every delegate to the forthcoming Democratic convention. They were mailed as workmen here were clearing away the signs of the Republican conclave and replacing them with the symbol of the donkey.

A trash truck carted away the Taft signs including a crumpled cardboard elephant, and new posters went up demanding: "Nominate Russell."

Letters Sent Out

The draft-Stevenson letters were sent out despite the governor's statement issued through his press secretary, that he "is a candidate only for re-election as governor of Illinois" and that he wants no other office.

They termed Stevenson "best suited to meet the challenge of our times" and said a Stevenson-for-president headquarters will be set up at the Conrad Hilton hotel on Saturday—just

two days before the Democratic convention opens.

"We have no doubt that Governor Stevenson, devoted as he is to public service, will respond to the call of higher duty and will accept the Democratic nomination for president," the letter said.

Despite the new appeal for a draft movement, Stevenson's statement seemed to have all but slammed the door on the possibility. There had been speculation that he might have been willing to oppose Sen. Robert A. Taft because of their deep foreign policy differences.

But that incentive largely disappeared when the Republicans nominated Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as their presidential candidate.

Some Democrats were trickling into town already with the rush scheduled to start later this week. Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia was expected Wednesday. In addition to the former Taft headquarters in the Conrad Hilton, he has reserved a theater across the street for rallies.

Three Salem Boys Here on Bike Trip

Three Salem youths, on a bicycle jaunt that included stops at Diamond and Crater lakes, arrived here late Friday night.

The boys, Kenneth Doughton and Harold Melby, both 15, and Jim Searcy, 14, started from Salem Monday on bicycles they had purchased new for the trip. They pedaled the first day to Oakridge and their next stop was Diamond lake.

On Friday they started toward Crater lake, hoping to reach it by the north entrance. They found that route still blocked by snow and were forced to cycle to the Union Creek junction and travel from there to their destination. After a couple of hours at the lake, they headed toward Medford. The three were on the road 16 hours Friday and covered 132 miles with their bikes.

The boys are spending the week-end at the home of Doughton's sister, Mrs. Richard Jewett, 921 Winchester street. They will head back to Salem on Monday. All three will be sophomores at Salem high next fall.

Steel Strike Believed Nearing End; Leaders Continue Conferences

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The most promising peace talks in the 41-day steel strike recessed late Saturday as government stabilizers pondered an industry appeal for higher prices.

CIO President Philip Murray and his top aides waited in a hotel conference room for an expected meeting with U. S. Steel officials, when the session was called off.

Murray announced that "there will be no further meeting tonight" and that whether talks

will be resumed Sunday "is contingent upon developments."

Hear Report

As Murray waited, U. S. Steel officials heard a report on a White House conference between top executives of the company and Acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman. The government was reported considering granting the steel industry price increases averaging \$5 a ton—\$2 over the permitted ceiling.

The temporary break in the talks did not dim the high hopes for settlement which have prevailed since the talks were opened at the industry's request here Thursday.

Murray refused comment on the Washington developments. He said he had "heard nothing" concerning them.

A U. S. Steel delegation met for four and a half hours with Steelman and Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Putnam. Following the conference, a White House spokesman refused to comment on the discussions.

Murray held a two hour and 15 minute meeting with Bethlehem Steel officials Saturday afternoon and had announced he would "probably" meet with U. S. Steel last evening.

Murray stayed at the conference hotel for his dinner and was reported ready for an all-night session with U. S. Steel, if necessary.

A settlement was believed at hand. A formula for resolving both the wage and union shop demands of the union was on the conference table, according to reports. The price question appeared to be the only hurdle in the way of settlement.

Democrats Prepare To Launch Attacks On GOP Policies

Washington — (U.P.) — The Democrats wound up Saturday for a major attack on the foreign policy plank in the new Republican platform.

Informed sources said the Democratic National committee already is hard at work bringing the Republican party's four-year foreign policy record "up-to-date."

"We are preparing to point out at our convention exactly where the GOP votes in Congress don't jibe with that platform plank on foreign policy, one key Democrat said.

Party officials admitted the issue may not be as heated with the Republicans campaigning under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower rather than Sen. Robert A. Taft. But they predicted it still will be plenty lively.

They said they are ready to go "right down the line" in replying to GOP platform charges dealing with administration policy on Eastern Europe, China, the Atlantic Charter, Yalta, Korea, European defense and half a dozen other questions.

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The search was continuing today, police added, in the tireless efforts of the party seeking Dunkin.

GOP PARTY HEADS SEEKING HARMONY



THE WINNERS — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and California Sen. Richard Nixon are shown above after being named the Republican party's candidates for president and vice-president, respectively, Friday at Chicago. (International).

Republicans Threaten To Get Vote of South

Chicago — (U.P.) — The mild Republican stand on Civil Rights plus Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's popularity challenged the Democrats Saturday to settle their sectional scrapping or invite trouble in the Solid South.

Democrats, who already have begun to replace Republicans in this convention city, face two problems at their convention beginning July 21 which could affect party fortunes in Dixie.

