

MISSING MEN FOUND MURDERED

Harmony Hopes Dim as Demos Meet

'Loyalty Pledge' May Bring Fight On Floor Tuesday

Stevenson Makes Plea For Harmony

Convention Hall, Chicago — (U.P.)—Feuding and rudderless Democrats opened their 31st national convention Monday with little apparent hope of preventing a factional split that could jeopardize their chances of keeping the White House in November.

The party's 1,632 delegates, flanked by alternates and thousands of guests and spectators, trooped to the big meeting hall by the stockyards for the angriest and most confused Democratic convention in 20 years.

Stevenson Makes Plea

The man many would like to draft for the presidential race, Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, delivered an impassioned plea for harmony in the main address of the opening session.

But harmony hopes seemed certain to explode Monday night or Tuesday in a name-throwing floor fight over a proposal to write into the convention rules a "loyalty pledge" aimed at anti-Truman Southerners.

Democratic National Chairman Frank E. McKinney gavelled the convention to order at 9 a.m. PST, 30 minutes late.

Delegates Warned

Stevenson, who doesn't want the nomination but hasn't said "no" to a draft, told the delegates to forget personalities and concentrate on principles. Above all, he pleaded with them not to repeat the hate-breeding "carnage" which characterized the Republican struggle two weeks ago between the camps of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen. Robert A. Taft.

Something was inserted into the schedule when the 52-year-old Illinois governor stepped to the speaker's lectern and faced the delegates in this big arena by the stockyards.

That "something" was a tremendous five-minute demonstration which had all the earmarks of a spontaneous salute to the man whose friends hope to draft him to head the party's ticket in November.

Stevenson's friends, among them some of the party's most powerful leaders, saw the reception for their man as support of their contention that a movement to draft the governor would gain momentum.

BULLETIN

Portland — (U.P.)—Ben. W. Olcott, former Republican governor of Oregon, died Monday in Physicians & Surgeons hospital. He was 79.

Drama Lacking As Demos Seek Unity

BY R. W. RUHL

Chicago — This is Hamlet with Hamlet left out. There is plenty of ham, of course, but to date no mustard.

Governor Stevenson's welcoming speech was excellent. But it was delivered not in the tense atmosphere or tones of the night before the "Big Game." But rather a temperate and discriminating appeal to the Democratic football squads.

In other words, this to date is not a bare-knuckle fight between the party-champ and his young challenger with bitter feeling and homicidal aims on both sides, rather it is a get-together meeting within the lodge, to gain unity and quell inner conflicts, so, instead of increasing excitement and suspense as time goes on, there promises to be less of both, and eventually a nominee who will not represent the result of victory of one faction over another, but the accommodation of all factions to a compromise candidate.

This is a perfectly natural and legitimate aim, but it does not contribute to the dramatic or human interest of the gathering.

11 Oregonians Lose Lives in Mishaps; Automobile Accidents Account for Five

By UNITED PRESS

Accidents claimed more lives in Oregon during the past week-end and Friday than in the three-day Fourth of July holiday week-end.

Eleven persons died either in mishaps or of injuries suffered earlier in the week. Eight persons were killed over the Fourth.

Portlanders Killed

Latest fatality was Arthur E. Grebe, 50, of Portland, who was dead on arrival at a Seaside hospital after an accident Sunday near Cannon Beach junction.

Donna Cox, 16, and JoAnn Steen, 16, both of Albany, died in a crash on Highway 99W, 15 miles northeast of Eugene.

QUAKE LEAVES 'MANY' VICTIMS IN CALIFORNIA

Tehachapi, Calif. — (U.P.)—A violent earthquake bucked through California like a wild bronc Monday, leveling this little prison town and leaving "many dead and injured" in its wake.

Ray Cloud, United Press Correspondent and one of the first persons from the outside to reach this stricken community of 2,500, counted 11 dead and 35 injured.

"And they are digging up more bodies as fast as the rescue crews can break through the debris," said Cloud, who is news editor of radio station KVAL at nearby Lancaster.

Another report from the scene, received by a ham radio operator in San Francisco, said "at least 12 dead" had been recovered.

"All the dead and injured were in bed at the time of the quake," Cloud said. Most of the dead were in the two-story brick hotel in the center of the business district.

"The entire business district is flat," he added. "There is not a building standing."

He described the town as "a scene of horror" with residents gingerly picking their way through the broken bricks and twisted metal looking for relatives or friends.

