

STEVENSON, HARRIMAN BATTLE FOR UNCOMMITTED DELEGATES

Both Sides Make Confident Claims For Nomination

Truman To Support Convention Nominee

Chicago — (U.P.) — Adlai E. Stevenson and Gov. Averell Harriman fought today for uncommitted delegates whose ballots will decide the Democratic presidential nomination.

As the Democratic National Convention formally opened at the International Amphitheater in the Chicago Stockyards both sides made confident claims of victory. But they were keeping their fingers crossed.

Stevenson said he was "confident, extremely confident." The

Louisville, Ky. — (U.P.) — Former President Truman told an old friend he would accept the Democratic presidential nomination himself before he would permit a deadlock such as the one in 1924, the Louisville Times said today.

In 1924 the Democratic convention deadlocked between Al Smith and William Gibbs McAdoo for 103 ballots before a compromise was reached and John W. Davis was nominated.

tenor of remarks from the Harriman camp was "Ave's in." Stevenson was more than two to one ahead of Harriman in delegate support as the convention started.

Harry S. Truman, the man who turned the convention into a race said, "I'll support the nominee of the convention."

The former President Saturday transformed what looked like a Stevenson walkover into a real battle by pinning a Harriman button on his coat and declaring the New York governor is the party's best qualified candidate for President.

But Mr. Truman made it clear today he'll get out and whistle-stop for Stevenson if he's the man the Democrats decide they want.

As of convention kickoff time Stevenson still was front runner by a wide margin. But Harriman was picking up strength, some of it presumably due to Truman's endorsement. The latest United Press tabulation of delegates' known first ballot preferences showed this box score:

Known Delegate Strength

Stevenson, 519, up 4½ since Saturday.

Harriman, 234, up 24 since Saturday.

Favorite sons and other candidates, 317.

Unknown, 302.

Necessary to nominate, 686½.

"I think this convention will nominate a ticket that will sweep the terrible administration in Washington right into the middle of Pennsylvania ave.," Mr. Truman said.

"There never was a time in the history of the United States," Mr. Truman added, "when we needed an honest administration as we need it now."

Nixon Sees Road To Peace Difficult

Dallas, Tex. — (U.P.) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon said today "we are sure to win" the struggle between democracy and Communism and achieve peace.

Nixon, in a speech prepared for the Veterans of Foreign Wars national encampment, warned that the road to peace would be difficult. But, he said:

"I am sure that we will rise to the challenge and will win the struggle for peace. The invincible spirit of free men will triumph. The tyrants and slave-masters of the world will go down to defeat."

Nixon said the nation's foreign policy is dedicated towards achieving "peace with honor" in the world.

"I hope that... all of us can present a united front to the entire world in this vital area of national policy," he said.

Chlorine Temporarily Added to City Water

Chlorine has been added temporarily to Medford water at the additional intake facilities of the Big Butte Springs pipe line No. 2, installed and tested at full capacity for the first time last week by city crews, according to Robert Lee, water superintendent.

Lee said the chlorine was added as a precautionary measure against possible pollution from the water going through the new intake facility. The chlorine is being shut off today, he added, and will take two or three days to work itself out of the distribution system.

He said the water department has received several calls from residents since Saturday concerning the taste of the water. The chlorine taste will be present in Medford water for two or three days.

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Hurricane Roars Into Bahama Islands

Miami — (U.P.) — Hurricane Betsy roared into the vast chain of Bahama islands with winds up to 125 miles per hour and still increasing today, leaving one dead in Puerto Rico where it struck a devastating blow.

Forecasters Walter Davis of the Miami weather bureau said the hundreds of low islands ahead will be little hindrance to the young tempest and today's developments may show whether its growing might will threaten the U.S. mainland.

Sunday Betsy, the first full-scale hurricane of the season, killed one person and caused several million dollars worth of damage in Puerto Rico. Gov. Luis Munoz Marin called an emergency cabinet meeting to plan rehabilitation for thousands of persons driven from their homes on the densely settled island.

