

DEMO DELEGATES READY FOR BALLOTING

Stevenson Cause Gains Momentum; Two Men Drop Out

Balloting Likely To Start Tonight

Convention Hall, Chicago — (U.P.)—The band wagon rolling Adlai E. Stevenson toward the Democratic presidential nomination leaped ahead Thursday as the convention boiled over in a spate of nominating speeches and staged demonstrations.

With presidential balloting likely to get under way Thursday night, two candidates withdrew from the race in moves expected to throw new strength to the Illinois governor.

Bulkey, McMahon Quit

Former Sen. Robert J. Bulkey bowed out as "favorite son" candidate from Ohio and announced that he will vote for Stevenson. Of Ohio's 54 votes, 27 had been pledged to Bulkey and 27 to Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

The other withdrawal was by Sen. Brien McMahon of Connecticut who is ill in a Washington hospital. John Bailey, chairman of the Connecticut delegation, predicted that "easily more than half" of its 16 votes will go to the Illinois governor on the second ballot.

At about the same time, Massachusetts decided to throw 15½ of its 36 votes to Stevenson on ballot No. 2.

Kefauver, Harriman Meet

But other candidates were keeping up the fight. Kefauver, still front runner in unofficial pre-balloting tabulations, and Averell Harriman met secretly in a Palmer House room to plan stop-Stevenson strategy.

Apparently near an agreement on pooling their strength against the governor, the two candidates said only that they had a "satisfactory discussion." But with word circulating that President Truman himself considered Stevenson a sure-shot winner, here and against the Republicans in November, a successful coalition against the governor seemed unlikely.

As the convention pushed through its fourth day with the delegates knocking themselves out in staged riots for their favorites, three Dixie rebel delegations called for a showdown on their disputed right to vote in the presidential balloting.

Loyalty Pledge Refused
The issue arose because Virginia, South Carolina, and Louisiana refused to sign "loyalty pledges" required under a new convention rule.

Govs. James F. Byrnes, S.C.; John S. Battle, Va., and Robert F. Kennon, La., sent Permanent Chairman Sam Rayburn a joint letter demanding that he rule "whether we are, or are not, members of the convention" entitled to full participation.

Rayburn already has said he believes the Dixie delegations have a right to be here, and the understanding is that he will rule they have voting rights, too.

Ten Nominations Planned

Thursday's orgy of speech-making and accompanying whooping and hollering will last through the afternoon and into the night. Around 10 names are being put before the convention. First man placed in nomination was Georgia's Sen. Richard B. Russell. His nominator was Sen. Walter F. George, also of Georgia.

Alaska yielded to Tennessee, whose Gov. Gordon Browning put Kefauver in nomination. The Kefauver demonstration was even noisier and longer than Russell's.

It was the fourth day of the Democrats' 31st national convention, and it was the big session set aside every four years for the delegates to knock themselves out hollering and knocking for their favorites.

Buckshot Hill House Burned to Ground

A house on Buckshot hill, northeast of Medford, burned down early today, it was reported by the state forest patrol. A two-man crew which answered the alarm arrived too late to save the house.

The owners of the house were away, patrolmen were told, and they were unable to obtain their names. The patrol frequently answers fire alarms such as this, despite the fact that the forestry department is not charged with this responsibility.

The burned house is in the boundaries of the proposed Medford Rural Fire district, the formation of which will be voted on tomorrow.

Washington — (U.P.)— Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., who faces a stiff re-election fight this year, underwent a major hernia operation Thursday at the nearby Bethesda, Md., Naval Medical Center.

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Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Friday. Slightly warmer. Low tonight 48-50; high Friday 88. Temp. Highest Yesterday 83. Lowest this Morning 48.

Conventions Alike In "Stop" Efforts

By R. W. RUHL

Chicago, July 24—(Special by wire)—The similarity between these two national conventions continues. As the nominating speeches start there is a last-minute effort headed by Franklin Roosevelt to stop Governor Stevenson, just as there was a last-minute effort on the part of Taft supporters to stop Eisenhower two weeks ago.

Now, as then, it looks as if the effort had come too late, Stevenson being too far in the lead to stop. But only those with a crystal ball can be certain before the votes have been counted—and that crystal ball must work.