People Not Sure

What Hit Them

"It still is all confusion," he added. "The people are not sure what hit them — even yet — more than four hours after the quake."

The quake, described by Dr. Joseph Lynch of Fordham University, as "the second most powerful to ever hit California," rolled across the Mojave Desert shortly before dawn and was officially clocked at 4:55 a.m.

The long, rolling waves of the quake were felt in diminishing strength for the next 45 minutes. It was felt as far north as Santa Rosa, Calif., 60 miles above San Francisco; south to Ensenada, Mex., 200 miles south of Los Angeles; and east to Reno, Nev., and the Arizona border.

Prison "Unusable"

The waves which twisted in every direction rendered the beautiful Tehachapi California women's prison "unusable" and forced the inmates to scurry from the buildings in fear of their lives.

While the Mojave Desert area caught the brunt of the recurring quakes, the rest of Southern California was jolted out of bed and in most cases onto the streets in terror.

Two huge oil fires were started, at a refinery 25 miles southwest of Bakersfield and in an oil field near Newhall. Two Southern Pacific right-of-way tunnels were collapsed and eight miles of track twisted into a metal web.

A half dozen downtown Los Angeles buildings spewed their plate glass windows onto the nearly deserted streets, while the jarring set off hundreds of burglar alarms and set church bells chiming in Pasadena.

Four plane-loads of Red Cross doctors, nurses and rescue personnel were flown to Tehachapi.

Lad, 5, Unharmed After 29½ Hours In Wilderness Area

By ERIC ALLEN JR. Mail Tribune City Editor

"Mummy, I'll bet you can't guess where I've been."

This was five-year-old Ernie Leffler's greeting to his weeping mother yesterday afternoon. He had just been found by searchers after spending 29½ hours

Mrs. Raymond Clark, mother of Ernie Leffler, called at The Mail Tribune office this morning and asked the newspaper to convey the family's thanks for "all the wonderful help we had in finding Ernie."

Mrs. Clark, whose husband is with the Army in Germany, is living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones, 1985 Orchard Home drive. She said she, her parents, and the boy's father, Herman Leffler of Klamath Falls, wished they could thank the hundreds of searchers and others helping, personally. But since they can't, she wanted the newspaper to convey her message of appreciation.

lost in the wilderness near Fourmile lake, east of Mt. McLoughlin.

Ernie was fine. He had a little patch of poison oak on his neck, and a couple of scratches. And he was hungry. Other than that he was unharmed.

The youngster was found by six members of a volunteer crew of Medford Corporation employees, part of an amazing search effort which was organized a few hours after young Ernie was reported missing. On Hillside

The men—Bill Harris, O. R. Abbott, C. A. Capello, Jess Francis, Ansel Connelly and Bud Tungate—said they found the boy on a rough hillside about a mile from Fourmile lake, and a mile and a half or two miles from the lakeside spot where he was last seen Saturday morning at 8:30.

The little boy didn't seem particularly scared when they found him, they said, but he was a bit confused. Hearing their voices, he started to run, but in the wrong direction. They had to chase him before they could carry him back to camp in triumph.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Raymond Clark, 1985 Orchard Home drive, and his father, Herman Leffler, an employee of the

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SEARCHERS FIND LOST BOY



FATHER GREETS SON—At left above, Herman Leffler, Klamath Falls, is shown hugging his son, five-year-old Ernie Leffler, after he was found about 2 p.m. by six members of the search parties who had been looking for the boy all night. The boy's grandfather, Earl Jones, Medford, looks on. The youngster was unharmed, except for a couple of scratches and some poison oak, and was mostly concerned about "my Mickey



Mouse sweater" and a cap pistol he had lost during the 29½ hours he spent in the rugged, forested wilderness near Fourmile lake. At right, Mrs. Raymond Clark, who lives with her parents, the Joneses, is shown as she appeared at the camp yesterday afternoon about an hour before her son was found. As the picture was snapped Mrs. Clark was reading the story of the search for her son in Sunday's Mail Tribune.



SEARCHERS AWAIT WORD — Shown above is the search headquarters established over the week-end at Fourmile lake, high in the Cascades on the east slopes of Mt. McLoughlin, where the search for Ernie Leffler was directed. The car at right is a state police vehicle, and the one in the center is owned by Elk Lumber company. It is equipped with radios, and was the means of communication between the camp and Medford. At the time the picture was taken, about a half-hour before the missing youngster was found, the boy's family and friends and

5, and Lloyd, 4—to the lake for a week-end camping trip.

