Stop-Kennedy Movement Stopped For Present; Convention Scene Will Be Next

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Washington — (UPI) — Such of the stop-Kennedy movement as may have survived that West Virginia tornado will adjourn now to a smoke-filled national convention room in Los Angeles.

A small room will suffice. Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) did not get full credit for his victory last month in the Wisconsin presidential primary. A complicated voting procedure plus a substantial Catholic Republican element in the electorate blurred the returns.

The basic fact in the Wisconsin returns was that Kennedy licked Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D - Minn.) and licked him good. It became instantly apparent that if Kennedy were to be stopped those interested in stopping had to move fast and together to get the job done.

It could have been — and was — predicted from Milwaukee that there would be a gang-up against Kennedy in this week's West Virginia primary. The strategy was elemental. If the supporters of all other actual and potential democratic aspirants threw their support to Humphrey in West Virginia, then Kennedy probably would lose that primary.

This was not flattering to Humphrey. It meant that other interested parties did not take seriously Humphrey's pitch for the presidential nomination. They were willing to build Humphrey up at the expense of Kennedy because of confidence that they could cut Humphrey's throat at the convention.

What they feared was that another Kennedy primary triumph would give the young man from Massachusetts a claim on the Democratic nomination which singly or in alliance they could not challenge. That is just about what has happened.

Kennedy's lop-sided victory in Protestant West Virginia is a solid argument that the Democrats dare in 1960 nominate for president a Roman Catholic. The old pros in the party will get the message. Some of them have no special favorite of their own but have been aloof from Kennedy because of his religion. These should begin shortly to jump aboard the band wagon.

Old Pros on Spot

Some other old pros are confronted by a more complicated problem. For example, there is Sam Rayburn, the speaker. Mr. Sam is campaign manager for his fellow Texan Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, who has not avowed his candidacy but who is a candidate all the same.

Shall Mr. Sam and Lyndon now sit down in the speaker's room and decide to throw in with Kennedy or, shall they sit down with third parties and decide to take a shot at stopping Kennedy in Los Angeles? A hard decision, that.

What of Harry S. Truman? HST has a candidate. Truman's boy is Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri. For Mr. T. and Symington the big question is, now what?

And Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt? She thinks Kennedy won't do. But Mrs. R. is a rattling good politico. She knows she can't beat somebody with nobody. She also knows if you can't lick 'em, join 'em.

Volunteers Sought For Search of Body

Volunteers are being sought by the family and relatives of Barry Lynn Bell, Klamath Falls, who drowned in the Klamath river three weeks ago, to search the river in the Keno area for the boy's body today.

Mrs. John R. Baldwin, Talent, an aunt of the boy, said the California Oregon Power company has agreed to lower the river starting about 8 o'clock this morning to aid the search. She said divers have been asked to volunteer.

The boy drowned while fishing with his father along the Klamath river. A previous search of the area where he is believed to have drowned failed to uncover the body.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Bell, Klamath Falls, are parents of the boy, and grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bell, Talent.

Information as to where the search will be concentrated may be obtained at the Keno store this morning, Mrs. Baldwin said.

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Contractors for the pool, the National Gunite company and the Holiday Pool Construction company have asked the city for a 15-day extension of the final completion date of the pool.

If the council grants the request it would mean the pool would be completed and turned over to the city May 27, which would have no effect on the city's date for dedication of the pool June 10.

City Parks and Recreation Director Robert Haworth pointed out that the delay will not have any adverse affect on the city's summer swimming program, because it had not been scheduled to start until after dedication ceremonies.

Reasons for the extension, as stated by the contractors in a letter to the city, are given as delays caused by adverse weather conditions, delays in the delivery of equipment which the contractors had ordered and the addition of the wading pool to the overall project.

John Jay served as United States minister to Austria from 1869 to 1874.

New Offices for City Police Department to Be Ready Next Week

Three new offices being constructed for the Medford city police department should be completed and ready for occupancy by the end of next week, according to Charles P. Champlin, Medford police chief.

One of the new offices will serve as a report room for police officers, and the other two offices will be used by the detective division. Room for the much - needed new office space is being made by partioning off a portion of the jail.

Chief Champlin pointed out that the new offices will not reduce any of the prisoner capacity of the jail. It will still have 10 bunk beds.

City prisoners have been confined in the county jail while construction is going on, Champlin noted.

Wall Completed

A reinforced concrete wall was completed last week between the jail and the new offices and partitions for the offices will go up shortly.

Bunks have been re-installed on the jail side of the new wall and plumbing fixtures for a jail shower and toilet are in the process of being completed.

Total cost of the work is estimated by Champlin at $2,400. This will be paid out of funds which the department saved from its 1959-1960 budget.

Champlin said there will be some problem in providing for adequate ventilation of the new offices. The jail, however, will be no problem he noted, since it has always had relatively good ventilation.

Contractor for the project is the Stanley Parrish Construction company, Medford.

State Employees Elect New Officers

Lawrence Gastorf was elected president and Fred Stock vice president at a meeting Thursday night of Siskiyou chapter 84 of the Oregon State Employees association.

Other officers named by the association, which held its bi-monthly meeting at Southern Oregon college's Britt hall, were Genevieve Wheat, secretary-treasurer; James Pullman, delegate to the general council, and Al Converse, alternate delegate.

Portland Knifing Charges Dropped

Portland — (UPI) — Charges against two men for the knifing of a pair of University of Portland students last week were dropped here Thursday.

The district attorney's office said the charges were dropped for lack of sufficient evidence.

The men charged were Jimmie L. Minjarez, 25, Portland, and Enrique Baltazar, 20, transient.

Sheriff to Use Mobile Boat Unit

A sheriff's office boat will be used as a mobile unit to patrol water recreation areas in Jackson county this season, Sheriff Joe Walsh said Friday.

The boat should be delivered shortly, and it may be radio-equipped, he said. The Jackson county budget committee eliminated a budget item for a second boat which would have been kept at Howard Prairie reservoir full time.

Walsh had also requested in his new budget three additional deputies, and was refused. Walsh said this would have made it possible to have a full time patrol to enforce the new state marine law.

Sheriff's officers patrolled water recreation areas for the first time this season when the fishing season opened. Only verbal warnings were given then.

Walsh said that boats and personnel from the Rogue Marine Ski club may be used this year.

So far the county has received $4,000 in allocations from boat license fees. County Judge Earl Miller said this money is placed in the general fund and is not earmarked for the boat patrol or water recreation development as suggested in the new state marine law.

Salem — (UPI) — A referee for the Orego Employment Department has denied unemployment compensation benefits to a meter maid at The Dalles who left her job after five months because of a pregnancy.

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