

Adlai's Pre-Convention Plans Almost Backfire

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Washington (U.P.)—The first maneuvers in Adlai E. Stevenson's formal pre-convention campaign for next year's Democratic presidential nomination did not quite backfire, but almost.



Lyle C. Wilson of his candidacy, was to develop an early and overwhelming show of strength. Such a showing of early foot is essential for a front runner in any kind of contest.

But, instead of scaring off his Democratic opposition, Stevenson's announcement incited them to hoots of criticism and new enthusiasm to challenge his nomination. The No. 1 immediate development was announcement by Carmine De Sapio that Gov. Averell Harriman of New York would be placed in nomination for President at next summer's Democratic National Convention

to be held in Chicago. De Sapio is the soft-spoken leader of the New York County Democratic organization, better known as Tammany Hall. He is New York's Democratic national committeeman and secretary of state in Harriman's cabinet. De Sapio almost invented Harriman as a national political figure.

De Sapio Thwarts FDR Jr. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. was moving to kidnap the 1954 Democratic nomination for governor in New York when De Sapio interferred. He and others stopped Roosevelt, nominated Harriman, instead. More amazing, they elected Harriman against a stand-out Republican vote-getter—Sen. Irving M. Ives.

De Sapio's response to Stevenson's bid was to put Harriman in the contest without qualification. The governor, however, describes himself as a non-active candidate. There is nothing non-active about De Sapio. He is shopping for delegates, but has decided to keep his man out of the numerous presidential preference primaries among the states which begin with New Hampshire next March.

Harriman was almost first up last year with a plug for Stevenson's nomination for president in 1956. Last month he was no worse than second with hoots against Stevenson's political compass course for 1956. Stevenson announced his candidacy in a speech which proposed a "moderate" approach to national issues.

Harriman snapped back that there was no place for moderation in the Democratic Party. Michigan's Gov. G. Mennen Williams, closely allied to and dependent on the CIO for much of his political support, also objected to Stevenson's choice of words.

Stevenson wondered out loud whether his critics favored "immoderation." The incident is typical of the manner in which the pack must attack a front runner. Harriman's chances, of course, depend wholly on stopping Stevenson, some of whose backers now claim they have about four-fifths of the necessary delegate votes to nominate him next summer.

On the record of his New York performance, Harriman packs some political punch. So does Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefauver who is expected to announce this month his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. Kefauver's strategy will be to beat down Stevenson's prestige in various state preferential primary contests. Harriman will sit back, hoping they knock each other out.

GOP Wrong in Charges Of Politics in Mines Case, Neuberger Says

Seattle (Special)—The Republican party leadership in Oregon is totally wrong in charging "politics" to the Senate-House investigation into the Al Sarena mining case, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger said here today.

He issued a statement in connection with the federal timber hearings now under way here.

Senator Neuberger said, "The only politics involved is that certain prominent Oregon Republicans exerted pressure to have a private Alabama assay overrule the expert judgment of Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management officials, so that more than 300 acres of valuable timber in the Rogue River National forest could be transferred to private hands."

His statement continued: "Senator Pames E. Murray, chairman of the Senate Interior committee, has told me that he intends to follow up the Al Sarena case until the full facts are known to the people of the United States, who were the rightful owners of this timber until it was transferred under the most extraordinary circumstances."

"A private assay, conducted in far-off Mobile, Alabama, was made the basis for granting to the Al Sarena company 15 mining claims on which grew timber worth in the neighborhood of \$250,000—perhaps more. This assay was used by the Solicitor of the Interior Department, acting for Secretary McKay, to set aside the rulings of experienced

mineral examiners of the Forest Service and BLM. If this procedure is made standard, virtually our entire National-Forest system could pass into private hands. Thus, Al Sarena is of interest to recreationists, to campers, to skiers, to genuine loggers and lumbermen.

"Our committee heard at Roseburg from a lonely, disabled prospector who fears he may lose his mining claims. There was no evidence in this little man's case that leading Republican politicians believe a private assay should be allowed to cancel out the recommendations of Federal forestry officers. Testimony already taken by our committee discloses that Al Sarena relied upon a procedure without precedent in the careers of men who have been with the government for 35 years.

"Why was this done? Why was there one rule for Al Sarena and a different rule for virtually all other mining claimants on Federal lands? Why was a Mobile, Alabama, assay considered superior to the findings of veteran Forest Service and BLM mineral examiners?"

"It is strange, indeed, that the Republican party in Oregon does not want a Congressional committee to ask these questions. The National Forests, after all, are among the most prized possessions of the American people. Yet Forest Service officials were not even consulted when the office of the Secretary of the Interior used Alabama assays to give away a piece of the Rogue River National Forest.

"Senator Murray has said that further hearings will be held shortly after the first of the year in Washington, D. C., to determine what happened at Al Sarena. No one who is blameless has any cause to fear or denounce these hearings. Surely a committee concerned with Federal timber can properly determine what happened to this timber in the Rogue River forest," Senator Neuberger concluded.

Builder of Plane Engine For Wright Brothers Faces Prospect as County Ward

Los Angeles (U.P.)—Charles Edward Taylor, 87, the man who built the engine for the Wright Brothers' famed Kitty Hawk airplane, faced the dismal prospect today of becoming a ward of the county because of his feeble income.

The aged inventor, who exists on a pension of only \$800 a year left to him in a fund by Orville Wright is presently making the Los Angeles County General hospital his home because he has "no place to go."