At about 8:30 a.m. they were ready to go out in a boat to fish. The boys had to visit the toilet house before they left, and the three went together. The older and younger were through first, and told Ernie they'd meet him at the boat.

Last Time Seen

That was the last anyone saw of him until Sunday afternoon about 2. Somehow the youngster had become confused, perhaps because the toilet house faced away from the lake. With in moments—Jones said perhaps

five or possibly ten minutes—Mrs. Jones became tired of waiting, and went to hurry Ernie. He was gone.

There were many campers and fishermen at the lake Saturday and a search, of sorts, began. It was late morning before word was gotten to the U. S. Forest Service Ranger station at Lake O' Woods. Ranger Bob Cooper, who has conducted other successful searches before, including the one for elderly Camille Bowles last year, took charge.

Cooperation Begins

Here is where the story of cooperation begins. Before night-

fall, more than 100 men were at the lake—men from Klamath Falls and men from Medford and Butte Falls. A commissary was organized, and food was supplied. The radio network of the Southern Oregon Conversation and Tree Farm association did vitally important work in calling for volunteers, and getting the news of the boy's disappearance and the need for volunteer searchers to the newspapers and radio stations.

Some 27 scouts from Camp McLoughlin patrolled the shores of the lake, on the chance the boy could have fallen in. Other

Executives Found Bound and Shot; FBI Called In

Details of Killing Unavailable Late Today

Two motor firm executives, missing in Crater Lake National park since Saturday, were found dead this afternoon, according to Park Superintendent John B. Wosky. They had been tied and shot to death, Wosky said.

No other details of the double killing were available at press time, Wosky said he is getting in touch with the Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately.

There are "absolutely no new clues" regarding two men who have been missing under "mysterious circumstances" in Crater Lake National park since Saturday, park officials reported this morning.

The two—A. N. Jones, 56, Concord, Calif., west coast sales manager for United Motors Service, and C. P. Culhane, 55, Detroit, Mich., general sales manager of UMS—are the objects of a search near First Outlook, a viewpoint on precipitous Annie Creek canyon about six or seven miles from the park entrance.

Car Found Parked

John B. Wosky, park superintendent, said the men registered at the south entrance to the park about 1 p. m. Saturday. Their car was found parked at the viewpoint at First Outlook shortly thereafter by two Klamath Falls businessmen, with whom they had an appointment.

Those who found the car were F. W. Everlein, of Specialized Service garage, and John A. Vaughn, an auto parts dealer, both of Klamath Falls. They had planned to meet Jones and Culhane, who were on a fishing trip at a cabin near the lake when Everlein and Vaughn recognized the UMS-owned green Pontiac sedan as they drove by, and stopped.

There was no sign of the two men, but all their personal effects, including clothing and briefcases, were still in the car, as were the car keys. Everlein and Vaughn waited for a time, and when the others did not show up, reported to park headquarters.

A search party was organized at once, and made its way to the bottom of the canyon, some 350 to 500 feet below the viewpoint where the car was parked. Four searchers spent the night on the canyon floor, using sleeping bags which were tossed down to them from the canyon rim. The search continued all day Sunday, and resumed this morning, with 15 men taking part.

State police were notified, and aided in the search Sunday.

Park officials are operating on the theory that the men fell from the canyon top, or had been involved in some other sort of accident. The search is being conducted in a fairly circumscribed area. There is no specific evidence thus far that there might have been foul play, rangers said.

One party of rangers entered the canyon by ropes today while others searched the forest area on the other side of the road.

Park authorities said that because of the "mysterious circumstances" involved in their disappearance, the FBI had been contacted and another executive of General Motors was reported en route here by plane to investigate the case. They declined to elaborate, but said it appeared most likely the pair had halted their car to look at the scenery and then lost their footing at the side of the canyon.

crews patrolled the irrigation ditch which runs from Fourmile lake to Fish lake. Later it was drained and searched, and later a boat was taken down it, just to make sure.

By Sunday morning, some 150 men were among the active searchers, Ranger Cooper estimated. Later, as men became exhausted in the struggle over the rocks and logs, and through the brush of the heavily-forested areas, fresh crews replaced them. Some 75 were actively looking for the boy at the time he was found.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy and slightly cooler Monday night and Tuesday.
Highest Yesterday 91
Lowest this Morning 56