

Stevenson Turns All-Out Attack on Kefauver for California Primary Vote

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Adlai Stevenson's all-out attack on Sen. Estes Kefauver today turned the California Democratic presidential primary into the nation's hottest political battlefield.

Stevenson carried his fight for California's 68 delegates to the Democratic National Convention to both ends of the state today on the heels of his free-swinging assault on the Tennessee senator. Stevenson scheduled a news conference this afternoon and TV and street rally appearances in Los Angeles before leaving by plane for San Francisco.

Importance Underscored

The importance of victory in the California primary for Stevenson's presidential hopes, hit hard by his upset loss to Kefauver in the Minnesota primary, was underscored by his attack Wednesday night on the senator.

Stevenson charged Kefauver's campaigning tactics are hurting the Democratic Party and helping the Republicans.

He said in a local address that Kefauver falsely had pictured Stevenson backers in Minnesota and California as "sinister political bosses who are trying to dictate the people's choice."

"It is entirely improper for a responsible leader of the Democratic party to characterize other Democratic leaders as bosses for no other apparent reason than that they did not endorse him," he said later.

Kefauver's attacks, Stevenson said, are "an old device to win popular sympathy as the underdog."

"More important even than this effort to injure me and win support by confusing endorsement with dictation is that by discrediting the leaders of the Democratic Party... the senator and his spokesmen can only

weaken and divide the party and thereby help the Republicans," Stevenson said.

But while the "new" Stevenson was showing a willingness to club Kefauver, he was also professing to be "just plain mad" about suggestions that he spend more time shaking hands and less discussing issues.

Stevenson accused Kefauver of trying to "injure me." He said Kefauver did this by labeling party leaders backing Stevenson

ICC Order Would Hurt Lumber Economy in State, Morse Claims

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Washington — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) led off an organized protest by small lumbermen from Oregon Thursday by telling a Senate committee that a recent freight car order of the Interstate Commerce Commission would "cut the economic guts out of the small lumber industry of my state."

Morse was to be followed in testifying before an interstate commerce sub-committee by Aaron Jones and Russ Fryberg

Construction of Armory Assured; Bids Are Opened

Construction of the new Medford armory is assured, it was learned here today following opening of bids for the building in Salem yesterday afternoon.

S. Ferche, Roseburg, submitted the combined low bid, but the contract may not be awarded to that firm due to technical deficiencies in the bid form, it was reported. McLaughlin and Wiley Co., Ashland, submitted the second-low bid, and presumably will receive the contract if the Ferche offer is rejected.

Referred to Bureau

The bids, which were not announced in Salem, have been referred to the National Guard bureau in Washington, D. C. for decision. But those attending the bid opening said the bids were in the range which will permit the construction to proceed. This is the second time bids have been made on the armory. The first time all were rejected as too high.

The low combined bids were in the \$385,000 to \$400,000 range, with the amount of the contract to depend on a number of alternates which were in the bid specifications, and which will be compiled and figured by the architects and the governmental organizations involved.

The new armory, to house Medford's two National Guard companies, is a joint city-county-state-federal project, and will include features other than those of a purely military nature. The building will be built on the fairgrounds, and will replace the old army building largely destroyed by fire several years ago.

Petitions To Seek Lower Voting Age

Portland — (U.P.) — Petitions will be circulated soon for a constitutional amendment to lower the voting age in Oregon to 18. Sponsors of the move are Democrat Monroe Sweetland and Republican Mark Hatfield, both of whom are candidates for nomination as secretary of state. A total of 40,093 signatures is needed to get it on the November ballot.

Chicago — (U.P.) — The United States faces a serious labor shortage in the next two decades and the only way to meet it is by full use of automation, Gwilym A. Price, chairman and president of Westinghouse Electric Corporation said today.

Talent Project, Savage Dam Funds Sought by Ellsworth

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.) sought more than \$12,300,000 from the House Appropriations Committee yesterday for public works projects.

Requests included \$3,000,000 for the Talent irrigation project; \$2,900,000 for Hills Creek dam; \$500,000 for planning Green Peter dam; \$2,450,000 for Cougar dam; \$370,000 for Willamette river bank protection and maintenance; \$100,000 for

of Eugene, Dana McBarron of Rogue River, W. O. Kelsay of Roseburg, and Leonard Netzorg, Portland counsel for the Western Forest Industries association.

