

Dixon-Yates Contract Dealt Stiff Blow by Vote in House Subcommittee

Stevenson Strongly Urged To Run Again; 1952 Standard Bearer Has No Comment

Chicago — (U.P.) — Gov. Frank G. Clement of Tennessee, strongly backed as a possible vice-presidential candidate next year, made a dramatic face to face appeal to Adlai E. Stevenson last night to run for the White House.

The audience at a \$100 a plate Democratic dinner broke into cheers as the younger governor praised Stevenson "as the greatest candidate ever temporarily deprived of the presidency."

Stevenson, sitting on the same platform, heard Clement say "I have talked to all sections of the population, and you are entitled to know here tonight that millions of Americans in both political categories are going to be intensely disappointed if Adlai E. Stevenson does not

get in front and accept the call." Stevenson Silent

"I don't know what he is going to do, but I am telling you what the American people want," Clement said.

On the same note, Chicago mayor Richard J. Daley called Stevenson "a man qualified to be the leader of the nation" and who "will offer again his leadership."

Stevenson, the Democrats' 1952 presidential candidate, said afterwards he was "very much flattered and grateful." But he refused to declare his political intentions.

"When I have anything further to say, I shall issue a written statement," he told newsmen.

Attacks Republicans

The 35-year-old Clement likewise refused to declare himself a candidate, even though party

leaders such as former President Truman have said they would like to see a Stevenson-Clement ticket next year.

The bulk of Clement's speech was an all out, sarcastic attack on the Eisenhower administration and the GOP.

He said the Democrats could whip anybody the Republicans put up next year, but added the GOP is "in a touchy campaign to get the gentlemen from Gettysburg to run again."

"They want him, of course, because they say he is more popular than the Republican party," Clement said. "Well, who isn't?"

Inebriated Driver Has Rabbit Helper

Port Huene, Calif. — (U.P.) — William T. Risse, 41, of Oxnard, Calif., arrested on a drunk driving charge, went one better Tuesday than Elwood P. Dowd, hero of the play "Harvey" who befriended an invisible rabbit.

When police asked him how he planned to drive home, Risse said "I'll make it okay — Jimmy will drive me home," and indicated a big white rabbit under the seat of his car.

Austria May Be First To Approve New Treaty

Vienna, Austria — (U.P.) — Austria was expected to become the first nation to ratify the historic Austria state treaty today.

The lower house of parliament approved the treaty overwhelmingly Tuesday and the upper house was scheduled to take action today. The United States, Russia, Britain and France are expected to approve the treaty in coming weeks.

Finale Expected In Trucker Talks

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Federal Conciliator John Fenton said he hoped today's negotiation between AFL Teamsters and representatives of long-haul trucking firms in 11 Western states would be the "grand finale" of the 21-day-old strike.

Fenton, who has indicated a settlement in the crippling strike is "in sight," said last night after a marathon negotiating session of nearly 14 hours that "a few issues remain to be settled."

Fenton would not predict a settlement time, however, repeating only his previous statement that "most basic issues," in the dispute had been settled. Neither union nor trucking officials would comment on current negotiations.

The teamsters called the strike against three trucking industry firms here May 19, prompting an industry-wide shutdown in California, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Idaho, Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas, Nevada, Colorado and Wyoming.

The union asked for an immediate 10-cent hourly pay increase with increases of eight cents more in each of the next two years.

Negotiations began last Thursday, lasting at least 12 hours a day. Fenton said "both sides are making an honest and sincere effort to end the dispute as quickly as possible."

Douglas Plans Passenger Jet

Santa Monica, Calif. — (U.P.) — Douglas Aircraft Co., has disclosed plans to build America's first passenger jet transport plane which will have a top speed in excess of 550 miles an hour and will carry from 80 to 125 passengers.

Company President Donald W. Douglas announced last night his firm has decided to build the ship, which will be able to fly from Los Angeles to New York in less than five hours and from New York to Paris in less than seven hours.

The jet transport, to be known as the DC8, will be ready for its initial test flight by December, 1957, with airlines deliveries to begin in 1959. It will be nearly 200 miles an hour faster than the firm's DC7 "Seven Seas" propeller-driven plane which is scheduled for delivery to eight leading airlines in 1956.

The jet transport is being designed so that it will be able to operate from existing major air terminals despite its size and speed.

The DC8 will have a wing span of 134.6 feet, a length of 140.6 feet and will stand 40.2 feet high. Gross weight of the overwater version will be 257,000 pounds. The domestic model, with less fuel capacity, will have a gross weight of 211,000 pounds.

Democrats Claim Major Victory To Scuttle Plans

Washington — (U.P.) — Democrats in Congress claimed a major victory today in their fight to scuttle President Eisenhower's Dixon-Yates power plan.

