

Stevenson Visits Truman; Gets No Pledge



INSISTING HE CAN WIN, New York Gov. Averell Harriman opens headquarters in Chicago despite indications Adlai Stevenson has enough delegates to get Democratic presidential nomination on first ballot. (International)

Doubt Expressed Soviets To Attend Canal Conference

Note of Acceptance Causes Confusion

London—(U.P.)—British sources accused Russia today of trying to turn next Thursday's Suez Canal conference into an international circus and expressed doubt the Soviets would even attend.

Western Big Three diplomats consulted on tactics to quash the Russian move to bring in Communist China with eight other Communist nations and the Arab world and prepared to postpone the conference or move it to Cairo.

British diplomats studied the 18-page Soviet note of "acceptance" all night and said it was so vaguely worded they weren't sure what it meant. Russia said it would send a representative, but the Kremlin attached a whole series of reservations and counter-proposals.

Note Causes Confusion

The West was thrown into confusion by Moscow's failure to say whether attendance depended on acceptance of its proposals.

They said any move to turn the 24-nation conference into a 46-nation meeting would automatically turn the conference into a three-ring circus. They said such an unwieldy meeting might drag on for months while Egypt consolidated its hold on the Suez Canal.

In Washington American officials were heartened to attend by Russia's decision to attend the London conference on the Suez Canal crisis.

Series of Complaints

They dismissed as primarily propaganda a series of qualifications and complaints about the conference attached to the Russian acceptance. The United States had expected as much from the Soviets.

Authorities predicted the London meeting—to which 24 nations have been invited—will take place next Thursday as scheduled, even though the Russians suggested postponing it until the end of the month.

They also predicted rejection of Russia's proposal that the conference be enlarged to include Red satellites, Arab nations and Red China.

French Against Delay

French spokesmen in Paris said Russia's bid to invite 22 more nations to the conference would get short shrift. The French also said they would refuse to delay the conference.

French commentators appeared unhappy but not surprised at the long Russian note but said "the Russian answer gives some idea of the position the Russians will take at the conference."

Spain officially accepted an invitation to the Thursday conference. As that left only Egypt and Greece as nations which have not replied to the invitation. Greece earlier this week suggested the conference be enlarged and postponed but did not give a yes or no answer.

Bloodmobile Exceeds Quota of 240 Pints

The Bloodmobile quota of 240 pints of blood was exceeded by three pints during the Wednesday visit of the Bloodmobile here. It was the second time in more than two years the quota has been exceeded, Red Cross officials said.

Yesterday's Mail Tribune listed the quota as 250 pints. A total of 306 donors reported, six more than the quota for donors set by Red Cross officials. There were 87 "drop-ins," and 83 pints of blood were designated as replacements.

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SMALL BUSINESS AID RECOMMENDED

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower's Small Business Advisory Committee has recommended a 14-point program designed to aid small businesses. The program includes tax cuts.

The committee, set up last April, is headed by Dr. Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Presidential Council of Economic Advisers. It made the recommendations in an interim report Thursday.

Mr. Eisenhower assured the group he would give the recommendations "the prompt and favorable consideration they deserve—both in preparing for executive action and in drawing up the administration's legislative program for the new Congress."

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River, Harbor Bill Vetoed

Information Said Incomplete on Many Projects

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower today vetoed a \$1,600,000,000 rivers and harbors bill on grounds that Congress acted on "incomplete information" about many of the measure's projects.

In an unusual election year action, the President withheld approval from the bill which covered 99 projects and 14 river basin improvements scattered virtually all over the United States.

Veto Regretted
The President said he regrets having to veto the bill. But he noted that the bill only authorized projects and that the next Congress would have to decide whether to provide the money for them. So he said his veto would "cause no delay" in starting many worthwhile projects in the bill.

Mr. Eisenhower said some projects in the bill involved too little local participation. He said the "best test yet devised" for insuring that a project is sound is the willingness of local people to invest their own money.

But his major complaint was that Congress acted on too many of the projects without getting complete reports on them from the Corps of Engineers.

He said Congress failed to get a review from the Army Engineers or an opinion from affected states for 32 projects in the bill. These projects involved more than \$530,000,000.

"Without such review the Congress must necessarily have acted on the basis of incomplete information," the President said.

He said the chief of engineers has not studied or reported on some of the projects and in a few cases field studies have not yet been received.

Urges Further Study
Mr. Eisenhower said that in the weeks before Congress next meets a "careful, orderly review" will be undertaken of the projects in the bill which have not been fully studied or reviewed to date. He said this should enable the Congress to base its action on a full knowledge of all the facts involved.

Son Too Small to Weigh Born at Local Hospital
A tiny son was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Welburn, 127 North Front st., Talent, at Sacred Heart hospital. The baby was so small at birth it will not be weighed for several days, according to hospital officials.

The baby is the first child for the couple. Welburn is unemployed.

Contract Discussion Set at Talent Today
The proposed contract between the Talent Irrigation district and the bureau of reclamation for the repayment of part of the irrigation costs of the Talent project will be discussed at a meeting at 8 p.m. today in the new Talent High school.

