

KEFAUVER PULLS OUT OF RACE



MOUNTAIN TRAGEDY—Arrow points to scene of tragedy near the 10,500-foot level of Mt. Hood near Portland, Ore., where 19 young mountain climbers fell into an icy crevasse. One died in the mishap and the others were injured, some critically. More than 150 mountain climbers took part in the rescue.

Eugene Firm Gets Contract For Sewer System in Phoenix

Phoenix—The Coast Construction and Excavating company of Eugene was awarded the contract for a sewer system for the city of Phoenix last night.

The city council awarded the contract on a low bid of \$81,890. Engineers estimated the project at \$86,727.

The council also sold to the First National Bank of Portland, bonds totaling \$40,000 which represents the part of the cost of the South Bear Creek Sanitary Sewer district system which Phoenix is paying.

The bonds will mature, payable \$2,000 per year, in 20 years. Interest rate will be 3 1/2 per cent. This was the second bond sale held on the issue. In the first, the same bank was the successful and only bidder, but an error in publication time advertising the sale necessitated the second sale.

Construction on the sewer system for Phoenix is expected to start within 60 days. When completed, the system for the city will be connected to the South Bear Creek district system. The contract includes the link between the two.

Coast Construction has been working on the South Bear Creek project.

Other Bids Received
Other bids received on the Phoenix sewer were P. S. Lord, mechanical contractor, Portland, \$94,870; Warren H. Conrad, Medford, \$98,204; M. C. Lininger and Sons, Medford, \$100,260.

The South Bear Creek system is near completion. It will be connected at its north boundary with the proposed Southwest Medford trunk sewer line which will run from the site of the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital west of Barrett rd. and north along Bear creek.

Bids for the Southwest Medford line are expected to be called for by the Medford city council in August.

Roseburg, Ore.—A strike against the Roama Smelting Company of Idaho was ordered for midnight tonight by the Riddle local of the United Steelworkers of America.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair and mild through Wednesday. Low tonight 30, high Wednesday 48.
Temp.
Medford, yesterday 85
Lafayette this morning 47

Our Skies Tonight

Suprise	7:07 a.m.
Sunrise	7:23 p.m.
Moonset	11:57 p.m.
VISIBILITY PLANETS	
Venus	8:17 p.m.
Mars	10:04 p.m.
Saturn	10:04 p.m.
Jupiter	10:04 p.m.
Mercury	10:04 p.m.
new begins a slow eastward movement among the stars that will continue until next March.	
Venus rises	2:33 a.m.

Elkins, Two Others Indicted by Grand Jury in Multnomah County Vice Probe

Portland—(U.P.)—Joey S. Cleme, 28, former prizefighter, today was the fourth person to be indicted by the Multnomah county grand jury in its investigation of alleged vice conditions in Portland. Cleme was released on \$1,000 bail.

Portland—(U.P.)—James B. (Doc) Jim Elkins and two lesser felons of Portland's night life crowd were indicted late yesterday by the Multnomah county grand jury in the first report of its current investigation of vice and corruption allegations in the city.

Elkins, a key figure in the



TRIP ENDS IN TRAGEDY—Shown above are nine of the 19 teen-agers who plunged down the side of Oregon's Mt. Hood on a mountain tragedy that claimed the life of one and injured the rest. Cycling across country, they are pictured during a stopover in San Francisco. Left to right, front: Suzanne Blum, New York; Judy Hart, Queens Village, N. Y.; and Bunny Rockland, New York. Rear: Ronald Heinrich, Clear Lake, Ia.; Louise Kuflik, Forest Hills, N. Y.; Barbara Platto, Brooklyn; Clare Mitchell, Rego Park, N. Y.; Roy Weintraube, Chicago, and Robert Brawer, Fairlawn, N. J.

Association Dinner, Events to Highlight Festival Opening Day

Ashtland—Two special events of the Institute of Renaissance Studies and the annual association dinner will usher in the 1954 Oregon Shakespearean Festival.

The festival starts Wednesday night with "Richard III" and continues through Sept. 1, with "Romeo and Juliet." Other plays

include "Love's Labour's Lost," "Cymbeline," and "Titus Andronicus."

Among dignitaries who plan to attend opening night are Governor and Mrs. Elmo Smith and Miss Patty Berg of Eugene, Miss Oregon of 1956, Miss Berg will arrive in Medford at 10:25 a.m. Wednesday and leave Thursday morning.

Gov. and Mrs. Smith are scheduled to arrive in Medford late

afternoon, and remain in the valley to attend opening ceremonies for the festival.

The annual association dinner will be held starting at 8 p.m. in Lithia park Wednesday.

Wednesday noon, in the Parish hall of the Trinity Episcopal church in Ashtland, the first in a series of weekly Trinity noon readings will be held. The readings are from Elizabethan and modern works presented by the members of the Festival company.

The first reading will be a condensation of "Richard III" by Actor William Oyler. The Beta Sigma Phi sorority is sponsoring the noon readings.