They conceded they still have a "long row to hoe," but said a House Appropriation Subcommittee decision to withhold Dixon-Yates funds sought by the President is a big step in the right direction.

The subcommittee, at a closed meeting yesterday, rejected Mr. Eisenhower's request for \$6,500,000 to build transmission lines across the Mississippi river. The lines would carry power from the proposed Dixon-Yates plant at West Memphis, Ark., to the Tennessee Valley Authority system.

The subcommittee recommended instead that TVA get the same sum of money to start work on a proposed \$90,000,000 steam plant of its own at Fulton, Tenn.

The President devised Dixon-Yates as part of a plan to meet growing needs in the TVA area without further congressional appropriations.

It calls for a private utility combine to build a West Memphis plant and pipe its power to TVA to replace TVA power used by the Atomic Energy Commission.

Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) said the subcommittee vote struck the Dixon-Yates plan in a vital spot.

"Without the transmission line, the President will have a contract on his hands for Dixon-Yates to deliver 600,000 kilowatts of electricity to the middle of the Mississippi river with no takers," Gore said.

Dixon-Yates does not have a franchise to cross the Tennessee line. TVA cannot build a line to the middle of the river to take the power without a congressional appropriation. This we intend to deny."

Reps. Clifford Davis and Joe L. Ewins, Tennessee Democrats, said the subcommittee vote, if sustained by the full Appropriations Committee and by the House and Senate, means an end to Dixon-Yates.

Financial Aspects

Meanwhile, the Securities and Exchange Commission continued hearings on the private financial aspects of the project.

Richard W. Cook, deputy general manager of the AEC, was called as today's first witness.

An SEC examiner, James G. Ewell, is hearing arguments on the Dixon-Yates plan to borrow up to \$120,000,000 from two insurance companies and 24 banks to pay most of the costs of constructing the West Memphis plant.

Edgar H. Dixon, president of Mississippi Valley Generating Co. (the Dixon-Yates company) and of Middle South Utilities Inc. (one of its two parent companies), testified yesterday that the terms of the proposed borrowing, negotiated last year, are better than could be arranged today, in view of the recent upward trend of interest rates.



JUMPING THE GUN—Three thousand first shift workers at General Motors' big Chevrolet plant in Cleveland stopped production with a pre-contract settlement walk-out. Union officials, who have extended the contract expiration to midnight, June 12, went in person to urge these workers to go back to their jobs until negotiations were finished.

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Atlantic Speed Mark Claimed by Airliner

London — (U.P.) — Pan American World Airways claimed an airline speed record today for the Atlantic crossing from Prestwick, Scotland to New York.

A Pan-AM DC6 Clipper carrying 14 passengers covered the 3,560 miles in nine hours, 55 minutes at an average speed of 360 miles an hour. A company spokesman said the previous time, set June 4 by another Pan American plane, was 11 hours, five minutes.

Girls in Brief Freedom From Hillcrest School

Salem — (U.P.) — Four young girls broke away from the Hillcrest School for Girls here last night but were apprehended by state police shortly afterwards in a nearby field.

A school official said the girls made their escape by battering doors and smashing windows.

Over 100 Entries Seen in Crowfest

Rogue River — More than 100 entries are expected in the annual Rooster Crowing contest here Saturday, June 18, according to Shade Combs, chairman of the event.

About 120 birds were entered in the contest last year.

The event will start at noon June 18, with entries closing at 11 a.m. that day. Some \$250 in cash prizes will be awarded, and a trophy will go to the winner.

Entry blanks have been distributed in Rogue River stores. The contest will be held at the corner of Pine and Main sts.

The Saturday night dancing season will start after the contest for 12 weeks.

More than 400 pounds of beef will be furnished for a free barbecue.

Eugene Man Chosen Eastern Star Patron

Portland — (U.P.) — A. Ray Martin of Eugene was elected worthy grand patron of the grand chapter of Oregon, Order of the Eastern Star, as the group opened its annual meeting here.

Other officers include Mrs. Bertha O. Burton, Portland, associate grand matron; Walter Bailey, The Dalles, associate grand patron; Mrs. Laura Bretscher, Oregon City, grand secretary; Mrs. Mary Lou Denham, Portland, grand treasurer, and Mrs. Laurose Hibbard, Imbler, grand conductress.

Mrs. Daisy Thompson of Hood River was elected associate grand conductress and M. Edwin Cox, Portland, grand sentinel. If usual custom is followed they will move up to become worthy grand matron and patron.

Portland Girl Killed When Struck by Auto

Portland — (U.P.) — A three and one-half year old girl was injured fatally yesterday evening when struck by a car. Little Charlene F. Butler died in a local hospital to become Portland's 21st traffic fatality of 1953. Police said she ran into the street while playing and was struck by a car driven by Paul N. Heck, 41. No charges were filed.

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