

Democratic Faithful Hear Eleanor Roosevelt; McKay Defends Granting of Al Sarena Patents

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Democratic political candidates converged on Portland last night where Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt addressed them and the party faithful at a fund raising rally while Republican candidates continued their vote hunting throughout the state.

Mrs. Roosevelt was joined at the Portland dinner by Sen. Wayne Morse, Robert Holmes, candidate for governor, and most of the other top office seekers on the party ticket.

There they joined in a chorus of praise for Adlai Stevenson, Estes Kefauver and the Democratic slate of candidates in the state this year.

McKay Defends Sarena

Douglas McKay, seeking to unseat Morse in the U. S. Senate, centered his campaign in the populous regions of Portland yesterday, taking time out to issue a lengthy statement in defense of the Al Sarena mining patents and to accuse Sen. Kefauver of beating a "confused retreat" on statements he made in Oregon regarding the patents.

Later, McKay said, Kefauver had to back down when confronted "by irrefutable evidence of his own activity in behalf of Al Sarena owners."

"I would like to point out that every employer, whether in government or in private life, is responsible for the acts of his agent. Although I personally had no knowledge of the Al Sarena patents until after they were issued, I have always accepted full responsibility for the action of my solicitor, who did grant the patents, and in so doing did follow law precisely as it was written," McKay added.

Case Said Routine

McKay asserted that "The Al Sarena case was routine—under the law. It was identical in gen-

eral facts with thousands of mining claims presented for patent, and patented, since the mining law was passed in 1872. If there was an Al Sarena issue, it was only because there was a mining law issue, and that law had not been substantially amended since its passage."

Phil Hitchcock, defeated in the primary by McKay, did some campaigning for the former Interior secretary yesterday. He said a "true patriot will exercise his political responsibility by seeking the best areas of

compromise and endeavor to work with others in the best area of agreement."

Holmes Raps Smith Record

Holmes spoke at Oregon State College yesterday and again criticized the voting record of Gov. Elmo Smith, "particularly in the field of education."

"Smith has a consistent record of hostility toward education on every level," Holmes charged.

Earlier yesterday, Sen. Morse issued a challenge to McKay in a talk at Wallowa to answer the question, "Do you support

the farm program outlined by President Eisenhower in his Tuesday night speech at Peoria, Ill.?"

Morse urged that McKay debate him on the subject if he endorsed the president's program.

Carl Francis, GOP candidate for attorney general, told an Oregon Republican Club meeting in Portland that incumbent Robert Y. Thornton's record of opposition to Republican governors was not fitting "in a situation where the state's legal counsel is viewed by the legislative as attorney to the Board of Control." Francis said "The attorney general is not a constitutional officer in the Oregon constitution but draws his power from the governor."

Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.) accused Morse of telling Milton-Freewater orchardists the "exact opposite" of what he said in the Senate last session. Said Coon: "Mr. Morse said then that existing disaster loan legislation was not satisfactory for providing assistance to the orchardists in that freeze disaster area. Now that the campaign is on, however, he is saying that the Agriculture Department had plenty of authority all along to grant these loans."

Al Ullman, Democratic candidate to unseat Coon, said in Enterprise that Coon had declined an invitation to debate issues with him over a Pendleton radio station. He said: "The refusal of my opponent to join in debate on the farm, resources and education issues now makes it obvious that he has no intention of facing the people of this district on his record."

Swift Lone Holdout Among Meat Packers

Chicago—(U.P.)—Strikebound Swift & Co. today remained the lone holdout of the big five meat packers following Wednesday's agreement between three of the packing firms and two unions.

Union negotiators continued to meet with Swift officials in an attempt to end the eight-day walkout which has idled 25,000 workers.

A major issue holding up agreement in the Swift dispute is the question of establishing a union shop.

Hurricane's Rain Floods Norfolk; Traffic Blocked

Norfolk, Va.—(U.P.)—Hurricane Flossy sideswiped the Virginia coast today, flooding some areas of downtown Norfolk with six feet of water.

Radio Station WCMS said the flood was bad as the deluge of last April when a northeastern storm grounded two freighters and caused the burning of a waterfront pier.

A flood peak of 74 inches of water was reported at 4:15 a.m. (EDT).