The hearing was called to hear witnesses on the box car shortage, which Sen. Shoopel (R-Kan.), acting chairman, said "will be worse this year than last year," and also to take testimony on a bill requested by the ICC that would empower it to impose heavy fines on railroads that delay movement of cars during car shortage periods.

"The ICC has a lot to answer for and the American railroads have a lot to answer for," declared Morse. "I intend to press this matter (of the causes of the shortage) with all the power I have as a United States senator. The ICC has let the American railroads get away with economic murder in my state."

Morse had a breakfast conference with the group of Oregon lumbermen, who are scheduled to appear later in the two-day hearing. The group is interested in protesting order 910 issued last week by the ICC, Morse said he and Sen. Richard L. Neuberger would request the ICC to withdraw the order until hearings can be held on its effects.

Circuitous Routing Target
The order, explained ICC Commissioner Owen Clarke as a lead-off witness, "attempts to eliminate circuitous routing of shipments or what we consider to be a waste of car-days by a use of freight cars of warehouses."

Clarke told the committee that the ICC wants greater authority to clamp down on such practices by the railroads, which it believes is one major reason for the shortage of cars needed by other shippers.

"The ICC is just cutting the economic guts out of the small lumber industry of my state," Morse charged. "What they ought to do is go out to Oregon and put on some overalls and see what our problems are."

Good Friday Services Scheduled Tomorrow

Three Good Friday services, sponsored by the Medford Ministerial association, will be held tomorrow.

The principal three-hour service will be held at the First Methodist church, West Main and Laurel sts; between noon and 3 p.m. Two services will start at 2:15 p.m. tomorrow at the Eastwood Baptist church, Waverly st. and Ridgeway dr., and at the Church of the Nazarene, 320 North Holly st.

Students in public schools are invited to attend services nearest the school which they attend. The Rev. Thomas McCamant, president of the association, said. Children will be excused from school upon presentation of a signed note from a parent or guardian.

Services also will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran church, 1020 East Main st., between noon and 3 p.m. with the Rev. Kenneth Korby speaking on "The Seven Words of Christ from the Cross." Final Lenten service will start at 8 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran church.

President Accepts McKay's Resignation

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower has accepted "with profound personal regrets" the resignation of Interior Secretary Douglas McKay. It is effective April 15.

McKay is quitting the Cabinet to seek the Senate seat of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.). The Oregon primary is May 18.

Asked if the White House would wait until April 15 to announce a successor to McKay, Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said he "would think so." But then he changed his answer to say the President may "signify his intention to nominate" someone for the job.

Weather

FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness tonight and early Friday. Considerable cloudiness and a chance of light showers Friday afternoon. Low tonight 38; high Friday 58.

Highest Yesterday _____ Temp. _____
Lowest this Morning _____ 47

Israel's Bid for American Arms Getting Attention

Hammarskjold Trip Delayed by Arabs

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—The United States is giving urgent attention to Israel's bid for American arms despite United Nations moves to ease the Middle East crisis, administration sources reported in Washington today.

The Arab nations still were delaying American efforts to send Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold on a peace mission to Palestine, but the administration officials said this was not stalling U.S. action on Israel's \$64,000,000 arms request.

Troops Exchange Fire

The U.N. and Washington moves coincided with these Middle East developments:

1. An Israeli army spokesman said Egyptian and Israeli patrols exchanged fire for half an hour in the Israel-held Mitzana area Wednesday night. No casualties were reported.

2. Israel announced it was returning 35 Syrian "war prisoners" today including six infiltrators who had completed prison terms. Syria announced it was returning four Israeli soldiers and one civilian.

3. A pro-government Cairo newspaper said the Soviet had offered uranium to Egypt for use in an "atoms-for-peace" atomic plant in Egypt.

Security Council action on the U. S. request was postponed at least until next Tuesday—and probably later. The United States promised to make a full explanation of the purpose of the mission then although the Arabs accepted the mission "in principle."

Syrian Ambassador Ahmed Shukairy, deputy director of the Arab League, told the council the American initiative in wanting Hammarskjold to investigate compliance with armistice agreements and previous U.N. directives was "worthy of praise and appreciation."

