

Kefauver Charges Scheme Afoot For Synthetic Stevenson Draft

Chicago — (U.P.) — Sen. Estes Kefauver Wednesday accused Jacob M. Arvey, Democratic national committeeman, from Illinois, of conniving and scheming for a "synthetic draft" of Gov. Adlai Stevenson as the Democratic presidential nominee.

The Tennessee senator also told a cheering crowd of 400 of his supporters for the Democratic presidential nomination that he would "not accept or consider" the vice presidential nomination.

Toughest Speech

It was Kefauver's toughest speech to date and came as forces of Averell Harriman and Kefauver worked to pool their strength and stop a Stevenson bandwagon movement.

Arvey, a power in the party, has been pushing the nomination of Stevenson despite the governor's reluctance.

Kefauver told a foot-stamping, cheering crowd at a breakfast meeting in the Congress hotel, that Stevenson has expressed no stand on labor, civil rights, and other issues.

"Do you know where Stevenson stands on labor?" Kefauver asked.

"No, no," the crowd shouted. "Are you going to allow a draft?"

"No, no," his backers roared.

State of Confusion

Kefauver said that the fight over the loyalty pledge issue in the convention is in a state of confusion, and that he will not accept the peace proposal of Sen. Blair Moody of Michigan unless it carries an outright pledge that Southern delegates will do their best to assure that the candidates chosen at the convention are on the ballot in their states in November.

Kefauver also took a swing at Chicago newspapers, which, he said, want Arvey to be successful in drafting Stevenson, and were "really Republican" newspapers at heart.

Kefauver's floor leader, Pitt Tyson Maner, said Stevenson supporters are led by "a guy named Arvey who has a pipe line to Springfield and wants to extend it to Washington."

Cool Front Brings Slight Relief to Midwestern Area

By UNITED PRESS

A cold front, dawdling along like an errant schoolboy, slipped slowly eastward Wednesday and ran headlong into the year's worst heat wave.

The mass of cool air promised slight relief for the suffering Midwest, but the outlook for the rest of the nation was dreary, with continued hot and humid weather predicted.

Hundreds Collapse

Hundreds of persons collapsed from the prolonged heat Tuesday. Eleven soldiers were treated for heat exhaustion at Ft. Jackson, S.C. The Army launched a precautionary campaign after two soldiers died from the blistering heat.

Citizens of Cleveland, O., where the mercury hovered at 98, used 358,000,000 gallons of water during a 24-hour period, an all-time record for water consumption in the city.

Hottest spot in the nation was



SECOND VICTORY — Mat White of Columbus, O., winning his second straight 800-meter Olympic title at Helsinki to tie his own 1948 record of 1 minute 49.2 seconds. Trailing him is Arthur Wint of Jamaica.

Las Vegas, Nev., where gamblers sweated out 110 degree temperatures.

The lagging cold front made a dramatic entrance at Duluth, Minn., where 90-mile an hour winds tore the roof off a warehouse, toppled thousands of trees and smashed windows. Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., said 4,000 telephones were knocked out by the storm which hit neighboring Superior, Wis., with equal force.

Floods Bring Damage

Floods plagued East - Central Minnesota, as damage estimates ran up to \$3,000,000.

Hail stones the size of marbles pelted Toledo, O. One man was knocked unconscious by lightning, and gusts of wind up to 70 miles an hour were reported. The temperature dropped from 98 to 65 degrees in 30 minutes.

Ex-OLCC Bookkeeper Gets Prison Term

Portland — (U.P.) — Fred J. Clemo, 59, former bookkeeper for the Oregon State Liquor Control Commission has been sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary for larceny of public money.

Clemon pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced Tuesday by Multnomah County Circuit Judge MacCormac Snow.

The ex-bookkeeper is accused of misappropriating some \$4200 but Deputy District Attorney Robert R. Carney told the court that since return of the indictment the shortage was found to be nearly \$28,000.

Friends of Clemon said he had lost most of the money in poker games.

Dentists File Suit To Divorce School

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon dentists have filed suit in Marion county circuit court to force the State Board of Higher Education to separate the University of Oregon Dental School from direct university control.

The suit was filed by the Oregon State Dental Association, the advisory committee of the dental school and District Attorney Edward O. Stadter Jr. of Marion county. It contends the 1945 law establishing the dental school provides the school shall operate directly under control, management and jurisdiction of the State Board of Higher Education.

Eagle Point School Bids Called Aug. 8

Eagle Point — A call for bids for erection of an addition to the Eagle Point elementary school has been announced by school district 9.

The addition will be about 200 feet by 80 feet. It will be a one-story pumice block building and will consist of six classrooms, toilet rooms, janitors' and storage rooms and covered corridors. It will be built south of the present building.

Bids are to be delivered to Superintendent Glen D. Hale by 8 p.m. August 8. Hale's offices are in the high school building in Eagle Point.

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Drunken Prison Escapees In Short Bolt for Freedom

Salem — (U.P.) — Two prisoners from Oregon State prison were behind bars again Wednesday after they made an audacious attempt at freedom while intoxicated Tuesday night.

Frank George McDonald, 55, and Edward G. DeHart, 36, both trustees, were apprehended by aroused citizens less than half an hour after they left the grounds of the penitentiary in a stolen prison truck around 9 p.m.