The second special event will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday in the assembly room of the Ashtland public library, and is the first in a weekly series of Gresham lectures featuring Festival director, B. Iden Payne. His talk will concern "Aspects of Elizabethan Theatre."

Playing the lead role in the first night's production, "Richard III," will be Don Gunderson of Chicago. He played Anthony in "Anthony and Cleopatra" in 1950.

Other leading roles in the play are done by Nancy Pickhardt and Irene Baird, both from Carnegie Tech; Joan Kucell, University of Texas; Michael F. Kasdan, New York City; and David O'Brien, Stanford. Allen Fletcher of Carnegie Tech is director.

Canal, Egypt Assets Frozen

Washington—(U.P.)—The U.S. Treasury today "temporarily" froze all assets in this country of the Suez Canal Company and the Egyptian government.

The order was announced shortly after Secretary of State John Foster Dulles left for London by plane to join British and French officials in urgent consultations on the crisis resulting from Egypt's nationalization of the canal.

The treasury said U.S. assets of the canal company and the Egyptian government have been "placed under licensing procedure pending determination of the ownership of these assets and of the existing situation."

The order means that "all transactions with respect to such assets will be subject to Treasury license" until further notice.

"This action does not in any way affect private Egyptian

funds," the Treasury announcement said.

A Treasury spokesman said that subjecting assets of the canal company and the Egyptian government to Treasury licensing procedures was tantamount, in non-technical language, to "freezing" or "blocking" withdrawal of these assets without Treasury approval.

The Treasury declined immediate elaboration on the terse

order, but further details were expected later.

London—(U.P.)—Britain readied an aircraft carrier and made "certain naval moves" at both ends of the Suez Canal today.

The British show of force coincided with a sudden Washington announcement that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles would join London talks on the Suez crisis.

Support Asked For Stevenson At Convention

Move Said Made For Unity of Party

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Estes Kefauver today pulled out of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. He endorsed Adlai E. Stevenson, 1952 nominee and the man who defeated him in the crucial presidential primaries.

The Tennessee senator made his announcement at a suddenly called news conference in Washington's Willard Hotel.

The latest United Press tabulation of known first ballot preferences of Democratic National Convention delegates showed Kefauver with 167 1/2 convention votes, out of 686 1/2 needed for nomination.



ESTES KEFAUVER
... A United Front

Stevenson was far out in front in the tabulation with 426 1/2 votes, and New York Gov. Averell Harriman followed Kefauver with 145.

If all of the Kefauver delegates switched to Stevenson, Stevenson's first ballot strength as of now would be 604, only 82 1/2 votes short of victory. On that basis, Stevenson now would look like an almost sure winner.

Kefauver spoke before news-reel cameras in a sober tone, but showed none of the bitterness of defeat which marked him four years ago when he lost the presidential nomination to Stevenson on the third ballot at the Chicago Democratic National Convention.

The Tennesseean, reading from a prepared statement, said that when he decided last winter to enter the presidential primaries, he was determined to campaign with all the vigor at his command.

Since the primaries, he said, his travels have convinced him that there is a predominantly widespread feeling that the Democratic party can win the coming presidential election if it can present a united and aggressive front to the voters.

"Surveying my present situation realistically," he said, "I have concluded that I can make a great contribution toward that unity and eventual victory for the party by withdrawing my name from consideration for the office of President at this time and asking my supporters to wholeheartedly give their backing to Gov. Adlai Stevenson who alone, with me, was willing to take his cause to the people in almost as many primaries as I did myself."

Former Salem Attorney Permanently Disbarred

Salem—(U.P.)—Walter S. Lamkin, former Salem attorney, was permanently disbarred today by the Oregon Supreme Court upon recommendation of the board of governors of the Oregon Bar.

Lamkin recently pleaded guilty to embezzling a client's funds and was sentenced to a term in the state penitentiary.

Stassen Invites Punishment for 'Dump Nixon' Move

Washington—(U.P.)—Harold E. Stassen today renewed his dump Nixon drive with a challenge to Republican party leaders to "punish me if you wish."

Speaking out for the first time since he was given a four-week leave of absence from President Eisenhower's Cabinet, Stassen said he had "expected" to bring down the wrath of the GOP organization leaders on his head when he set out to disrupt their "well laid plans for a cut and dried convention."

He said he was ready to accept political "punishment," but he will keep on warning his party that Vice President Richard M. Nixon's name "will detract millions of votes" from the GOP ticket this fall.

In a speech prepared for delivery before the National Press Club, Stassen said that in all the "barrage of high level criticism" which fellow Republicans have fired at him, "no one has denied" his basic premise that Nixon would be a liability to the ticket if renominated as President Eisenhower's running mate.

Neither, said Stassen, has any GOP leader denied that Stassen's choice for vice president, Gov. Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts, is "a man of greater experience and proven ability."

Unlike Nixon, he said, Herter is "not a controversial figure and will not detract" from President Eisenhower's "very broad popularity."