The weather bureau located the whirler's center about 115 miles southeast of Turks island

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ROUNDUP PARADE—Participants in the annual Rogue River Roundup paraded through downtown Medford Saturday in the main parade of the three-day event. The Roundup started Friday with a small parade. Evening rodeo performances were main attractions Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Though winners were selected Friday night, directors of the rodeo were still ironing out details of the awards this morning and could not give names of the winners.

Dulles Will Have Bipartisan Backing At Suez Meeting

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will go to the 22-nation London conference on the Suez crisis Thursday with solid bipartisan support, administration sources said today.

The sources said Dulles gained support at Sunday's extraordinary White House meeting with congressional leaders to discuss the Suez dispute. They said the congressmen did not ask for any changes in administration plans for trying to get a peaceful solution to the controversy.

Must Assume Responsibility

Democratic congressmen who attended the meeting were not so emphatic, however. Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas said that "politics ends at the water's edge" when asked if Dulles carried bipartisan support. But he also emphasized that any decisions on foreign policy would have to be made by the administration and that the administration would have to assume full responsibility.

To Seek Arrangement

Dulles, who leaves for London Tuesday, plans to join Britain and France in asking the conference to agree on an arrangement for guaranteeing that the Suez will always be open to navigation of all nations. The three-power plan calls for creating a new international Suez Canal authority to operate the waterway at reasonable rates.

Knowland Sees Nixon As Ike's Running Mate

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. William F. Knowland predicted after a meeting with President Eisenhower today that Richard M. Nixon will be the Republican vice presidential nominee.

Knowland conferred with Mr. Eisenhower at the White House for about 30 minutes. Earlier in the morning, he had breakfast at the White House with Gen. Wilton B. Persons, the president's assistant for congressional affairs.

Asked whether he discussed the vice presidential nomination with the President, Knowland said he was not in a position to go into details of their conversation. He said they covered politics "generally," some problems which might come up at the Republican Convention in San Francisco, problems of the last session of Congress, and prospects for the next session of Congress.

Opening of Phoenix Schools Is Delayed

Phoenix public schools, both elementary and senior high, will open for classes Sept. 17, according to E. R. James, superintendent of schools there. The change from Sept. 10 was made at the request of the Fruit Growers association to allow the children to work during the harvest.

Medford Senior High school will start Sept. 17 with the elementary school opening Sept. 10. The schools in Prospect will start Sept. 7.

Parents are reminded that birth certificates are necessary for children entering school for the first time this fall.

Colombo, Ceylon — (U.P.) — Ceylon plans to call in "devil dancers" in a last ditch attempt to break the island nation's severe drought.

The High Road And The Low Road

SUPREMACY COURT RESEGREGATION DECISION

POLITICAL DEMAGOGUERY



British Troops Head Toward Suez Canal As Conference Nears

London — (U.P.) — Plane loads of British troops streaming out of Britain for the Mediterranean crossed paths today with the inbound flow of world diplomats who will seek a peaceful solution to the Suez canal crisis at the London conference opening Thursday.

The conference, originally scheduled with 24 nations in attendance, has been reduced to 22 by Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser's rejection of the invitation and by a similar refusal by Greece.

Hundreds of British troops left Blackbushe and Hurn airports in the biggest airlift since the Berlin blockade.

It also was disclosed in Bonn that Britain has begun to pull its troops and equipment out of West Germany to replenish strategic reserves during the canal crisis.

Nasser received further backing today in his firm stand against a Western proposal to internationalize the canal and to use force if necessary to insure its free passage.

The Arab League council, meeting in Cairo, resolved that any aggression against Egypt "will be considered aggression against all Arab states."

Egypt pressed a strong diplomatic campaign to win approval for Nasser's proposal of a broadened world conference to "review" the Suez situation without questioning Egyptian ownership of the canal.

The government sent Nasser's plan to all the countries which signed the 1888 treaty of Constantinople guaranteeing freedom of navigation through the canal.