Officials of the bureau of reclamation and officers and board members of the TID will be available to answer questions concerning details of the contract.

Water users in the Talent district will vote Aug. 22 on the contract, which has been negotiated between the district and the bureau of reclamation for repayment of about half the cost which is allocated to irrigation.

Overall cost of the project has been estimated at \$20 million, with about \$5,800,000 covered in the repayment contract over a period of 60 years, interest free.

Testimony Yesterday
Testifying yesterday afternoon on behalf of the passenger service abandonment were the Medford postmaster and nine shippers from Medford, Central Point, Ashland, Roseburg and Grants Pass.

They included Robert W. Bashford, Roseburg, manager of Douglas County Flour mill; Douglas C. Flanagan, Medford, vice president and general manager, Elk Lumber company; Woodruff C. Mattson, Ashland, representing Red Blanket Lumber company; Prospect, R. W. Rice, Grants Pass, vice president and general manager, Engler-Huson company; Francis Cheney, Medford, Cheney Forest Products, Central Point; Hugh R. Blackater, Grants Pass, president and general manager, Pacific Custom Car Loaders, and

manager, Custom Plywood; Robert Collins, Medford, sales manager, Mt. Pitt company; Paul William Hanson, Medford, retired fruit grower; and Moore Hamilton, Medford postmaster.

They testified that rail freight service had improved since abandonment of passenger service in August of 1955, though they could not say whether or not the improvement was a direct result of passenger service discontinuance.

Mail Service Improved
Hamilton testified that mail service has been "greatly improved" since it was taken over by Pacific Motor Trucking company, a subsidiary of Southern Pacific.

After cross examination of Hamilton was completed, he was made a complainant's witness by Sen. Lowry. Under direct examination Hamilton testified that the railway mail service had been unreliable and frequently late, which resulted in additional expense and poorer mail service.

Southern Pacific started its defense of passenger service abandonment on the Siskiyou line Tuesday morning in the federal courtroom at the Medford post office building. Complainants presented their case at hearings last April. SP officials have indicated it will take about five more days to complete their case. The remainder of the hearing may be held in Roseburg, according to Examiner Ferguson.

Complainants in the case, besides Lowry, include State Sen. Paul Geddes, Roseburg, and State Sen. James Brown, Grants Pass.

More Studies
Ferguson said he and his committee on railroads will determine whether or not more studies should be made in the public interest following the forthcoming recess hearing. Following that a general rebuttal hearing will be held. It is possible, he said, that an out-of-state railway expert will be summoned to study the case before the Public Utilities Commission makes a decision. Present at the hearings has been Robert Clark, a PUC finance expert, who is participating in PUC studies of this case.

Hearing Recesses Until September

Nixon and Stassen Visit White House But Do Not Meet

Washington—(U.P.)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Harold E. Stassen, the man who wants to keep him off the 1956 Republican ticket, visited the White House at the same time today but didn't run into each other.

Nixon conferred about half an hour with President Eisenhower on Suez and other "international affairs." Did they discuss politics in general and perhaps Stassen's dump Nixon drive in particular?

Nixon wouldn't say. Told that Stassen also was in the White House, the vice president just smiled and said he hadn't been aware of that.

Didn't See President
Stassen did not see the President. He spent about 20 minutes with Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams. Stassen refused to tell reporters the purpose of his call. Assistant White House Press Secretary Murray Snyder refused to comment on the Stassen-Adams meeting and said he "wouldn't know" whether it was about government business or something else.

Stassen is in absence as President Eisenhower's disarmament adviser while pushing his campaign against re-nomination of Nixon.

Nixon, Dewey Meet
Nixon and former New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey held a behind the scenes meeting Thursday night in a hotel three blocks from the White House. Dewey said he and Nixon and others present "talked about a lot of things" including politics. He would not say whether they discussed the Stassen campaign.

Today, Nixon refused to go any further than Dewey had in describing the meeting. He told reporters he had said all he is going to say about vice presidential matters until the Republican convention starts in San Francisco Aug. 20.

Salem—(U.P.)—First meeting of the ragweed control committee will be held here Saturday.

Annual Rogue River Roundup Opens Today

A horse parade at 5 p.m. today will open the 14th Annual Rogue River Roundup, sponsored by the Jackson county Mounted Sheriff's posse. The parade will start at Ivy and Sixth sts. and go east on Main st. to Bartlett st., north to sixth, then west on Sixth to Ivy st.

Tonight will be "family night" at the rodeo with children admitted for half price. The performance will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Posse grounds on Sage rd.

The Roundup queen, Miss Verna Hickman of Eagle Point, will reign over week end festivities. Her court includes Miss Tessie Fisher and Miss Juanita James, Medford, Miss Maxine Peile, Eagle Point, and Miss Marcia Woodward, Butte Falls.

Mac Barbour is show producer. Joe Holmes will be the announcer, with Teddy Billings the clown and bull fighter. Barbour also is furnishing stock.

Scheduled between the main events will be Posse drills, races, games and trick riding by Lynn and Jimmy Merril of Red Bluff, Calif.