Meanwhile, if the many balloons of many colors, pictures and slogans of many candidates on many standards on the floor, arming of the galleries with confetti balls, whistles, cow bells, noise producers of all kinds and sizes, are any indication, it will be a long, long time before the actual balloting starts.

Democratic Platform Promises Americans Continued Prosperity

Chicago — (U.P.)— The Democrats dodged a floor fight on civil rights Thursday and adopted a party platform pledging the American people continued prosperity and "world peace with honor."

The uneasy truce was reached in the stockyard Convention hall shortly before 1 a.m. (CST) after three days of clamorous dispute over racial discrimination that threatened for a time to blast the South clear out of the party.

Great Chorus of "Ayes"
House Majority Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts read the 8,500-word platform to the convention delegates. Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas, convention chairman, called for a voice vote.

A great chorus of "ayes" welled from the amphitheatre, followed by a loud roar of "no." Rayburn slammed down his gavel and announced that the "ayes" had it.

Gov. Herman Talmadge of Georgia grabbed the microphone to demand that his state be recorded as voting against the platform. Rayburn agreed, and said he would comply with a similar request from Mississippi.

Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas said his delegation also "wanted to vote no" but didn't get a chance to have its opposition recorded.

No Plans Indicated
There was no indication that the Southerners planned to do anything more than register their displeasure with the civil rights plank, which was a compromise hammered out at an all-night session of the platform drafting subcommittee Wednesday.

The platform — the statement of principles and promises on which the Democrats will try to keep Dwight D. Eisenhower and his Republicans out of the White House — included these key claims and promises:

The American people, farmers, labor, businessmen, never had it so good as they have under the past 20 years of Democratic rule.

Our foreign policy of aid to and alliances with anti-communist nations abroad is costly and will continue that way. But it is halting Russian expansion and keeping the peace.

The Democrats want strong and balanced defense forces — land, sea and air.

No Tax Reduction Promised
Taxes are high because of that military spending, and the Democrats aren't making any "reckless promises" like the Republicans did to reduce them.

Farm prices will continue to be supported under Democratic rule at 90 per cent of parity to keep farmers prosperous and to insure plenty of food for consumers at reasonable prices.

The Taft-Hartley law is unfair to labor and should be repealed. The controversial core of the platform came in the last two of its 13 major planks: "Improving congressional procedures," and "civil rights."

Historic Departure
The first was an historic departure for the Democrats. It called for action as soon as the 83rd Congress convenes in January to end the Senate filibuster — the one effective weapon the Southern minority holds to ward off federal legislation enforcing racial equality.

That doesn't mean the filibuster will die in January. The Southerners can and probably will talk to death any such move. But the Northern "liberal" Democrats hailed it as a big advance in the civil rights fight. The Southerners succeeded in

No Clues Reported By Police, FBI, In Lake Murders

Search for Dunkin To Be Intensified

Police and FBI agents today reported no new clues in the search for the murderers of two men whose bodies were found in Crater Lake National park Monday.

FBI agents working on the case, out of their Klamath Falls headquarters, said they have eliminated quite a few possibilities concerning the slayer or slayers. A few strong theories remain, none of which is being given priority over the others, the agents said.

As is frequently the case, the FBI men declined to go into detail on their progress in the case. It is known, however, that they are checking on cars which entered the park last Saturday, when the two men were shot in cold blood as they were seated, gagged with their own neckties and without shoes.

A skull fracture and abdominal bruises on the body of A. M. Jones, one of the two victims, indicated he may have struggled with his assailant before he was murdered. The other man was C. P. Culhane, Detroit, Mich. Both were executives of a General Motors parts subsidiary.

Dr. George Adler, Klamath county coroner who performed an autopsy on the bodies, said both deaths were due to wounds caused by a .32 caliber pistol.

In Medford, State Police Capt. Paul Parsons said that the search for George Baker Dunkin, 67, who has been sought since the fatal shooting, one month ago today, of Officer Phil Lowd, is being intensified.

Although police discount the theory that Dunkin is involved in the Crater Lake murders, Captain Parsons said that he now has sufficient manpower available to step up the search for Dunkin. His men who were assigned to the Crater lake case are now back, and other members of the force who have attended an annual police school in Corvallis this week also have returned.

"We're using all the means at our disposal to get Dunkin," Captain Parsons said.

