

Nixon Nomination by Acclamation Seen by Senate and House Chiefs

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The chairmen made their prediction in a joint statement which dealt another strong blow to Stassen's "dump Nixon" drive.

It came only a few hours before Stassen formally opened Washington headquarters for his campaign to put Massachusetts Gov. Christian A. Herter rather than Nixon in the number two spot on the GOP presidential ticket.

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The statement was issued by Sen. Andrew F. Schoepel (Kan.) chairman of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, and Rep. Richard M. Simpson (Pa.) chairman of a similar House committee.

Winning Ticket

"It is inconceivable," they said, "that Republican delegates will consider tearing apart a winning ticket (Eisenhower and Nixon)."

Stassen today began a four-week leave of absence from his post as President Eisenhower's disarmament adviser to push his drive for Herter without involving the White House.

Schoepel and Simpson said that 180 House members who last week signed a petition supporting Nixon "disagreed with Stassen" and that "yesterday we learned the President disagreed" with him.

We doubt that he is right and everybody else is wrong," they added.

Interpretations differed, however, on the President's attitude. The President said at his news conference Wednesday that Nixon would be "perfectly acceptable" to him as a running mate but that Stassen is within his rights to campaign for Herter.

He declined to express a preference between Nixon and Herter or any other possible vice presidential candidate, saying that he upholds "the right of the delegates to the convention to nominate whom they choose."

Asked if it might be concluded from his remarks that Nixon is his choice, Mr. Eisenhower replied: "I see no reason to

draw such a conclusion... but you may." He refused to say whether he would be "happy" with Herter because he did not want to discuss personalities outside his official family.

Stassen interpreted this to mean that Mr. Eisenhower had given him a "green light" to campaign for Herter.

Stassen said Mr. Eisenhower made it clear that the GOP convention "now is definitely open" and that "the American people can now make their views known to the delegates."

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SWEETHEARTS—Patsy and Diane Ryan, 1110 East Jackson st. Medford, locally known as the little Rogue Valley Sweethearts, were winners in the "Search For Talent" contest on KPTV in Portland recently. They are pictured above with Carl Hawley, sponsor of the talent program. As a result of their first place, they received a week's engagement at Amatos Supper club in Portland starting Monday, Aug. 6. If the duet can win five more contests on the "Search For Talent" program during the next five months, they will win a trip to Hollywood.

Hall Predicts Greater Victory

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Republican National Chairman Hall predicts his party will enjoy a greater victory this year than in 1952.

Hall made this prediction Wednesday when he arrived to make arrangements for the convention.

"I expect a more sweeping victory in 1958 than in 1952," he declared.

Asked if he meant this no matter who wins the Republican vice presidential nomination, Hall replied:

"I don't care who is nominated."

About 125 persons, mostly young Republicans, met his plane when it landed at San Francisco International Airport. A brass band blared and the crowd chanted, "We Want Ike and Dick."

Hall declined to discuss any candidate for the vice presidency other than Richard M. Nixon. However, he said the convention will be "open" and that any name may be placed in nomination.

Hall planned to inspect the Cow Palace today.

Death of Hodge's Publicity Agent Being Investigated

Springfield, Ill.—(U.P.)—Authorities were hopeful today of determining the exact cause of death of H. Kendall Olds, publicity agent for deposed state auditor Orville E. Hodge, pending an inquest next week.

Olds' body was found Wednesday in Lake Springfield, which borders the plush home of Hodge, driven from office by a \$1,000,000 phony check scandal and now under federal and state indictment.

Not Directly Implicated

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M. F. Schimenz, a member of the Surf Club, found Olds' body floating in five feet of water about 15 feet from the docks of the club on Lake Springfield. Schimenz made a search for Olds after spotting Olds' empty car at the club early Wednesday.

Honesty Unquestioned

Olds, a former newsmen and United Press correspondent here, earned \$6,500 a year as an administrative assistant assigned to public relations. After the body was found, Hodge's successor, Lloyd Morey, called a news conference and said there had been "no question" of Olds' honesty and that he had not planned to fire him.

Underwater Filming Of Sunken Vessel Halted by Tragedy

Nantucket, Mass.—(U.P.)—Underwater filming of the sunken liner Andrea Doria was called off today because of the drowning of an expedition member in a practice skin dive in Nantucket Harbor.

William Edgerton, 23, failed to surface Wednesday from a practice dive. His body was recovered by photographer Louis Malle who organized the 14-man skin diving expedition for Paris Match Magazine.

Edgerton, son of a Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor, was diving with others from the 50-foot tender, Capt. Samuel James, anchored in 120 feet of water.

Valve Turned Off

The skin divers were to have started film making today in waters about 45 miles south of Nantucket Island, where the Andrea Doria sank last week after a collision with the Swedish liner Stockholm.

Edgerton made one dive wearing a mask and two gas cylinders strapped to his back. He surfaced and said he was going down again. When he failed to surface 10 minutes later, NBC reporter Joe Michales called to him through an electronic underwater magaphone. Edgerton did not respond and the group searched the area. His body was found lying on the ocean floor.

