

Stevenson's Bid for Victory Meets Trouble

Cafe Explosion in Utah Fatal To 15

Natural Gas Leak Blamed for Blast; 30 Said Injured

Building Crushed 'Like an Egg Shell'

Monticello, Utah — (U.P.) — Authorities counted 15 persons dead and more than 30 injured, nine critically, in an explosion Monday night that crushed a crowded Monticello cafe "like an egg shell."

The dead included two children, two truck drivers, and several tourists and one known Monticello resident.

The sheriff's office in Monticello said everyone had been accounted for and knew of no one that was missing.

Officials of both the Public Service commission and Utah Gas Service company started immediate investigations into the blast, which authorities blamed on natural gas that accumulated in a shallow basement. The \$50,000 cafe, built last year, was connected to a new gas line Sunday.

Sheriff Seth Wright said every one of the 45 to 75 diners in the cafe was either killed or injured when the explosion blew out the walls from under the roof about 7 p.m.

The most critically injured were taken to hospitals at Grand Junction, Cortez and Durango, Colo., for treatment, while the less seriously injured were treated at San Juan county hospital in Monticello. Many were treated and released from the hospital. The sheriff said the explosion in the town's downtown business section was caused by natural gas, just connected to the cafe Sunday. Wright said it was believed the gas had accumulated in the basement.

Wright reported that the blast dug a hole 20 to 30 feet deep where the middle of the \$50,000 cinder block and wooden cafe had stood.

No other building was damaged. Windows were broken over a block-wide area. Everyone in town heard the rumbling blast. (See Story on Page 5)



MISPLACED SIGN—The sign shown above was spotted standing up in the sand on the Pacific ocean beach about a mile north of the mouth of the Rogue river. Young Gregg Faulkner, vacationing at Gold Beach with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Faulkner, 908 Whitman ave., Medford, immediately snapped the picture. The sign evidently was washed down the river during last winter's floods. It is believed to have been in the Gold Hill area originally.

Shepilov Warns That Egypt Consent Needed For Suez Settlement

London — (U.P.) — Soviet Foreign Minister D. T. Shepilov arrived for the London Suez talks today with a blunt warning that Russia considers Egypt's consent "necessary" for any settlement of the dispute.

"The Soviet delegation will do everything possible to seek ways for settlement of the points at issue through agreement by all the states concerned, with the necessary participation of the state of Egypt and on the basis of a correct combination between the national interests of independent and sovereign Egypt and of the just interests of other countries who use the Suez Canal," Shepilov said.

He accented the "all the states concerned," an apparent hint that Russia will start the talks off with a demand for veto power. The Big Three want majority rule.

Prepared To Stay
It took three Ilyushin twin-engine transports to bring Shepilov's delegation of 50, in addition to the two plane loads that arrived Monday. It was noted that the Russians appeared prepared for a long stay.

Moscow indicated last week that the Russians would press to double the size of the 22-nation conference and might also insist on bringing up the status of other international waterways, including the Panama Canal.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles arrives Wednesday with last minute instructions regarding the U. S. stand in the dispute. There has been insistent speculation that the United States is veering away from the idea of internationalizing and may come up with a compromise plan of its own.

Dulles Hopeful
In Washington, Dulles said after a final conference with Mr. Eisenhower that he believed a formula can be found for "international operation" of the Suez Canal consistent with Egypt's rights and dignity.

The last two days before the start of the important conference found British Prime Minister Anthony Eden under increasing criticism by his Labor party opposition.

Labor party leader Hugh Gaitskell demanded assurances from Eden that Britain would not use force if the conference fails to resolve the Suez crisis.

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'I'm Available,' Kefauver Tells Cheering Throng Stevenson Avoids Making Commitment

Chicago — (U.P.) — Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) today told a cheering throng of his enthusiasts that he is available for the vice presidential nomination.

But Adlai E. Stevenson carefully avoided telling the Kefauver supporters what he wanted to hear—that he wants Kefauver as his running mate on the Democratic ticket.