Jim Forbes, of the Butte Falls Ranger station, reported this afternoon that an Oregon Journal carrier had picked up James Marion Hurst Tuesday, and brought him to Medford, dropping him near the outskirts. Forbes reported this to the sheriff's office early today, he said.

No further word was immediately available this morning on the disappearance of James Marion Hurst, who was reported missing Tuesday by his wife after he failed to come home after quitting his job on the Willow Creek dam above Butte Falls.

A deputy sheriff was in Butte Falls today investigating the case. The man was known to have been in Butte Falls after he was seen on the road to there. George L. Johnston, 16 Laurel street, Medford, said last night, after reading Hurst's description in The Mail Tribune, that he believes he gave the man a ride on Tuesday.

Barkley's Speech Brings Tremendous Ovation
Convention Hall, Chicago — (U.P.)— The Democratic party handed its heart Wednesday night to Alben W. Barkley.

It was in part payment of the gigantic debt it owes its grand old man.

For one hour and 42 minutes the 74-year-old vice-president stood gallantly in the heat and glare before 12,500 other Democrats.

Addresses Off The Cuff
For 36 minutes of that time he talked, delivering off the cuff an address so packed with the old time religion of Democratic politics that at times he had his hearers shouting and all but weeping.

The other hour and six minutes he spent receiving — humbly but gallantly — a great outpouring of unashamed affection. Since 1905, long before a good half of the thousands jammed in Convention hall were born, Alben William Barkley has been serving his party's cause.

This year he got in his head that the Democrats, having made him a vice-president, might need his services as president. He came to his party's 31st national convention here ready and willing to take on the job.

Last Monday he was told that the men for whom he had done the most, the leaders of organized labor, didn't want him and would not support him. They told him bluntly that he was too old.

Hurt Deepest of All
The Veep had been hurt before when the party sidetracked him for vice-president in 1940, when his beloved FDR stung him by vetoing a tax bill he had guided through the Senate, on numerous occasions when other men for various reasons were pushed ahead of him in the party's honors list.

This time the hurt was deepest of all.

He said the hell with it; he issued a bitter statement withdrawing from the race.

He left a sorely divided convention and got ready to go home to Paducah. He was an angry man. His "walk" lasted just two days. Democratic National Chairman Frank E. McKinney told him he was the one man who could pull the party together.

So Wednesday night Alben Barkley took on one more chore for the Democrats.

Undiluted Drama
For the people out front, the delegates and alternates on the



PLENTY OF CONVERSATION features Democratic national convention and James Roosevelt (left), son of late President, does his share of talking in huddle with State Senator George Miller, chairman of California's Kefauver-pledged delegation. (International)

Coal Industry Faces New Wage Battle as Walkout Threatened

Washington — (U.P.)— John L. Lewis and the coal industry squared off Thursday for a new wage battle amid threats of a nationwide coal strike within two months.

The 72-year-old United Mine Workers chief has served notice on the bituminous coal industry that he wants a new contract for 400,000 soft coal miners within 56 days.

Could Strike September 20
If the negotiations are not successful — and indications are that both sides are set for a long, hard fight — the miners will be free to strike Sept. 20. The walkout would come just as the nation prepares for cooler weather.

Industry spokesmen reported that Lewis notified the soft coal industry's chief negotiator, Harry Moses of the Bituminous Coal Producers' association, that he was severing the present coal contract 601 days from last Monday.

The white-haired, shaggy-browed miners' boss maintained a stony silence in his headquarters here, refusing to comment on the reports. He did not deny that they were true.

Lewis Delayed Move
The present contract allowed Lewis to terminate the agreement on 60 days notice as early as Feb. 1. The shrewd-bargaining ex-miner decided to delay his move until now.

Observers felt the delay might have been due to the drawn-out steel strike. In the past, Lewis has kept an eye on wage increases won for Steelworkers by CIO leader Philip Murray, and has often won a greater boost for his miners.

Lewis feels that now is the strategic time to move. However, the situation is not bright for a quick settlement.

Stockpiles High
One reason is the high stockpile of coal. Another is the selling price of coal. Prices have not risen for several years, due to the competition from other types of fuel, and operators feel their profit margin is already too low.

Lewis has not revealed what he will ask for his miners, but it probably will include a wage boost, another payment to the miners' welfare fund and a shorter work week.

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