But Shukairy made it clear the Arabs want no general reopening of the issues of the Palestine conflict and want a full voice in framing the directives for Hammarskjold's mission. He insisted the Arabs were not in the wrong and did not fear the mission.

Jaycees Designate May Safety Month

May has been designated as Safety Month by the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce, and plans are under way to launch a state-wide safety campaign during the month. Thomas J. Reeder, Medford attorney and state Jaycee safety chairman, has announced.

Reeder said the 58 Jaycee clubs in Oregon will participate. The campaign is being conducted to point out that observing safety rules will result in a reduction of needless death and injury.

The Safety Month campaign will not be limited to traffic safety. Reeder said, but will include home and industrial safety as well.

Among projects being planned is the annual Teen Age Rodeo contest, part of a nation-wide Jaycee project. Another is the "Lite a bumper" program, in which Jaycees will place reflective tape on bumpers for a small fee. A state-wide project also will be "operation safety belt" to encourage the use of the devices by automobile drivers.

In addition, local Jaycee groups throughout Oregon will initiate local programs to make the public more safety conscious.

All Aboard Sunken Mexican Ship Saved

Campeche, Mexico — (U.P.) — All persons aboard a Mexican motorship which burned and sank in the Bay of Campeche off the Yucatan peninsula were reported safe today.

American and Mexican Coast Guard craft sped to aid the 35 to 38 survivors of the Matul, which burned and sank yesterday morning after an engine room explosion.

The last radio report from the doomed vessel said the passengers and crew members were taking to lifeboats and rafts. There were no known fatalities, but two passengers were reported slightly injured.

Salem — (U.P.) — Polk county has been recommended for designation as a disaster area by Gov. Elmo Smith at the request of dairy and livestock men.

Philadelphia Blast Kills Three, Injures 56



Rescuers Search For Bodies Under Tons of Rubble

Grain Elevator, Silos Flattened

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Rescue workers searched today for the bodies of three men believed buried under tons of rubble in an explosion which rocked two square miles of West Philadelphia last night.

Fire Chief William Eckles said the three men were missing and presumed dead. Fifty-six persons, including 11 firemen, were injured.

Many Barely Escape

Many of the injured said they barely escaped flying concrete and stone blasted from a grain elevator and four silos which were flattened by the blast.

Anthony Karnell, manager of a restaurant in the block next to the explosion, said glass and rubble showered over the 30 patrons in his restaurant when the explosion occurred.

"It looked like all hell was breaking loose, and I hollered to everybody to get out in a hurry," he said.

Knocked Down Four Times

Mrs. Margaret Connell, 40, said she was knocked down four times by shock waves.

"The fourth time I couldn't get up. I just lay there stunned," she said. "Then a policeman was bending over, helping me up. I had no idea where he came from. I don't remember being brought to the hospital."

A. P. Tallent, 33, a fireman for the Pennsylvania Railroad, said he saw flames shoot from the grain elevator.

"It started to mushroom like an atomic bomb," he said. "For a few minutes he said he thought the explosion was an atomic blast and feared the mushrooming ball of fire would engulf him."

Windows Smashed

Hundreds of windows were smashed on the Drexel Institute of Technology campus, only a block from the scene, and more than a score of night school students and faculty members were injured, mainly by flying glass.

The thunderous explosion caused in part of the lobby ceiling and shattered a large plate glass window in the new \$5 million Evening Bulletin building directly across the street from the grain elevator. Part of the ceiling was knocked loose in the newspaper's fourth-floor editorial room and newsmen were thrown from their chairs by the concussion.

Dozens of windows were shattered in the Pennsylvania Station.

Missing Identified

The three men missing in the explosion were identified as Edward Johnson, 26, Philadelphia, a new employee at the elevator, and Bayren Weldon and Arthur Harold, truck drivers employed by the John Regan Trucking Co., Millville, N.J.

Frank Morgan and Dominick Mallachi, employees of the Railway Express Agency who were on the police missing list all night, were discovered unharmed today after they worked with company employees through the night.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

New York — (U.P.) — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 511.79 up 1.54, 20 rails 171.82 up 1.47, 15 utilities 67.39 off 0.13 and 65 stocks 181.15 up 0.70.