Drank Fermented Juice

Prison officials said the two

men, who were working in the prison garden outside the walls of the penitentiary, became intoxicated by drinking pruno, a liquor made by fermenting fruit juice. They climbed into a pickup truck owned by the prison and raced away down the street only to crash into a house two blocks away.

The inebriated convicts were taken into custody by citizens of the neighborhood and held until prison officials and guards arrived, according to Deputy Warden Larry O'Brien.

Long Criminal Record

McDonald was sentenced to serve 15 years on Aug. 21, 1945 from Multnomah county for assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. He has a criminal record dating back to 1918.

DeHart was sentenced from Marion county on Aug. 30, 1951, for three years on a burglary count.

Most Oregonians Drawing Benefits Will Get Increase

Portland — (U.P.) — Most Oregonians receiving social security retirement benefits will get increases in their checks of at least \$5 a month, effective Sept. 1.

James Peebles, manager of the Portland Social Security Administration office, said about 60,000 Oregon beneficiaries were affected by legislation signed Friday by President Truman providing increases of \$5 a month or 12½ per cent of what previously was received, whichever is larger.

Some Get State Aid

Some 5,000 will receive no actual boost because, in addition to receiving federal social security pensions, they get supplemental aid from state welfare funds. The federal increase will be added to benefits, but the state aid will be reduced by a similar amount.

The new federal legislation also authorizes aid to public assistance recipients — the aged, blind, totally disabled and dependent children — to be increased from \$3 to \$5 a week. About 35,000 persons in Oregon are involved.

City Dads Ponder When is a Hedge Really a Fence

When is a hedge a fence? That is something the City of Medford is trying to decide.

A woman appeared at the city council meeting last night to object that a hedge next to her house is 14 feet high. Fences are limited to a height of four feet, she said, and some cities — Los Angeles and Portland — have declared hedges are the same as fences and liable to the same restrictions.

Looking at the city ordinance regarding fences, the council decided that it needs clarification. "It leaves us on the fence," Councilman Paul Selby said seriously.

The matter was referred to the superintendent's office and the city attorney for further study. Mayor Diamond Flynn said he expected some action to be taken before the next council meeting.

Captain John B. Montgomery of the frigate "Portsmouth" raised the American flag in Portsmouth Plaza, San Francisco, July 9, 1846.

Medford Boys Given Green Guard Badges

Two Medford youngsters were presented the badges of captains in the Green Guard of the Keep Oregon Green association at ceremonies at the Toy House yesterday.

They are Teddy Lawson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Earl Lawson, 40 Crater Lake avenue, and Sam Jennings Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jennings, 932 Reddy avenue.

The badges were presented to the boys for obtaining five new members each in the Green Guard, which is the organization of youngsters who are trained to spot and report forest fires, and given material to increase public consciousness of the danger of fires.

Dave Koblik of the Toy House is in charge of Green Guard recruiting for the KOG committee in Jackson County, and has enlisted a number of young people in the organization. He and L. L. Simpson, county KOG chairman, made the presentations.

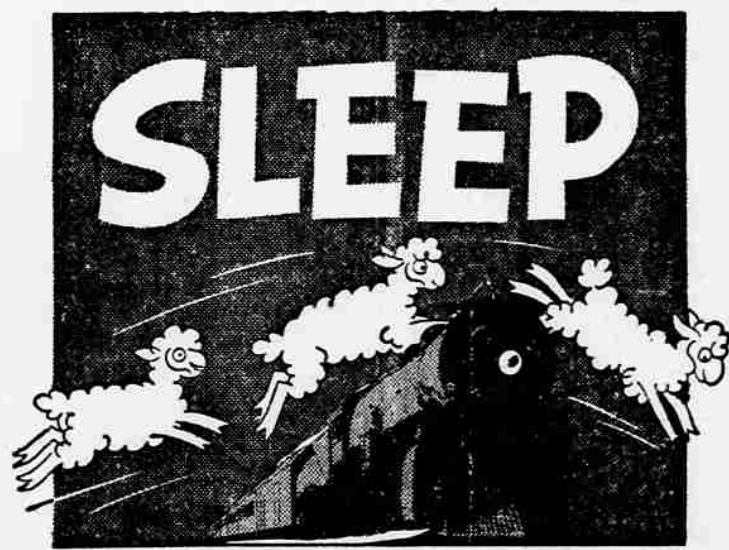
Unique Passion Play Scheduled Aug. 4 to 8

Portland — The American passion play, "The Gift of God," will be shown for the second season at the Reed college campus here, August 4 to 8 at 8:30 p.m.

The play differs from most plays of its type in that the part of Christ is not played by a visible actor, according to the author and producer, the Rev. Dr. Louis Harrison Kaub. "But He is there," Dr. Kaub said.

The play is presented without admittance by the Portland Methodist Ministers' association. Its cast numbers 150 and there is a choir of 100 voices. The play is nonsectarian and is intended as "an adventure in worship." "Certain parts of the Portland production were superior to the famed German Oberammergau passion play," according to Dr. Ralph Walker, of First Baptist church in Portland, who has seen both productions.

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