1. The possibility that large numbers of rank and file southern voters will desert to the Republican party attracted by Eisenhower's sex appeal and the softness of the GOP Civil Rights plank.

2. The open threat of some top southern political leaders to bolt the Democratic party if the candidates and platform are "unacceptable."

Southern Republican leaders have promised an intense campaign to carry some of the South for Eisenhower. They think their chances are brightest since 1928 when five southern states supported Former President Herbert Hoover.

As proof of Eisenhower's popularity in the South, these leaders point to public opinion polls which rank the General higher than any other Republican in the South and to the interest in his candidacy.

Southern Republicans, who fought bitterly over the party's nominee, say they have closed ranks and that all hands will pitch in and attempt to break the Democratic hold on the solid south.

Platform Bid

The GOP platform appears to be a bid for southern support. It does not call for a compulsory FEPC and makes recognition of state's rights—two stands which should meet with approval in Dixie.

Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, a leader of southern anti-"Fair Deal" forces, has hinted at the possibility of supporting the Republican party. He has said that if the south does not receive "sympathetic consideration" from either the Republican or Democratic party, the south may turn to a third party.

At least four southern states—South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, and Texas—have scheduled meetings of their Democratic conventions or executive committees after the national convention to decide what course they will take in November elections.

A fifth state, Louisiana, authorized its national convention delegation to bolt the convention if the nominees or platform are unacceptable.

Summerfield New National Chairman For Republicans

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Nixon, Taft Meet Following Session With Eisenhower

Party Heads Express Confidence of Victory

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Chicago — (U.P.) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned from the Army Saturday to "crusade" for the presidency and weld clashing Republican factions into a smooth-running team that can score a "quick and complete victory over the Democrats in November. He surrendered his five-star rank and gave up all Army ties so that he will be free to campaign in the coming election without embarrassment to himself or the armed services. He had promised previously to take the action if nominated on the GOP ticket.

Saturday after a meeting with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and other party leaders that he would meet with Sen. Robert A. Taft.

Nixon did not disclose the nature of the conference with the Ohio senator, whom Eisenhower defeated Friday for the GOP presidential nomination, it was believed to involve party harmony.

He announced the meeting following a huddle with Eisenhower, Arthur E. Summerfield of Michigan, new chairman of the Republican National committee, and Gov. John S. Fine of Pennsylvania.

Meantime, Nixon was trying to nail down his exact role in the forthcoming campaign.

Nixon told the national committee that "there is no question we have a winner on our hands—provided we do the job." He asked the committee to "consider me one of the team" which will work for a Republican victory to "give America the kind of dynamic new leadership it needs, and which all Republicans and most Democrats want."

The GOP vice presidential nominee stood with Eisenhower on the platform and shook hands with the committee members as they filed by. Once he slipped from the 30-inch high platform but was unhurt. Nixon said he had been in politics only a little longer than Eisenhower but he said after listening to the general he realized "there isn't much he needs to learn about politics that he doesn't already know."

His aides said he was fitting his schedule to Eisenhower's and didn't know where he would be from minute to minute. Whether he returns to Washington Sunday as he had planned was still up in the air.

The campaign, Nixon said in his first press conference as the vice presidential candidate, will be a "fighting crusade." The two big issues, as far as he is concerned, will be "The Truman record" and "communism at home and abroad," he said.

Elderly Bike Repair Man Leaves \$1,000,000 Estate

Kansas City, Mo. — (U.P.) — The folks, white and black, who populate the dingy lofts, the dilapidated shacks and the dreary tenements on the east fringe of Kansas City's business district learned two things Saturday about the wizened and bent old man who was their neighbor interminably for years.

They learned he died July 4 and that he left more than \$1,000,000.

Few, probably, had noticed his absence. For 80-year-old Ralph George Baldwin had little to say to anybody, even the relatives, bankers and the few friends who will share in his estate.

Will Reveals Wealth

His will, filed for probate Friday, revealed he had \$75,000 in cash in a Kansas City bank and huge holdings in industrial stocks.

His attorney, Charles Whitaker, said he parlayed that fortune from \$12,000 obtained from sale of a Nebraska farm he inherited about 40 years ago from

his mother, who had got it from her father.

To that money Baldwin, a semi-invalid most of his life, added little sums earned in the bicycle repair shop he used to operate in Kansas City's disreputable north end. He put it all in stocks and when the crash came in 1929 he held on to what he had and bought more—at prices lower than rock bottom.

Even then, he was rich," Whitaker said, "but he never changed his way of living."

"He had a peculiar consideration for money. He just didn't believe in spending any of it."

Like his poverty-stricken neighbors, Baldwin lived in a single room, frying hamburger for himself and making coffee on a two-burner gas plate. His worn clothes he patched and re-patched, doing the sewing himself, and his own laundry.

In late years he indulged in one extravagance. He spent the winters in the south. He drove to Florida, or California, or south Texas, in a wheezy old car.