Speech Said Not Approved

The White House said Stassen's speech was not submitted to President Eisenhower in advance for approval.

Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall, who has repeatedly predicted another Eisenhower-Nixon ticket this year, issued a statement in which he affirmed Stassen's right to "support any candidate he chooses."

Hall said both the President and Nixon have "publicly stated they want an open convention" and Nixon has "never altered his position that he would be happy to abide by the President and the convention."

"So far as I am concerned," Hall added, "I hope Mr. Stassen or any delegate in his behalf will come before the convention to place any name he desires in nomination. I'm sure the convention will weigh all factors carefully and come to a wise decision so that we can proceed with the fundamental business of electing a Republican administration and a Republican Congress, which is what I am interested in."

Granted Leave of Absence

Stassen Monday asked, and was granted a four-week leave of absence without pay from his post as President Eisenhower's disarmament adviser. The leave begins Thursday. He sought the "temporary" leave to have a free hand in pressing his anti-Nixon drive until the Republican Convention in San Francisco is over.

Mr. Eisenhower himself has so far said nothing publicly about Stassen's campaign. But he will have an opportunity to do so Wednesday at his first news conference since his abdominal operation in June.

Stassen told the Press Club audience that he started the dump Nixon campaign "reluctantly" because he was convinced that the Republicans must not go into the election with a ticket that would "inevitably cause at least a partial shift of the issues away from the President's record, and over to other issues."

Men's Place on Wrestling Mat Preserved by Court

Salem—(U.P.)—The State Supreme Court struck a blow for the "mauly art" of wrestling today and upheld as constitutional a statute prohibiting female grunt and groaners from public wrestling exhibitions.

Justice Walter Tooez, in affirming a decision of Clackamas County Circuit Judge Ralph M. Holman, pointed out that the statute was enacted "by men—in the interest of 'public health, safety, morals and welfare.'"

"It seems to us that its purpose, although somewhat selfish in nature, stands out in the statute like a sore thumb," the high court said. "Obviously it intended that there should be at least one island on the sea of life reserved for men that would be impregnable to the assault of woman."

Commenting on women's progress from demure ways to bobbed hair and sophistication, the black-robed justices said: "She has already invaded practically every activity formerly considered suitable and appropriate for men only."

"In the field of sports she has taken up, among other games, baseball, basketball, golf, bowling, hockey, long distance swimming and racing, in all of which she has become more or less proficient, and in some she has excelled."

"In these circumstances, is it any wonder that the legislative assembly took advantage of the police power of the state and its decision to halt this ever-increasing feminine encroachment upon what for ages has been considered strictly as manly arts and privileges? Was the act an unjust and unconstitutional discrimination against women? Under the circumstances, we think not."

CHINESE TROOPS MASS ALONG BURMA BORDER

"On This Order For A New Typewriter Ribbon—Did You Know You Forgot To Stamp It 'Secret'?"



National Guard Unit Gets Superior Rating

Headquarters company, 188th infantry regiment of the Oregon National Guard, Medford, has been selected as the top unit in the state of Oregon from ratings established during summer camp at Ft. Lewis, Wash., by sixth Army headquarters in San Francisco. Capt. S. J. Fagone, company commander, has announced.

This is the third straight year Headquarters company has received a superior rating, Fagone said.

Fagone explained that while at camp, Guard units were scored on ability to match regular Army units in performance. Other factors on which the scoring was based, Fagone said, were strength of the unit, military courtesy, training and quarters.

Fagone commented that Headquarters company has so far this year met with all qualifications necessary to win the Eisenhower trophy presented at the end of the year. The trophy is the highest award a Guard unit can earn, he said.

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Premier Summons Cabinet To Discuss 'Grave Situation'

Rangoon, Burma—(U.P.)—Several hundred Chinese Communist troops were reported today to have invaded and occupied Burmese territory along 500 miles of the northeastern frontier.

The mountainous frontier has been only vaguely mapped for many years and has been the subject of years-long disputes between the two countries.

Premier U Ba Swe called a meeting of his cabinet and the chiefs of the armed services for urgent consultation on the "grave situation resulting from this flagrant violation."

The "invasion" of Burma ranges from Putao southwards to Kulon ferry on the Salween river.

60 Miles Penetration

A Burmese spokesman accused the Chinese Communists of blandly ignoring the "five principles of coexistence" which form the basis of friendly relations between the two governments.

Burmese sources said the Chinese troops were strung out on a wide arc in the eastern frontier states of Kachin and Wa and penetrated up to 60 miles of Burmese territory.

A government source said the Chinese Communists used the pretext that the border had not been formally marked.

Burmese sources said there was every indication the Chinese planned "permanent occupation" of the territory.

There were no reports of fighting.

Bloodmobile Appointments May Be Made Wednesday

Appointments for the Bloodmobile will be accepted starting Wednesday, Aug. 1, at the Red Cross office in the county courthouse. The Bloodmobile will be in Medford Wednesday, Aug. 8, between 1 and 5 p.m. at the Elks temple.

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