French Guns Rake Guerrillas

Algeria — (U.P.) — The French Navy turned its big guns on Arab outlaws in Algeria yesterday in a "triple-bomb invasion" that developed into one of the bloodiest battles of the hit and run guerrilla war, it was announced today.

The six-inch guns of the cruiser Georges Leygues pounded guerrilla infested hills near Collo, 200 miles east of here and fighter planes strafed suspected outlaw hideouts while Marines swarmed ashore from landing craft. Inland, tough Senegalese troops massed to cut off the Arab's retreat.

The Collo battle accounted for 64 of the 111 persons reported killed in Algeria yesterday, four Frenchmen and at least 60 Arabs. Another seven French soldiers were slain in a guerrilla ambush 40 miles east of Constantine, and 40 other persons were slain in scattered clashes.

French authorities identified one recent victim of Arab banditry as an American citizen, identified only as Ben Ali Zenzjabil, who was murdered apparently because he refused to give money to the guerrillas.

Zenzjabil, whose American address was unavailable in Algiers, had been living with his family here for about a year.

Sanitary Problems Topic of Discussion

Residents of the Grandview-Kenwood district northeast of Medford are invited to attend a meeting at 8 p.m. today to discuss the problem of sanitation in that area.

The meeting will be in the county court room in the courthouse, and will be devoted to a discussion of the sanitary problem and possible methods of solution.

Bob Hart, county sanitarian, and Ten Gerow, sanitary engineer with the state board of health, will attend to answer questions.

Additional details can be obtained from Roy Wilkes, 1863 Crater Lake ave., telephone 3-5485.

Hitchcock Challenges Sen. Morse To Debate

Portland — (U.P.) — Phil Hitchcock yesterday challenged Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) to a series of debates over 11 Oregon and southern Washington radio stations on March 29.

Hitchcock seeks the Republican nomination to meet Morse in the November election.

Ellsworth Accuses Morgan of Making Libelous Statements

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.) yesterday accused Howard Morgan, Oregon Democratic chairman, of making libelous statements about him in a letter published in the Oregon Journal March 18. Ellsworth said he had no intention of prosecuting for the alleged libel.

Violation Charged

The Congressman said the Morgan letter to the editor contained "false statements regarding my character and integrity," in violation of the criminal libel provisions of the Oregon corrupt practices act. Ellsworth made public in Washington a reply he said he was sending The Journal branding the Morgan statements as "falsehoods."

The Roseburg lawmaker is seeking reelection. He said his letter should not be construed as a warning to the editors of the paper but was "to alert the editors with the hope that none of them may inadvertently publish libelous material as the campaign grows hotter and the plight of our political opposition grows more desperate."

Muzzle Said Attempted

In Portland, Morgan charged that Ellsworth was attempting to muzzle the Oregon press.

"The man knows he cannot deny his political machinations in Washington," Morgan said. "This action is a clear cut example of a man in public office who is trying to silence any criticism of his public acts."

Funeral Services for D. L. Flynn Friday

Funeral services for Diamond L. Flynn, 59, who died unexpectedly of heart attack yesterday morning, will be held in Conger-Morris chapel at 1:30 p.m. Friday. The Rev. Thomas McCamant, of the Community Congregational church, will officiate.

Hilt Liquor Store Robbed Yesterday

Hilt-Trinch Brothers' State Line gasoline station and liquor store was robbed of \$150 worth of whiskey yesterday afternoon.

State officers, who are investigating the theft, said the building was entered through the back door while the owners were attending a funeral in Yreka. The theft occurred between 2 and 3 p.m.

The only things missing were a number of half-gallon jugs of whiskey, which are legal in California—though they are not in Oregon. The store is located one mile south of the state line.

Misplaced Christmas Gift Finds Way to Owner With Assistance by Post Office

A misplaced Christmas gift found its way back home early this week with the assistance of two post office employees, Otto DeJarnett and Rees Baughman.

On Jan. 1 Baughman found in the post office mail drop an unsealed envelope bearing only the name "Jim." Inside was five dollars and a Christmas greeting card inscribed, "For a camellia for your office." It was signed, "Hilde."

The money was put in trust for three months awaiting someone who might claim it. Then