

Sam Rayburn Seen as Compromise Demo Candidate Next Year

Lawton, Okla. —(U.P.)— House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) may emerge as a compromise Democratic nominee for president next year, Lyle Wilson, a United Press vice-president and general manager of the Washington bureau told Oklahoma editors Saturday.

"There are Southern conservatives who would balk at Adlai Stevenson, but who likely would go along with Mr. Sam," the veteran Washington correspondent said in a speech prepared for delivery to an Oklahoma Press Association meeting.

"These conservatives do not want Harriman (Gov. Averell Harriman of New York). There is no enthusiasm among them for Sen. Estes Kefauver," Wilson said.

However Wilson said "another Eisenhower-Stevenson contest in 1956 seems more likely than not" although speculation has arisen about a possible Rayburn compromise.

Stevenson Opposition Meeting

"Opposition to the renomination of Stevenson by the Democrats is melting," Wilson said. "The strategy of some other Democratic hopefuls seems at this time to be wait-and-see. Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, for example is firmly and public-

ly committed to Stevenson's renomination.

"Harriman's declaration for Stevenson is not regarded as taking the New Yorkers out of the race. Instead it seems more likely to have been designed to maintain the very best of political relations with the Stevenson elements of the Democratic party," the Washington newsman told the 250 editors registered here.

"Then if Stevenson did not choose to run, Harriman would be in a good position to seek and perhaps to gain Stevenson's support for his own nomination."

"Sen. Estes Kefauver," Wilson continued, "hints that he is not seeking the Democratic nomination. This is believed to be the same brand of strategy."

"Sin Lyndon Johnson, the young Texan who is Democratic leader of the Senate, is not an avowed presidential candidate, but he is not endorsing anyone else so far, and Washington expects him to be among the 1956 starters."

Russell Won't Run

"Georgia's Sen. Richard Russell who led the lost conservative Democratic cause in the 1952 nominating convention says he will not try again — and evidently means it," Wilson told the Oklahoma newsmen.

"All this adds up to rapidly clearing field for Stevenson—if he wants to run. He is telling people confidentially that the idea is beginning to sound good to him."

Wilson said that on the Republican side, it is up to President Eisenhower. He can "have the nomination on a silver platter," Wilson said.

Mr. Eisenhower says he will announce his plans in the spring of next year, Wilson said.

"The pressure on him to run already is tremendous," the correspondent reported. "It will increase. The chances now seem to be that Mr. Eisenhower will run again—especially if he is reasonably confident that he can win."

Truman Will Not Campaign in 1956 Unless Requested

Cleveland, Ohio —(U.P.)—Former President Truman said Friday night he will not campaign in 1956 unless requested by the Democratic National committee but will support any presidential candidate selected by the national convention.

Mr. Truman indicated he will support unsuccessful 1952 Democratic candidate Adlai E. Stevenson for the nomination.

May Have Influence

"Maybe I'll have some influence on the choice," the former Chief Executive said. He was in Cleveland to address a \$100-a-plate dinner to raise funds for his Truman Memorial Library at Independence, Mo.

"Will a duck swim," the 71-year-old former Chief Executive countered when a newsman asked if he still favored Stevenson.

Then he quickly added that "I'm not going to do any campaigning... unless asked."

Declines Comment

Mr. Truman declined comment on most political questions, never mentioned politics at the dinner, but said earlier that "partisan politics might" be behind the confused anti-polio vaccine program.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman were guests of industrialist Cyrus S. Eaton, and visited his Acadia Farms at nearby Northfield Friday afternoon. Eaton announced at the dinner that the subscription had exceeded \$75,000, topping the previous high of \$70,000 for the library set in Philadelphia.

Jackson County Bridge Contracts Awarded

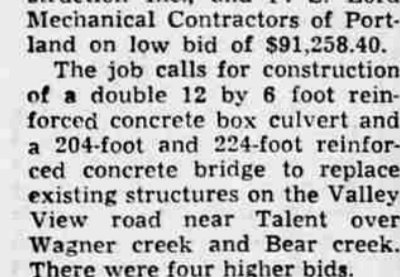
Salem —(U.P.)— The State Highway commission has awarded a Jackson county bridge contract to Columbia Empire Construction Inc., and P. S. Lord Mechanical Contractors of Portland on low bid of \$91,258.40.