Threat Against Canal

Salah Salem, a former member of Nasser's cabinet, left for London today to cover the meeting in his new role as editor of the Cairo newspaper Al Shaab. Salem declared last week that Egypt is ready to "blow up" the canal if any attempt is made to use force against Egypt.

In other developments today, the U.S. Embassy in Cairo announced that four American destroyers will be traveling through the canal today and Tuesday. The Navy called the movement "routine."

Officers Seek Two In Armed Robbery

State, county and city police officers are seeking two men reported to have assaulted Fritz Boight, 401 rd., Medford, and escaped with approximately \$800 in an armed robbery in Boight's cabin at 3:42 a.m. Sunday.

According to state police, Boight said he heard a knock on his door, opened it and admitted two men, whom he identified to officers. He said one of the men picked up Boight's .22 caliber rifle and robbed him of \$800. One of the men then struck Boight on the head with his fist, knocking him to the floor, and the two escaped in an automobile.

Boight was not seriously injured by the blow and apparently required no medical attention. State police said they have two suspects and are still investigating the case. Officers were notified of the incident by Ben Darris, a workman at the 401 orchard.

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CARS LINE UP—Vehicles lined up for at least one-half mile in each direction Sunday when traffic was stopped for 30 minutes on U.S. Highway 99. Cause for the delay was a rope barricade blocking off 16½ feet of the highway between Glendale and Azalea in southern Douglas county. The barricade was set up by heirs of Sam Stumbo, who claimed the blocked-off portion of the highway is private property purchased by Stumbo about 40 years ago. They said Stumbo and his heirs have paid taxes on the property before and since the highway construction started in 1947.

Demo Platform Drafters Agree On Welfare Plank

Chicago — (U.P.) — Democratic platform drafters have agreed on a welfare plank calling for increased social security benefits and expansion of the federal health program, informed sources said today.

At a session that lasted until 1:30 a.m. (EDT) today, the 16-member Platform Drafting subcommittee also roughed out a farm plank pledging crop support loans of 90 per cent of parity. It calls for supplementary measures, such as subsidy payments and direct purchases, to bring the income of at least the small farmers to 100 per cent of parity.

A "free enterprise" plank lacked only a few finishing touches. It reportedly charges the Republican administration is dominated by "big business." It also pledges tighter enforcement of anti-trust and anti-monopoly laws, as well as increased help for small businessmen.

Postpones Civil Rights

The subcommittee postponed consideration of its toughest task, drafting a civil rights plank, until tonight or Tuesday. Meantime, party moderates huddled secretly in an effort to reach a compromise acceptable to Southerners.

At former President Truman's suggestion, the subcommittee gave Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt a 30-minute hearing during which she touched on civil rights generally. She was reported a sponsor of one proposed compromise that would leave out specific approval of the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public schools, as the Southerners are insisting upon.

The moderates appeared confident that they could get through a civil rights compromise without a party-splitting fight on the convention floor.

Johnson Confident

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson said he has "great confidence" that the Platform Committee will come up with a civil rights plank "generally satisfactory for a majority of Americans."

Rep. John W. McCormack (D-Mass.) chairman of the Platform Committee, said he hoped a floor fight could be avoided. But he said he is sure a majority of the convention delegates will vote for the committee plank regardless.

Washington — (U.P.) — The Reynolds Metal Co. has raised its price on pig aluminum one cent a pound.

Wait Nine Years

"After waiting nine years for some compensation or at least a thank you note, we have decided



TRAFFIC HALTED—An estimated 200 to 600 vehicles were halted for 30 minutes Sunday afternoon, when U.S. highway 99 was temporarily closed to remind the state the thoroughfare was constructed on private property. The rope blockade was lifted for three doctors on emergency missions and a car in which a passenger was suffering from the heat. A few other cars took advantage of these opportunities to sneak under the rope and continue their journeys. Most of the delayed motorists considered the stunt a good joke and entered into the spirit.