Kefauver and Stevenson went before a noisy, cheering crowd of Kefauver supporters in an attempt to hold them in line for Stevenson for the presidential nomination. Kefauver claimed he had 259 delegates, many with half votes, before he withdrew from the presidential race in favor of Stevenson. Kefauver forces estimated that about half of those delegates now are supporting Stevenson.

Not Complete Success
The joint effort of Kefauver and Stevenson was not completely successful. At one point the meeting broke up into competing chants of "We Want Stevenson" and "We Want Harriman."

But the Kefauver supporters were unanimous in wanting the Tennessee Democrat on the ticket for vice president.

A delegate in the audience, reflecting the question on the crowd's mind, asked Kefauver if he was interested in the vice presidential nomination.

"If offered the place, I will accept it," Kefauver declared.

Motion Filed for New Nunn Trial

Attorney Sam Harbison will appear in circuit court at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday to move for a new trial on behalf of Billy Junior Nunn, 28, Klamath Falls, convicted July 26 of first degree murder of 14-year-old Alvin William Eacret, Klamath Falls.

Harbison filed the motion for a new trial late Friday. He claimed Nunn's trial was mishandled on the following grounds:

1. Abuse of discretion by the court in refusing to grant a motion filed by the defendant for continuation of the case to allow further psychiatric examination.

2. Misconduct of the district attorney in his closing argument.

3. Insufficiency of evidence to justify the verdict.

4. Commission of three errors in law occurring in the trial.

The jury found Nunn guilty of the first degree murder charge after 45 minutes of deliberation. The victim, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Eacret, was strangled to death on April 19 near Tub Springs state park on the Green Springs highway. The trial began July 17. Harbison was appointed by the court to defend Nunn.

Troutdale Father Slain by Daughter

Portland — (U.P.) — A little girl who had been taught about the workings of a revolver by her father apparently shot and killed him after he threatened her mother. Multnomah county police said today.

The body of James Luther Johnson, 68-year-old Troutdale father of eight children, was found yesterday buried in a three-foot ditch under planks in a barn near his home. Deputy Coroner C. Earl Shea said Johnson died from a bullet wound in the head.

Mrs. June Shirley Johnson, the victim's wife, told police the shooting occurred after her husband had threatened her Sunday evening. She said that he suddenly shouted "I'm going to blow your head off."

According to her account to police, the girl, Auby Edith Johnson, 11, overheard and went to a dresser drawer where she knew the .22 caliber revolver was kept. Two shots were fired, one going wild and the other striking Johnson behind the ear, police said.

Commission Approves Proposed Contract With Planning Firm

The Medford planning commission last night approved, subject to amendments, a six-month contract between the city and Hahn, Wise and Associates, Redwood City, Calif., planning consultant firm.

Planners reviewed a proposed contract drawn up by the firm, establishing the function of the consultants and setting a salary of \$300 per month and eight cents per mile for travel.

Among amendments to the contract will be a stipulation that all drafts, maps and similar work will become property of the city. Also included will be a provision that the firm will work under direction of the planning commission.

Proposed Contract
Under the proposed contract a consultant will spend two days per month in Medford and two days in the consultant's office. He will meet with the planning commission once a month to make recommendations on day-to-day planning problems and current applications.

Recent legislation provides federal aid in similar city improvement projects. However, it was pointed out last night that considerable delay would be involved in applying for federal aid. The commission decided, in the interest of speed, to hire the consultants immediately and proceed with the program without federal aid for the six-month period. It was stated that federal assistance may be sought at the end of the six-month period if the program proves satisfactory and warrants continuation.

In other business, the commission recommended to the city council that annexation of a six block "island" within the city be placed before the voters there in the November election. The proposed annexation area lies south of Oakwood dr., west of Barneburg rd. and north of Keene Way dr., with a portion of property west of Groveland dr. The area is surrounded by property which has been annexed.

Preliminary Plot
Douglas Pickell appeared before the group last night on behalf of a preliminary plot of property located on Clover lane on which he has indicated a desire to build houses. The committee appointed to study the plot said several "mechanical problems" are evident in that area, including street problems and improved land in the area that would be damaged by Pickell's proposal. Pickell will meet at a later date with a committee of the planning commission for further study of the problems and possible solutions.