The job calls for construction of a double 12 by 6 foot reinforced concrete box culvert and a 204-foot and 224-foot reinforced concrete bridge to replace existing structures on the Valley View road near Talent over Wagner creek and Bear creek. There were four higher bids.

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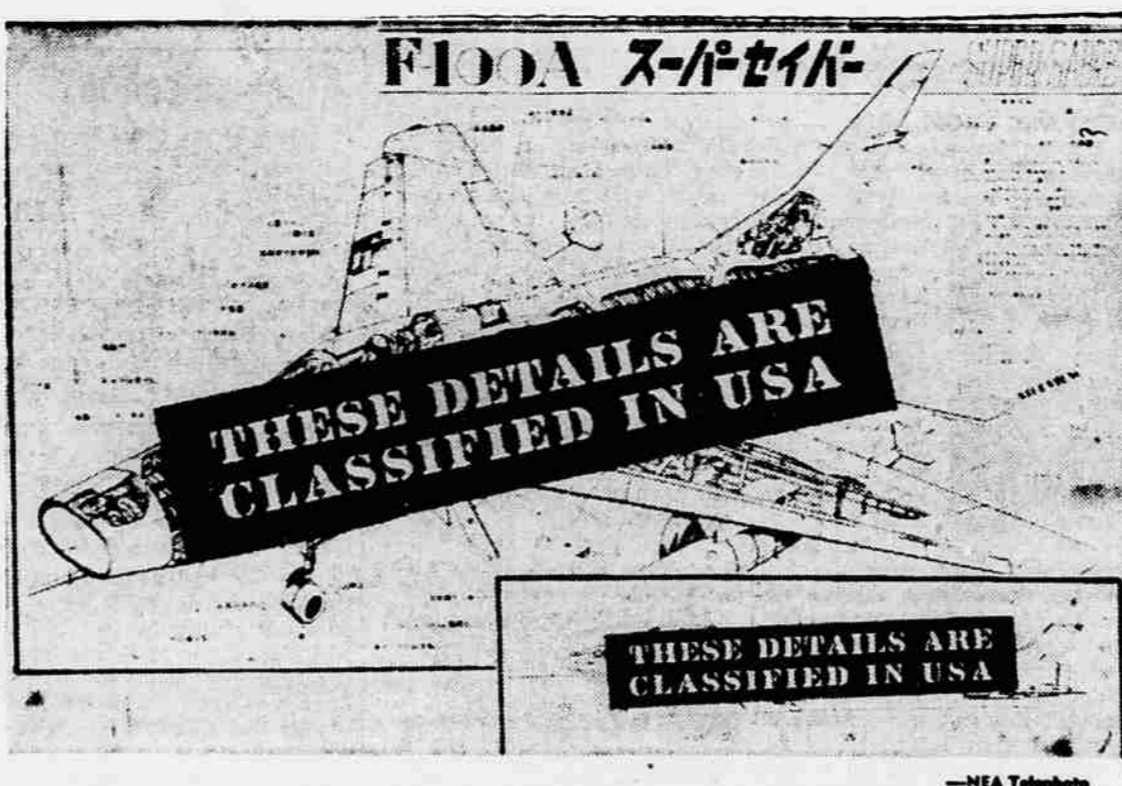
Milwaukee —(U.P.)— The following ad appeared in the want-ad section of Milwaukee Sentinel: "Swap — Spinet desk for 1 Braves' opening day ticket." Mrs. Bernard Norman, who placed the ad, said her husband will be at the opening game.

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Dynamite Explosions Blast Hopes of Men Seeking To File Claims on Uranium Mines

Bakersfield, Calif. —(U.P.)— Dynamite explosions which rocked the uranium-rich Kern River Canyon all day Friday blasted hopes Saturday of prospectors seeking to stake claims on established mines.

By federal order, all previous claims had been invalidated and 2940 acres opened to reclaiming. The area includes two proven uranium mines, the million-dollar Miracle Mine and the Kern Mine.