Traffic Halts as Brothers Assert Land Ownership

By ROSIE BOLEY
Mail Tribune Staff Writer

Pacific Highway, North of Glendale—Who says U.S. Highway 99 is a public thoroughfare? The heirs of Sam Stumbo say it isn't. They did their best between 3 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday to prove their point by roping off 16½ feet of the state and federally supported highway in southern Douglas county between Glendale and Azalea. Traffic came to a complete standstill with vehicles lined up in each direction at least a half mile in each direction. Estimate of the cars involved varied from 200 to 600.

Sign Posted

At the head of the line of cars was a sign, stating in bold letters: "Private property. Permission to pass over revocable at any time." Motorists, who already thought they were having hallucinations, were each given a handbill which read:

"In these days of State owned roads, State controlled schools, State owned and operated liquor stores and a multitude of State laws, assessments and taxes, this is to advise you that you are about to pass over 16½ feet of privately owned highway."

"This strip of land was purchased by Sam Stumbo about 40 years ago and Sam Stumbo or his heirs have paid taxes on it ever since."

"In 1947 the State of Oregon began construction of a highway through this area. They made no effort to purchase this bit of land nor did they bother to notify its owners of their intended trespass."

Shoe Repair Shops Not All Closed Monday

At least two shoe repair shops in the Medford area will not be affected by the recent decision by the Master Shoe Repairman's association to close shop on Mondays.

East Side Shoe Service, 612 East Main st., and Norfield Shoe store, 221 East Main st., reported today that Monday closure would interfere with their business and would generally be inconvenient for them.

A spokesman for proprietors of the other Medford shoe repair shops made the closure announcement Saturday.

Salem — (U.P.) — Judge Arlie G. Walker, senior member of the Oregon Circuit court bench, was taken to Salem Memorial hospital today. He was stricken with an undetermined ailment.

to remind the state of our ownership. In order to repossess our land it has been necessary to close the highway in accordance with American Jurisprudence law, section 175 . . ."

The host of Stumbo heirs include Harry W., and Clair of Wolf Creek, Allan D. Stumbo of Sunny Valley, and Robert G., Azalea, all sons of Sam Stumbo and residents of Oregon. Harry, Allan and Robert were responsible for Sunday's road block, with Robert in charge of the operation. Also present was the attorney, Jim McGoodwin, of VanDyke and Dellenback law firm in Medford.

McGoodwin said the Stumbos discovered about two months ago that the highway crossed their property. Since then they have communicated with state officials, informing them of the situation. "We were sure the state would do something," the attorney said. When no action came, the heirs proceeded with plans to exercise their rights as property owners and halt traffic in the area.

Strictly for the sake of effect, Robert Stumbo kept a revolver strapped around his waist. One woman asked if it was legal for him to carry a gun. He replied, "Sure! This is private property!" He added that in case his property ownership should be disputed, he had a hunting license.

The Stumbos are not through fighting. This morning they planned to file application with the Douglas county court for a toll road franchise. In the near future they will also file for rental from the state for the past six months.

for anything!" Many got out of their cars to congratulate the heirs and tourists' cameras clicked in all directions.

Two motorists did not take the stunt in such good humor. One loudly contended it was illegal to close a highway that is partially supported by federal funds. McGoodwin and the Stumbos discredited this theory and still didn't drop the rope.

Another motorist angrily shouted, "You can't do this! You could have put up the sign when construction of the highway started, but you can't do it now. I'm going through and no one is going to do anything about it!" He went through and no one did anything about it, to the disappointment of the strongly pro-Stumbo crowd.

Allowed Through Block

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Weather

FORECAST: Fair through Tuesday. Little temperature change. Low tonight 55. High Tuesday near 80.

Highest yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this morning	55

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	5:16 a.m.
Sunset	7:16 p.m.
Moonset	11:29 p.m.
Full Moon	Aug. 21

PROMINENT STARS:
The Twins, rise 2:45 a.m.

VISIBLE PLANETS:
Saturn, near the moon.
Mars, rises 9:18 p.m.
Venus, rises 2:17 a.m. and will be well up in the east at sunrise.