

Republicans Jump on Charge of Cover-Up on President's Health

Washington — U.P. — Republicans are challenging Sen. Pat McNamara's charge that the White House has covered up the truth about President Eisenhower's health.

The Michigan Democrat Wednesday accused White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty of arranging "one of the most masterful suppressions of facts ever put across by the advertising techniques of Madison Ave."

Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-D, Minn.) today Hagerly's calling of special press conferences at which doctors directly answered questions is an impressive and gratifying method of making certain the people get the facts.

Mundt said if McNamara is "unhappy" because the medical reports are optimistic "he should direct his criticism at the doctors."

Knowland Strikes Back

Senate GOP Leader William F. Knowland said McNamara "cast a reflection upon the integrity of the President" and the able and outstanding men of the medical profession who attended him.

Other political news

Former Democratic Chairman Frank McKinney said he will ask former President Truman to support Averell Harriman actively for the Democratic presidential nomination.

McKinney, Mr. Truman and Harriman will meet Friday at Independence, Mo.

Democratic presidential candidates Adlai Stevenson, Estes Kefauver and Harriman come face to face tonight at a dinner in Washington. The \$100-a-plate dinner is in honor of retiring veteran Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.).

Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) and Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) told him he will support the GOP ticket this fall despite differences with the administration.

Bridges said McCarthy will be useful during the election campaign in "certain areas."

White House Promises

A group of young Republicans backing Harold E. Stassen for the GOP vice presidential nomination said the White House has promised there won't be reprisals for their stand. The young Republicans for Eisenhower first-Stassen second" wired the President that some of its members were threatened with expulsion from party posts in Connecticut.

McNamara told the Senate the facts about the President's health are covered up with "obscure medical bulletins" and "hucksters' propaganda."

Knowland immediately challenged McNamara's remarks. He said never before has the nation "been taken into fuller confidence" about a president's health.

Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) said he was "shocked" by the speech. He said Democrats "know they have no candidates" and are "doing everything they can to discredit the President."

Goldwater noted that Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) like Mr. Eisenhower, suffered a heart attack last year but still is able to do an "outstanding job."

Asked about McNamara's remarks, the White House News Secretary Murray Snyder said they were "unworthy of comment."

Demo Convention Not To Compare To Party's Donnybrook of 1924

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Washington — U.P. — The 1956 Democratic National Convention may become a brawling business, as some predict. Your correspondent must report, however, that it will not compare in that respect to the Democratic donnybrook of 1924.

That one took place in Madison Square Garden, New York—the old Garden, that is. The 1924 convention was in almost continuous session for two and one-half weeks. There were 103 presidential ballots and between the first and last just about everything happened which shouldn't to a major political party.

A restless tremor now and then mars the sleep or daytime comacency of this modern Democratic leader or that one, and like as not it is caused by momentary fear that the party is headed again for an angry, overtime convention. That fear passes, however, because the device by which the 1924 convention was prolonged has been abandoned.

Two Thirds Rule

The device was the two-thirds rule which required a Democratic convention to nominate its presidential ticket by a two-thirds majority. A sizeable and determined opposition could tie things up with a rule like that, and the contenders wet the knot in which they tied the convention of 1924.

Your correspondent was there for the United Press, and for weeks afterward, he could not get out of his mind the rolling, rhythmic routine with which the first 102 presidential ballots began.

"Alabama," bellowed the reading clerk.

Up popped the governor of Alabama, to shout above the hubbub, there being then no such things as floor microphones.

"Alabama casts 24 votes for Oscar W. Underwood."

Underwood was a favorite son, a United States senator and an avowed opponent of woman suffrage. His chance for the nomination was nil, but his candidacy gave his state's delegation a safe place to roost. The woman suffrage issue lost Underwood his Senate seat in 1926. He didn't even seek reelection.

The real contenders for the Democratic nomination were Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York and William Gibbs McAdoo of California, World War I treasury secretary and son-in-law of Woodrow Wilson. The opposing forces did not merely oppose each other; they hated.

The issues were prohibition, Smith's Catholicism and a proposal to denounce the Ku Klux Klan. Smith and McAdoo each could stop the other and did so through 102 ballots, whereupon



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Wheat Farmers To Vote Friday on Marketing Control

Washington — U.P. — Wheat farmers in 36 states vote Friday in a national referendum on rigid government marketing controls for their 1957 crop.

The Agriculture Department has taken no stand for or against controls for the 1956 crop. Officials said they simply have given the facts to the farmers who may vote as they please.

But department economists predict privately the growers will approve overwhelmingly a continuation of controls in effect for the 1954-55-56 crops. They reason that it would be "simply a matter of economics, or money in the pocket" to accept controls on next year's crop.