Expedition members said a valve supplying oxygen had been turned off, possibly by a brush against the tender when he submerged.

Two London Newsmen Expelled From Egypt

Cairo—(U.P.)—Two London newspaper correspondents in Cairo have been expelled from Egypt, and the Egyptian correspondent of the New York Daily News has been ordered to quit his job, it was reported today.

The semi-official Mideast News Agency said the government expelled Sefton Delmer, London Daily Express foreign correspondent, and Ray Hardy, Jordanian correspondent for the London New Chronicle, for "attempting to obtain military information affecting national security."

Honduras Revolt Crushed in Brief Barracks Battle

Tegucigalpa, Honduras—(U.P.)—An uprising against Supreme Chief of State Julio Lozano was crushed Wednesday in a six-hour battle which took place virtually on the doorstep of the U.S. Embassy, it was announced today.

Reliable sources said at least 12 persons were killed and 40 wounded in the bitter fighting at the St. Francis Barracks in central Tegucigalpa, across the street from the embassy.

Revolt Leader Killed

Unconfirmed reports said the dead included Maj. Juan P. Silva, military leader of the revolt.

The embassy staff escaped injury in the uprising. The embassy building was not damaged.

Reports reaching El Salvador said "hundreds of persons" were arrested in Tegucigalpa in the wake of the revolt, while an unspecified number of opposition politicians have claimed asylum in embassies there.

Blamed on Supporters

The government blamed the uprising on supporters of liberal leader Ramon Villeda Morales, who was exiled last month along with four lesser officials of the opposition party.

An official announcement said civilian leaders of the revolt were Ezequiel Escoto, a columnist for the liberal organ El Pueblo, and Carlos Somoza, described as a "communist sympathizer responsible for recent labor disturbances" in the north coast banana belt.

BOARD OF REVENUE

Knoxville, Tenn.—(U.P.)—R. L. Coppick said today the thief who stole his safe and \$600 probably was a lumber expert. Coppick, a railway car inspector, said he had hidden the money in a hollowed-out 2x4 which he screwed against a wall with which it blended. A thief Monday stole the money and the plank.

Adlai's First Ballot Strength Soars as Delegates Join Ranks

Washington—(U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson's first ballot strength climbed toward the 500 mark today and potentially 200 more early ballot votes could be seen for him among favorite son and uncommitted delegations.

Funds Earmarked For Fiscal 1958 Highway Program

Washington—(U.P.)—The government Wednesday earmarked more than \$2,500,000,000 for federal highway aid next year.

This will be the second installment on the \$33,000,000,000 highway program, and the largest amount ever provided for roads at one time by any country.

To Be Matched by States

The funds are for fiscal 1958, which is still 11 months away. They will be matched by a smaller amount of state funds.

The new assignment of federal funds is divided among the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico. Broken down by types of roads, it provides: \$1,700,000,000 for the 41,000 mile interstate system, \$382,500,000 for the 196,000-mile primary system, \$255,000,000 for the 508,000 miles of secondary and farm to market roads, and \$212,500,000 for highways into and through cities.

The federal government pays 90 per cent of the cost for the interstate system, and the states pay the remaining 10 per cent.

West Gets More

Costs are split 50-50 between federal and state governments on all other phases of the road program, except in the case of 12 Western states. These dozen receive bigger percentages of federal funds because of their vast areas of public lands which cannot be used commercially.

The state by state breakdown of federal assistance for fiscal 1958 included:

California \$96,947,850 for interstate and a total of \$142,656,288.

Oregon \$23,078,783 for interstate and a total of \$35,741,796.

Washington \$27,303,532 for interstate and a total of \$42,126,176.

To win the Democratic presidential nomination, Stevenson or the man who beats him must poll at least 688½ votes at the Democratic National Convention.

Stevenson's campaign headquarters already claimed a minimum of 600 first ballot votes and said that almost any two of the large state delegations which are uncommitted or pledged to favorite son candidates could throw the nomination to Stevenson.

A Big Lift

The withdrawal of Sen. Estes Kefauver Tuesday in favor of Stevenson gave the Stevenson campaign its biggest lift since the California primary.

Gov. Averell Harriman's managers still talked of getting a substantial bloc of the Kefauver votes, but a bandwagon swing to Stevenson seemed to be under way. Former Democratic National Chairman Frank McKinney, a Harriman supporter, predicted the New Yorker will poll 450 first ballot votes.

A United Press tabulation of known first ballot preferences showed Stevenson with 485½ votes against 186½ for Harriman.

A still-incomplete survey of the Kefauver delegates shifted at least 20 of the 26 Indiana votes from Kefauver to Stevenson and all 18 of those from Maryland. Kefauver had won both delegations in uncontested primaries.

In Minnesota, where Kefauver defeated Stevenson in a March primary, Harriman picked up 8½ of Kefauver's 26 votes and Stevenson 6½ with the remainder undecided.