As of noon Friday, 63 local and out of town entries had registered at Roundup headquarters, 7 South Riverside ave.

A purse of \$1,000, plus the entry fees, will be divided among the winners of the five events.

Rodeo Events
Rodeo events will start with saddle bronc riding, then bulldogging, bareback riding, calf roping, and bull riding.

There will be several sections to each performance.

Boyer To Attend Demo Convention
Robert Boyer, chairman of the Democratic State Central committee, and two other Jackson county people will attend the Democratic National convention in Chicago which starts Monday.

Boyer, who also heads the county Democratic committee, will leave for Portland by car this evening, and will spend Saturday in the state Democratic offices, conferring with other party officials. He will leave that evening by air for Chicago where he will serve as an alternate delegate to Sen. Richard L. Neuberger.

Alex Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Hamilton, Medford, also will be in Chicago, driving there from Washington, D. C., where he is attending school. Richard Lamb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Lamb, Ashland, left by car Thursday evening. He will serve as a page at the convention.

First Non-Partisan "Candidates Fair" Scheduled at McLoughlin October 27

Candidates for national, state and county offices have been invited to attend the first non-partisan "Candidates Fair" at McLoughlin Junior High school auditorium Oct. 27.

The fair is being sponsored by the Medford League of Women Voters, and is patterned after a similar fair in Eugene in 1954.

Mrs. I. S. Thomas, voters service chairman of the league, said several candidates already have accepted invitations. Among them are Douglas McKay, Republican candidate for the senate, and Democrat Sen. Wayne Morse, who is seeking reelection.

Others who have said they plan to attend include Charles O. Porter, Eugene, candidate for congress from the fourth district; Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg, who is seeking reelection to the same office; Sig Unander,

who is seeking reelection as state treasurer; Monroe Sweetland, Democratic candidate for secretary of state; Mark Hatfield, Republican candidate for secretary of state; and Robert D. Holmes, candidate for governor.

Assisting in planning will be members of the two parties and representatives of various local service groups. Mrs. Kathleen Bash and Mrs. Rosemary Keeney are the Republican party chairman on the planning committee, and Robert Boyer and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Norton will represent the Democratic party.

Mrs. Thomas said any service clubs interested in cooperating with planning the fair should contact her by telephoning 3-5889.

tables in the auditorium. Other activities, including demonstrations and exhibits, also are planned, Mrs. Thomas said.

The League of Women Voters reminded residents that Oct. 6 is the deadline for registering to vote in the Nov. 6 general election. Anyone who has not registered 30 days prior to an election is ineligible to vote.

To qualify to vote, a person must be 21 or more, a citizen of the United States, and have been a resident of Oregon for six months immediately preceding the election. Registration also is required.

Residents must register if they have not previously registered, if they have moved to new address, if their name has been changed through court action or marriage, or if they have not voted in an election within the past two years.

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Harriman Arrives To Personally Head Nomination Drive

Former President To Tell Choice Saturday

Chicago—(U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson came away empty handed from a visit with former President Truman today but indicated that he had not sought a pledge of support for his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

At the same time, Gov. Averell Harriman arrived here to take personal charge of his campaign to come from behind and wrest the nomination from the front running Stevenson at next week's Democratic National convention.

Harriman was expected to pay a call later today on Mr. Truman, who has long been regarded as a secret supporter of his old Cabinet officer.

Mr. Truman will dispel the mystery about his intentions Saturday by revealing his choice for the nomination.

Under Heavy Pressure
He was under heavy pressure from old political associates to throw his weight behind Harriman. Many of the early arriving delegates, however, believe he would endorse Stevenson because it would be difficult to stop the renomination of the former Illinois governor.

However, one of Mr. Truman's oldest Washington associates put it this way today: "On the basis of his past attitude, I assume he is going to endorse Harriman. But I can't understand it. Stevenson's chances of winning on the second ballot would still look good."

Stevenson spent 30 minutes this morning at Mr. Truman's hotel suite but said their discussion did not involve the nomination.

"We talked about the platform, we talked about the convention but we did not talk candidates," he said.

Civil Rights Issue
He said he thinks that he and Mr. Truman found themselves in agreement on the civil rights plank of the party platform, the issue which can still divide the convention and affect Stevenson's chances.

Stevenson said his statement this week favoring a plan giving "unequivocal approval" of the Supreme Court decision against school segregation represented no change in his previous stand.

Southern Democrats breathed a sigh of relief Thursday when Mr. Truman made no such recommendation before the Platform committee.

When Stevenson and the ex-President were asked what was decided at their session, Stevenson replied that they had "decided to elect a Democratic president next November."

Two Grants Pass Men Missing at Brookings

Brookings, Ore.—(U.P.)—An air and sea search was under way today for three men, including two Grants Pass dentists, reported missing after going fishing in the Pacific ocean yesterday.

Missing were Dr. J. M. Hoatson and Dr. Thomas A. Monahan of Grants Pass, and Lloyd Morrison of Harbor, owner of the boat which failed to return yesterday. Dr. Monahan is a member of the Grants Pass city council.

A Coast Guard plane and two private planes were searching in the area west of here for the three men.



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