

Adair Airmen Injured in Crash

Albany—(UPI)—A private airplane crashed shortly after taking off from the Municipal airport here early Sunday, injuring two airmen from Adair Air Force base at Corvallis.

Hurt in the crash were Forrest A. Nell, 20, Detroit, Mich., and Fred Cikowski, 20, Chicago. Nell is the owner of the craft, described as a late model Taylor.

Nell suffered back injuries and Cikowski leg and ankle. Both were reported in fair condition at the Albany hospital.

A witness said the plane took off too sharply and nosed back into the ground after reaching an altitude of about 150 feet.

Two other airmen pulled the unconscious men from the wrecked plane.

Reaction Varied on Truman Remarks

Washington (UPI)—Former President Truman's convention-rigging charges and his attack on Sen. John F. Kennedy brought quick and varied reaction Saturday from the camps of the leading candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Republicans generally were gleeful. There was no immediate formal reply from Kennedy but a spokesman for the Massachusetts senator said he would ask for equal time on the television networks which carried Truman's news conference from Independence, Mo.

Roger Tubby, once Truman's press secretary, said he did not believe the former president's remarks would hurt Kennedy who is now leading the race for the Democratic nomination.

Commenting on Truman's statement that he doubted whether Kennedy was quite ready now to achieve such political heights, Tubby said: "The delegates have been measuring Sen. Kennedy and feel he has the capacity to win and to lead."

Symington Gratified
Sen. Stuart Symington (Mo.), who continued as Truman's choice for the nomination, issued a two sentence statement expressing gratification for the former president's "kind comments" and his support.

Symington, who was most directly affected by Truman's decision not to attend the convention, added: "I am still confident we will have an open convention and will do everything I can to see that with a united party for this we come out of Los Angeles

all important election." Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Texas), who has not yet formally announced his bid for the nomination, was quick with reaction about Truman's bombshell statements in advance of the convention which opens a week from today.

Johnson agreed with Truman that any effort to control the convention would cause "bitter resentment" and weaken the party.

"Of course," Johnson said, "I agree with President Truman that delegates at the convention should have an opportunity to make a Democratic choice of their candidate."

'Generous Word' Appreciated
Johnson, who was given a good pat on the back by Truman, said he appreciated the former president's "generous words" about his qualifications

for the nomination. Adlai E. Stevenson, who was left off Truman's list of potential candidates, had no comment on this or Truman's charge that the convention had been fixed for Kennedy.

"I have no comment . . . Stevenson said. 'I regret that he won't be there (the convention), as the only living Democratic ex-president.'"

But James Doyle, president of the convention headquarters backing Stevenson, said "The matter of convention arrangements has been of concern to the Stevenson headquarters for some time and we have urged equal treatment of all available candidates."

"We have been calling for an open deliberative convention at which the delegates themselves can exercise their best judgment as to every available candidate," he added.

On the Republican side House GOP Leader Charles A. Halleck (Ind.), who is supporting Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the Republican nomination, commented: "For once I find myself in agreement with Harry Truman."

Sen. Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), a former chairman of the Republican national committee, said: "The man won't go to Los Angeles to help do the boy's job."

"He knows the convention is rigged and he very properly doesn't think the election would be as easy to buy as the convention," Scott added. "I hope the delegates won't get into trouble with the income tax department because most of them won't be able to show receipts for services rendered."

High Compliment
Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), mentioned by Truman as another possibility for his party to study, sent the ex-president a telegram saying "Your generous reference to me as qualified to be president is a high compliment and I surely thank you."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (Wash.), also on Truman's list, said he was "flattered" but "obviously I'm not a candidate."

Jackson, frequently mentioned as a vice presidential possibility, stuck to his previous position on that, saying "I'm not a candidate because you can't run for vice president. But I'll certainly accept if they want to nominate me."

John Bailey, Connecticut state Democratic chairman and one of Kennedy's chief lieutenants, branded Truman's statement "the last gasp of the stop-Kennedy movement."

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.), another mentioned by Truman, said "I am pleased to be considered by a former president but I think it will be a little crowded on the platform."

McCarthy said he agreed with Truman "that we should have an open convention." And, he told a reporter, the president's statement "will strengthen the uncommitted delegations in their position."

McCarthy was a co-chairman of the forces backing Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) before Humphrey withdrew from the race.

Sen. Joseph S. Clark (D-Pa.) commented briefly: "Naturally I am flattered but I am not now and do not intend to become a candidate for the presidential office."

Clarke was singled out by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in 1957 as one of five Democrats qualified for president. But he has said numerous times that he was not interested.

Humphrey Impressed
Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), who withdrew from the presidential race after his defeat by Kennedy in the West Virginia primary, said "It was a nice boost for Stuart (Symington), which he fully deserves, and for Lyndon (Johnson). I am always impressed by what President Truman has to say."

He praised Symington as a "wonderful senator" who "has a lot of friends out our way."

Humphrey said "I think there will be an open convention . . . I have always said that. I have always said that the candidate will not be chosen on the first ballot and I still feel that way."

He said there is "no doubt that Jack (Kennedy) is in front but I know of no one who is claiming a first ballot victory."

Sen. Stephen M. Young (D-Ohio) wired Truman that he was deeply moved by the former president's "truly magnificent forthright statement" and by the concern Truman expressed about the future of the party.

"All of us who are delegates at Los Angeles would do well to call on you to serve as permanent chairman of the convention as your wise counsel and leadership—fearless, fair and unshakable—is needed for our party, our nation and for the entire free world," Young said.

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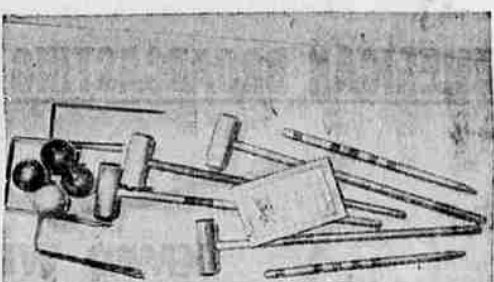
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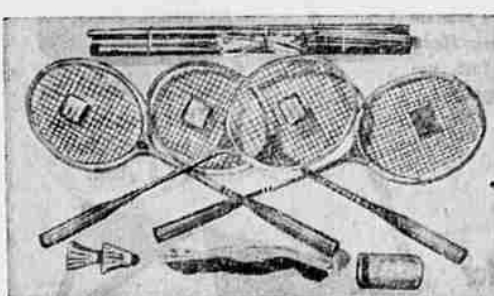
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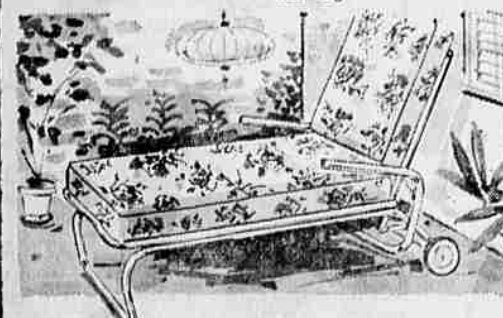
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