Ten and one-half scattered Kefauver votes in other states were transferred to Harriman and 16½ to Stevenson.

More than half of the 28 Kefauver votes from Wisconsin were expected to jump to Stevenson.

The Tennesseean also won those in an uncontested primary.

The Kefauver withdrawal looked like the move which could throw the nomination to Stevenson if the party does not tear itself apart at Chicago in its quadrennial fight over a civil rights plank in the platform. Much of Stevenson's strength lies in the South, which can still explode over the racial issue in the platform.

Mail Floods Nixon's Office

Washington—(U.P.)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon's office has added five temporary employees to handle a surge of mail protesting Harold E. Stassen's effort to blast him off the 1956 Republican ticket.

Office desks are piled high with the correspondence. Nixon's regular staff prepares the letters for answer during the day and a five-woman night crew does the typing on a 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift.

A great many of the letters are from women. Represented are all parts of the United States and just about all classes of voters.

A Western governor pledged all Republican governors in his area to the Nixon candidacy. Several Republican state chairmen were represented along with a variety of state and county office holders.

The burden of the correspondence was that the writers liked Nixon and Mrs. Nixon and wanted him to run again. A letter from Kansas City had special commendation for Mrs. Nixon's recipe for walnut clusters which had appeared in the Star.

The flood of mail is continuing.

Lebanon Group Plans Square Dance Jamboree

Sweet Home—Square dance clubs from throughout Oregon are expected to participate in a square dance jamboree here during Frontier Days.

Frontier Days is celebrated Aug. 9, 10 and 11. The jamboree is scheduled for 7 p.m., Aug. 11, at the high school. Sammie Swingers, Lebanon dance group, will be sponsors.

Split Facility for E-R Center Suggested

Portland—(U.P.)—The specially appointed mayor's committee to iron out differences that have held up construction on the proposed Exposition-Recreation center, yesterday recommended that a split facility be developed at three sites.

The six-members committee voted by a 4-2 margin to recommend the city place a measure on the November ballot to restore full powers to the E-R commission and instruct the commission to construct the facility at Delta park, the South Auditorium site and the Oaks-East Bank location.

Specifically the recommendations ask that the commission be directed to pursue development of a campus-type facility at Delta Park which would include suitable facilities for the Pacific International Livestock Exposition and the development of a sports arena at the downtown site.

Also recommended was development of a river-edge site for a marine park.

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Health Teams Seek Polio Epidemic Cause

Chicago—(U.P.)—Board of Health teams probed four polio-riddled pockets on Chicago's West Side today in an effort to learn what factors caused the worst early season outbreak in city history.

"The investigation will be from block to block, from house to house and from room to room," declared Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, president of the Health Board.

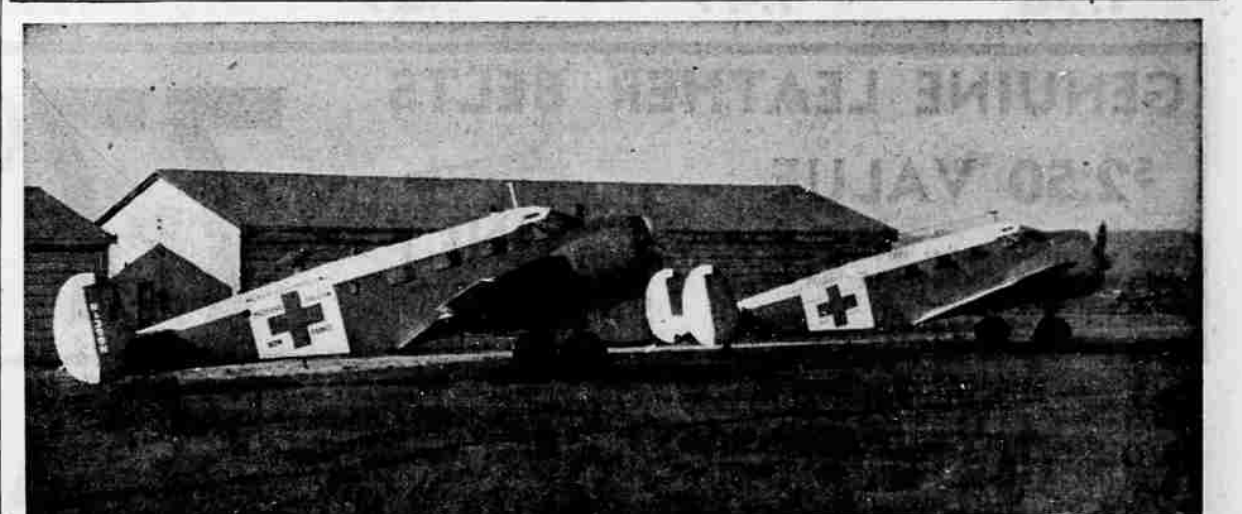
The four districts, covering 5.6 square miles, have contributed half of the city's polio cases this year. Three fourths of the victims in the neighborhoods have been children under five years old, Bundesen said.

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