Water Blocks Traffic

Flood damage cannot be estimated at this time, but water has blocked off all traffic to downtown areas since 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Flossy's winds were reported blowing over the city at a steady 35 to 50 miles per hour.

The weather bureau reported the center of the hurricane as halted by a dome of cold high pressure air off the North Carolina coast. Storm winds pushed northward as far as southern New England.

High tides were reported three to five feet above normal from

Teen-Agers Overrun Police To Get at Elvis Presley

Tupelo, Miss.—(U.P.)—Screaming teenagers overran 100 police and National Guardsmen Wednesday night in a frenzy touched off by a homecoming appearance of rock'n'roll singer Elvis Presley.

Pandemonium swept over teenagers forming about half the crowd of 12,500 that overflowed specially built bleachers to see Tupelo's most famous former resident.

The youngsters stampeded from the bleachers, forced a cordon of officers back against the bandstand and literally crawled over the uniformed men to reach their idol.

"I can't sing with this going on," Presley wailed into his microphone while the stage teemed with intruders making lunges for his clothing and with

officers pulling them away as fast as they arrived.

Presley halted his singing to beg his young fans to return to their seats and they obeyed. Soon the audience was relatively quiet and Presley finished his show unscathed.

But during a matinee a few hours earlier a teen-aged girl grabbed several buttons off his blue velvet shirt when Presley snakehipped too close to the edge of the stage.

"I've never seen anything like this and I've been with the patrol since it was organized," highway patrol inspector W. L. Ellard said. That was nearly 20 years ago.

Ten Visitors Attend Meeting of RVTC

Ten visitors attended the recent meeting of the Rogue Valley Transportation club.

Guests included L. R. Smith, superintendent of the Portland division of the Southern Pacific company, Harold Hinshaw and Leith Abbott, also with the Southern Pacific company in Portland. They were in Medford for the passenger train hearings, which ended Sept. 20.

The club will hold its first party on Oct. 4. Next regular meeting will be held in the Pioneer room of the Jackson hotel Tuesday, Oct. 18, at noon. New members may attend both the party and the regular meeting.

Two Films Shown at In-Service Training For Area Librarians

Two films, borrowed from the Oregon State Library, were shown Tuesday to community librarians of the Jackson County Library system as part of an all-day meeting for in-service training.

Both films, "Library on wheels" and "Books and people" illustrate the extension of library service to rural residents through the formation of regional libraries and the use of bookmobiles. The second film, showing the growth of the regional library program in rural Tennessee, was also viewed by the library board at its regular meeting.

Extension Services

The extension of library services to rural residents has moved more slowly in Oregon than in most of the 48 states, according to Miss Helen Webster, librarian. Only three counties of this state reach readers through bookmobile service in contrast with Missouri, where more than half of the counties now have bookmobiles in use, and Kentucky, where 100 bookmobiles serve country dwellers, she said.

It is possible that funds provided by the Library Rural Services bill recently passed by Congress, may enable Jackson county to purchase and operate a bookmobile. Library districts applying for such funds will be scored upon the basis of need for such extension of services, lay interest in the library, the number of unserved rural resi-

dents to be reached by proposed new developments, and the potential of the area to continue supporting the service after expiration of grants-in-aid, the librarian stated. Projects in which one or more communities can cooperate have a higher priority than those in which only one library or library district will participate.

The librarian and the trustees of the Ashland Public library have already indicated an interest in cooperative participation with the Medford Public and Jackson County library to further service to rural residents of the county, and meetings are planned with representatives of the Josephine county library to discuss other possibilities of a cooperative project.

Recent Exhibit

The recent exhibit in Medford of a bookmobile and newspaper items concerning it have already brought some expressions of interest in obtaining one for Jackson county. Additional comments will be very welcome, according to Miss Webster.

Community librarians mentioned several areas of Jackson county in which they felt bookmobile service would be appropriate. Those attending the all-day meeting were Mrs. Avis Van Hoy, Central Point; Mrs. Alta Estes, Talent; Mrs. Helen Roberts, Jacksonville; Mrs. Jessie Tyner, Eagle Point; Mrs. Jewel Routh, Gold Hill, and Mrs. Lulu Trotter, Rogue River.

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