Warnings Posted

Dynamite was set off at intervals on properties already being developed by the two mining companies. Officials said the charges were set off for "development work" and denied they were designed to scare off prospective claim jumpers.

Warning signs had been posted. The federal order was viewed with disgust by many prospectors who had filed claims earlier in the area some 35 miles north-east of here.

"This is just a government inspired claim jumping rush," declared J. P. Sands of Mojave, Calif., a grizzled miner who claimed he had spotted uranium in the area several years ago.

No Serious Trouble

Nearly 75 sheriff's officers stood by to keep the scramble under control. No serious trouble was reported.

Kern County Sheriff Leroy Galven reported a few angry words and "some blows" were exchanged by uranium hunters shortly before the rush as they jockeyed for favorable positions on the craggy hillsides.

However, he said, "In most cases we have received splendid cooperation. We asked all of them to leave their guns locked in their cars. So far, everyone has complied with our requests to 'take it easy.'"

Heavy Traffic

Traffic into the high Sierra area was described by California Highway Patrolman as "bumper to bumper." Special units were dispatched to keep traffic moving. Officials estimated more than 2,000 hunters and sightseers were present.

More than 300 claims were filed at the county recorder's office, each covering 20 acres. Since this number is twice as much as the average opened to claims, court action appeared certain in many cases.

Lebanon Man Killed In Freak Accident

Reedsport —(U.P.)— Twenty-eight-year-old Charles Franklin Simmons of Lebanon, an employee of the Firshau Logging company, was electrocuted Friday when a power shovel struck a high-voltage power line on the Loon Lake road near here.

The accident occurred when Simmons stepped off a truck which was carrying the shovel to check the clearance. The shovel touched the power line and Simmons was killed instantly.

George Buck Held On Two Indictments

Portland —(U.P.)— Multnomah county sheriff's officers Saturday arrested George H. Buck on two secret grand jury indictments charging manslaughter by abortion. Bail was set at \$5000 on each count.

Buck, an unlicensed physician was accused of performing illegal operations on a 17-year-old girl and a married woman April 9 and April 12.

'Bad Situation' in Wheat Storage at Inland Points

Spokane —(U.P.)— A "bad situation" at harvest time in regard to wheat storage space at inland points was predicted Saturday by Pete Stallcop, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers Association.

Stallcop said there actually will be "storage space for a crop as large as last year's" but that "it will be in the wrong place to be of any value at harvest time."

He warned inland grain elevator operators "to make plans now either to provide some emergency storage facilities or make arrangements to dump grain on the ground at harvest time."

Inability to move grain from country points to terminals and the mothball fleet is the reason for the predicted lack of inland storage space, Stallcop said. He estimated it would take about 45,000 box cars to move the amount of grain necessary to make room for this year's crop. "We are far behind schedule," he said, "and I cannot see much possibility of ever catching up."

He blamed the situation on a general shortage of boxcars in the Northwest, congestion of cars at terminals where unloading is behind schedule for a variety of reasons and on the arrival at terminals ahead of schedule of large shipments of Montana hard wheat and barley.

Infant Dies Hours After First Believed To Be Dead

Houston, Tex. —(U.P.)— An infant who was pronounced dead at birth but later started moving in a funeral home, died early Saturday.

"Baby Girl Dupree," who doctors were hopeful would live, died in an air lock at Jefferson Davis Hospital. She was born four months prematurely Thursday to Mrs. M. C. Dupree.

Dr. Robert P. Kelley, an osteopath who delivered it, said the baby gave every appearance of being dead at birth.

Pronounced Dead

After working over the child for 30 minutes with respiratory stimulants and artificial respiration, Kelley could find no heart beat and pronounced it dead.

Later, a funeral home took the supposedly dead baby away. Some time after that, J. Robert Corry, the funeral director, walked into the room where it lay on an embalming table.

He saw her move, listened, and discovered her heart was beating. She was rushed to North Houston and placed in an air lock.

Late Friday, she was moved to Jefferson Davis Hospital. Her doctor said early Saturday that her condition was good. At that time, she was given "better than a 50-50 chance" to live.

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