Minimum Support Rate

If growers accept controls they will be assured of a minimum national average government price support rate of \$2 a bushel. This is 82 1/2 per cent of the June parity price for wheat. If they refuse, under farm law, supports would drop to 50 per cent of parity, or about \$1.21 a bushel.

Under controls, farmers who deposit part of their 1957 wheat acreage in the soil bank will be assured of government payments of \$1.20 a bushel for the wheat they do not produce next year. If they don't accept controls, the soil bank payments would be based on the 50 per cent parity rate. This would provide a soil bank return to the farmer of only 73 cents a bushel.

Surgery May Be Too Late To Save Now-Blind Child

Orlando, Fla. — U.P. — Little Mike Sibole, whose only eye was removed Wednesday, may have only a year or two to live if the operation came too late, a physician said today.

But before his parents will have to face that prospect they must deal with the heart-wrenching problem of letting the four-year-old boy know he will never see again.

The Rev. and Mrs. James W. Sibole were staying with Mike at the Holiday House hospital but no one knew what they had told the robust, cheerful boy about his latest eye "treatment."

"If anyone tried to tell him I'm sure he didn't understand," a spokesman said, explaining that Mike remained groggy from anesthesia during his waking hours following the operation Wednesday morning.

The hospital said Mike was "coming along fine" and would suffer only minor discomfort where a plastic sphere has been sewn into the eye socket. Later a false eye will be inserted in the sphere.

Mike's other eye was removed two years ago because of cancer.

"If it is found the operation came too late Mike will have only a year or two to live," the operating surgeon, who asked to remain unidentified, said.

The surgeon emphasized that without the operation Mike certainly would have died "soon, and painfully."

Benefit Deadline For Vets Dec. 31

Ashland — World War II veterans will be cut off from state educational benefits by next Dec. 31 unless they are in training by that date, Mabel Winston, Southern Oregon college registrar, has announced.

Raymond E. Petley, educational officer for the state veterans department, said veterans who have previously used the benefit may continue in training after Dec. 31.

Veterans who have never used state benefit but who are still interested in attending school may establish eligibility by contacting county veterans' service officers, or the department of veterans affairs, state finance building, Salem, or state office building, Portland.

There has been no deadline established as yet for Korean veterans.

Wheeler Disaster Declaration Asked

Salem — U.P. — Gov. Elmo Smith yesterday sent a telegram to President Eisenhower, asking that Wheeler county, the site of disastrous floods last week, be declared eligible for disaster relief.

State civil defense officials who have been on the scene in Mitchell since Saturday, estimated the loss yesterday at more than \$1,000,000.

If a request is approved by the President, Gov. Smith said, it will mean that Wheeler county can obtain federal assistance for repair of roads, bridges and other public facilities. It also will allow various other public assistance through the department of agriculture, and federal assistance to the federal-state highway, Gov. Smith added.

In the request, Gov. Smith suggested that \$500,000 be allocated to the state to assist state and local effort.

He also pointed out that adjacent farms to the flood-ravaged town of Mitchell suffered approximately \$500,000 damage in the flash flood last Friday night that wiped out nearly half the Central Oregon town.

Motion Fled To Drop K.F. Murder Charge

Klamath Falls — U.P. — District Attorney Richard Beesley today filed a motion here to dismiss a second degree murder indictment against Zelma Burdette Ochibio because of the death of the state's star witness, Addie Weeks Horton. She died June 30.

The motion was referred to Circuit Judge Ralph Holman of Oregon City who was assigned to the case on a change of judge motion. He was expected to rule on Beesley's move within the next few days.

In his motion, Beesley said subsequent investigation had failed to uncover evidence necessary for prosecution.

Mrs. Ochibio was accused of the killing of Edison Tupper Drift, 30-year-old ex-convict whose frozen body was found north of Klamath Falls last January.

Assessments Passed By Ashland Council

Ashland — The city council passed two ordinances Wednesday night permitting assessments against property annexed by the city. Money collected will be used to install sanitary and storm sewers in the annexed property.

Each ordinance allows assessments up to a half-cent per square foot, effective July 1, 1956.

Property owners will pay this in addition to the city's regular charge for connections and laterals. The ordinances exempted up to 5,000 square feet of property owned by any person now receiving sewer service. Several persons in this situation now live outside the city and would be affected by the exemption, it was pointed out in council discussion.

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Ankeny Nomination Confirmed by Senate
Washington — U.P. — The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Marling J. Ankeny of Maryland to be director of mines. Approval came by unanimous voice vote.

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