Members considered a petition from several property owners to close a 30-foot portion of Ruhl way. Two members were named to study the situation.

The commission recommended annexation of a small strip of land at the corner of South Holly st. and Stewart ave.

Considerable discussion was held concerning access facilities in property east of Crater Lake ave., north of East Main st. and south of Reddy ave., where property owners have indicated desires to build alleys and easements. The commission decided to obtain a clear definition of an "officially approved access place" mentioned in the city ordinance.

Portland — (U.P.) — Dan M. Dible, a Portland attorney, has been appointed by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton to coordinate and expedite the prosecution of cases in Portland's current vice probe.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 5:17 a.m.
Sunset 7:14 p.m.
The Moon sets Wednesday 12:06 a.m.
Tonight it appears near the star, Antares. Next February the planet, Saturn, now moving slowly eastward among the stars, will appear near Antares in the position tonight occupied by the Moon.
Full Moon next Tuesday

Weather
FORECAST: Fair through Wednesday with some risk of thunderstorms over the mountains. Low tonight 53. High tomorrow 92.
Highest yesterday 91
Lowest this morning 53

Sports Bulletin
Seattle — (U.P.) — Luke Sewell was fired today as manager of the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League. No successor was named.

Adviser Forgotten, Spends Cold Night on McLoughlin
Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — A Girl Scout from Grants Pass got stung by a yellowjacket and as a result her 43-year-old counselor from Iowa was lost overnight on the rugged, cold slopes of Mt. McLoughlin northwest of here.

Hiked to Summit
Fifteen girls from the Low Echo-Medford camp at Lake-of-the-Woods hiked to the summit of Mt. McLoughlin yesterday. On the way back, about 2 p.m., Sandra Ulick of Grants Pass was stung by a yellowjacket. Her eyes began to swell and she became faint. Counselor Carrie Kidwell hurriedly hiked back to

ward a snowbank to get some snow to apply as first aid.

Meanwhile, two girls walked back to the Lake-of-the-Woods ranger station and four men returned with them to carry out Sandra and take her back to Grants Pass where she was treated for the sting.

Counselor Forgotten
In the excitement Miss Kidwell had been forgotten. Search was organized for her, but was unsuccessful overnight. She was found at 8:45 a.m. today, and returned to the ranger station, where a nurse reported her condition good.



WOWS DEMOCRATS — Gov. Frank G. Clement of Tennessee, above, last night wowed the Democratic convention with a fiery keynote speech in which he denounced President Eisenhower for watching "from green fairways of indifference" while his "vice hatchet man," Vice President Richard M. Nixon, traffics in political "slander." A story on Clement's speech appears on page 9.

Clement's Speech Rapped by Hall at Press Conference

San Francisco — (U.P.) — GOP National Chairman Leonard W. Hall charged today that Democratic keynote Gov. Frank G. Clement's speech was "filled with half-truths, distortions and some outright misstatements and falsehoods."

Hall told a news conference that Clement's attack "indicates we're going to have a rough campaign," but "we'll meet it."

He predicted that "We'll have more of these demagogic appeals" from the Democrats but "I don't think the people will be fooled."

Renews Nixon Prediction
Hall also renewed his prediction that Vice President Richard M. Nixon will again be President Eisenhower's running mate. And he declined to comment specifically on statements by Govs. Goodwin J. Knight of California and Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland that they would be available for the No. 2 spot.

Hall conferred with McKeldin at breakfast today and the jovial Maryland governor was in the room during Hall's press conference.

Hall's session with reporters highlighted a day of pre-convention GOP activity in which the Contests subcommittee sought to work out disputed claims of rival delegates from South Carolina and Mississippi.

Introduction by McKay
Asked about the tone of the forthcoming GOP keynote speech by Gov. Arthur B. Lanier of Washington, Hall said "it won't be filled with distortion and half-truths."

Earlier, Wendell Wyatt, Oregon GOP chairman, announced that Langlie will be introduced next week by former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay, who is seeking to unseat Sen. Wayne L. Morse (D-Ore.).