Hospital doctors said the veteran aviation figure is in generally good health except for asthma, for which he came to the hospital for treatment Nov. 19. He has been approved for discharge from the hospital, but doesn't know where to go.

Upon hearing of his plight, Southern California aircraft industry workers planned to obtain financial aid for the inventor, who has lived here since 1928. Office workers at the Aircraft Industries association said they would make collections of donations at major local aircraft plants in hopes of augmenting Taylor's meager income.

But Taylor, still proud, was indignant upon hearing that reports of his plight had leaked out.

"Why, I've got more income right now than when I was building that plane," he fumed. "Of course, it doesn't go as far, nowadays. But I've had a place to live and plenty to eat and enough left over to play a game of pool and buy an ice cream soda."

Taylor built the first successful airplane engine in 1902 after

Soloists Will Be Featured At Band Concert Sunday

Miss Gogi Grant, who presently is singing at Rogue Valley Country club, will be guest star at the Medford High school band concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in the high school auditorium.

Miss Grant, who recently was on television shows and in Hollywood, will be accompanied by Abbey Green at the organ and Glen Parker at the guitar.

In addition to Miss Grant, Miss Sonja Peterson, a Medford High school senior also will be a featured soloist. She will play the "Warsaw Concerto" at the piano, accompanied by the band.

Proceeds from the annual concert will help finance the high school band's trip to San Francisco Dec. 31, for the annual East-West Shrine football game. The Medford band is one of two which will play during time-outs at the game.

The band also will visit the Crippled Children's hospital in San Francisco the morning of the game for a short concert. The band has played at the hospital each year it has gone to San Francisco.

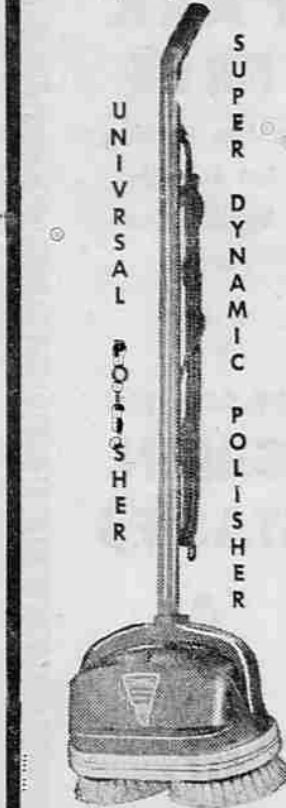
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Officials Witness Tucker Sno-Cat Demonstrations

Four Tucker Sno-Cats were transported to Crater Lake National park Wednesday for use in a demonstration-training program in various terrains and snow depths.

Three of the sno-cats, purchased recently by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, were used to train 16 company men from Portland, Eugene, Roseburg and Medford in sno-cat operation, maintenance, and lubrication.

The three vehicles, designed for operation in areas of deep snow, will be used by the telephone company to make routine and emergency trips to microwave stations.

Micro-wave stations on Siskiyou summit, Old Baldy, and King mountain, now in various stages of completion, will go into service next year as transfer stations for mobile service. The stations will serve as television relays when television traffic becomes heavier.

The fourth sno-cat, a double drive freighter model, was demonstrated to representatives of the Trans-Mountain Oil Pipe Line company of Canada. The sno-cat, subsequently purchased by the company, will be used for pipe line inspection and maintenance in the Canadian Rockies.

The freighter model is the same type of Tucker sno-cats now being transported to Antarctica for polar expeditions. Five of the sno-cats will be used in Antarctica this winter by United States, French and English exploration parties. Next winter, 25 sno-cats are scheduled for use in Antarctica.

Winchell's Daughter Charges Cruelty

Los Angeles (U.P.)—Waldia Von Dehn, daughter of columnist Walter Winchell, charged in a separate maintenance suit today that her estranged husband, Hyatt Robert Van Dehn, struck her on at least 15 different occasions.

Mrs. Von Dehn filed her separate maintenance suit against Van Dehn yesterday, just 15 minutes before he filed for divorce. She charged extreme mental cruelty and asked for a court order preventing the wealthy husband from disposing of his property.

Von Dehn's suit for divorce accused his wife of extreme cruelty. They were married only a few months ago. Von Dehn is the former husband of vocalist Ginny Simms.

Transfer Firm Files Incorporation Papers

Salem—Reorganization of Eads Transfer and Storage Co., Portland, was indicated in three filings of articles of incorporation made with the state corporation commissioner here this week.

The three new corporations constitute portions of the present company, which will be divided for operational purposes. Signing the articles of incorporation for all three new firms were Louise Kurtz, Ronald M. Handel and Ferris F. Boothe. Each new firm is incorporated with 100 shares of stock with no par value listed.

It is understood that the change in operational organization will become effective the first of the year.

Eads maintains offices and a warehouse in Medford, at 123 South Front st.

HIGH BIDDER

Bend—(U.P.)—Brooks Scanlon, Inc., of Bend, was high bidder for an estimated 4,000,000 board feet of timber west of LaPine. The successful price was \$39.65 for pine in the tract.

Catania, Sicily—(U.P.)—A five and one-half pound boy was born Thursday night to the wife of a factory worker just 18 days after she gave birth to a girl.

WRECKED CAR TAGGED

Bloomington, Ill.—(U.P.)—A policeman hung a ticket on a badly smashed car parked by authorities near the courthouse as a Safe-Driving Day reminder Thursday. The car was facing the wrong way on a one-way street.

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