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Southerners Hoard Votes To Await Platform Outcome

Clement Will Get Tennessee Ballots

Chicago — (U.P.) — Adlai E. Stevenson's bid for quick victory in the fight for the Democratic presidential nomination ran into new trouble today. More Southern delegations decided to hoard up first ballot votes once thought to be in the Stevenson bag.

Stevenson's campaign managers still claimed 600 of the 686 1/2 votes needed for victory. But Tennessee voted to give its 32 full ballots to Gov. Frank G. Clement.

Arkansas decided to hold back commitment of its 26 votes until the Democratic platform is adopted.

Virginia turned toward Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas' favorite son candidate and darling of the conservative South.

Georgia considered handing its first ballot strength to a favorite son.

Civil Rights Issue
The Southerners are determined if possible to keep a strong civil rights-integration plank out of the platform. If they fail, they could conceivably be angry enough to refuse support for any candidate north of the Mason-Dixon line, including the "moderate" Stevenson, and to try to make a king of their own, probably Johnson.

Today's action brought to eight the number of Southern delegations which have indicated or decided they won't go for Stevenson on the first ballot. The others are Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and South Carolina.

The day's news wasn't all bad for Stevenson. The word was that Stevenson will get at least a big chunk of Michigan's 40 votes after the first ballot for favorite son Gov. G. Mennen Williams.

Meanwhile, the Democrats plowed through the second day of their 1956 convention at the International Amphitheater in the stockyards. The afternoon

Stories on Democratic convention speeches by Gov. Frank G. Clement and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will be found on page 9.

was devoted to speeches by leading women Democrats, the night speeches by leading Democratic men.

The former Illinois governor was still front runner in known delegate preferences and was still the best bet for ultimate victory in the second day of the 1956 Democratic National convention.

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Late News Briefs

MIAMI SPARED
Miami, Fla. — (U.P.) — Hurricane Betsy spared Miami today in a thunderous approach toward the U.S. mainland with winds of 120 miles an hour.

OREGONIANS FOUND
Libby, Mont. — (U.P.) — An Oregon man and his young daughter—"living off the land" while search parties looked for them—were found in the rugged Cabinet mountain primitive area five miles east of here today.

Paul E. Phillips, 53, Portland, and his daughter, Kay, 10, were discovered at Granite lake, five miles east of here, by four men.

FAMILIES ROUTED
Portland — (U.P.) — Three families were routed and five units damaged when fire broke out in the Rainbow motel here this morning.

WALKER 'SATISFACTORY'
Salem — (U.P.) — Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker of McMinnville was reported in "satisfactory" condition at Salem Memorial hospital here today following a heart attack.

The Great Highway Gamble



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Demo Platformers Rap Administration

Chicago — (U.P.) — Democratic platform drafters in a reversal of party policy today accused the Republican administration of sacrificing American industry to cheap foreign imports.

Traditionally it has been the Democrats who championed imports and the Republicans who fought for increased tariffs and other restraints on imports.

The party's platform writers today also promised tighter curbs on monopoly, new aids for small business, including tax relief and a federal minimum wage of "at least" \$1.25 an hour. The minimum wage now is \$1.

The pledges were made as a Platform Drafting subcommittee ground out additional planks in what is to become the party's basic campaign document and statement of Democratic policy.

The group previously had promised a \$5,000,000,000 tax cut, a balanced federal budget, increased welfare outlays and "full parity" price supports for farmers.

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County Court Meets To Consider Home

The Jackson county court was to meet at 1:30 p.m. today with juvenile court officers, the county juvenile committee and William Siebert, architect, to consider a recommendation to postpone construction of the county juvenile detention home until spring.

County Judge Rodney Keating said the juvenile court recommended the delay because they felt it would be unwise to begin construction at a time when fall and winter weather conditions would be likely to interrupt the project. He said the architect also claims to have a full schedule of other construction projects which might make the delay advisable.

Chicago — (U.P.) — The youngest delegate to the Democratic National Convention is 19-year-old Jerry Ringo, a 225-pound University of Kentucky junior.

Radio, TV Highlights

Sen. Wayne Morse, (D-Ore.) will make the major address at the Democratic convention in Chicago tonight. It will be carried by all network radio and television stations, starting at 6:30 p.m.