

Truman Claims He

By ERNEST R. VACCARO
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman convinced all but the most stubborn Truman die-hards Monday that he is "draft-proof" and sent them on a desperate hunt for a new Democratic standard bearer.

Many seemed inclined to go along with his own apparent choice of Gov. Stevenson of Illinois — if Stevenson will — but when avowed presidential candidates already in the field claimed new support and brightened prospects.

The always unpredictable, though seldom dramatic Truman outdid himself Saturday night when he held the end of a "given 'em hell" speech against the Republicans at a 3100-plate Democratic rally, he departed from his prepared text to say:

"I shall not be a candidate for re-election. I have served my country long and, I think, efficiently and honestly.

"I shall not accept a renomina-

tion. I do not feel that it is my duty to spend another four years in the White House . . .

The more than 5,000 diners packed into the National Guard Armory had applauded frequently but not too enthusiastically during his speech.

However, when he came to his dramatic announcement there arose cries, "no, no."

Most of the audience, not all of them pro-Truman, appeared stunned, even shocked.

When newsmen asked if any development could bring him to reverse his decision, the President said, "none whatever."

By the time he appeared at a Democratic reception Sunday afternoon at the Mayflower Hotel, some of his friends were still talking of a draft. More practical politicians were hunting a new "bandwagon."

The personal enthusiasm for Truman welled into something big



HARRY S. TRUMAN

"Is Not Candidate"

Italy, the Communist L'Unita headlined: "Truman withdraws to open way for general."

Japanese papers played the news big but treated it editorially as a "trial balloon." Mexican papers put it high on page one.

Former British Prime Minister Clement Attlee declined comment, but other European officials were less reticent.

Maurice Schuman, French foreign affairs expert, applauded Truman's "wisdom for knowing when to quit."

West German circles worried about future U. S. foreign policy. Danish Foreign Minister Ole Bjorn expressed hope it would be the same as that laid down by Truman.

Though his present term doesn't expire until January, already speculation was underway as to his future.

A man of many interests, the President likely will range afar. He may well lecture on politics

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
President Truman says he won't be a candidate for re-election and will not accept a renomination.

Were you surprised?

If so, you shouldn't have been. What happened in New Hampshire and Minnesota provided the tip-off.

Before New Hampshire and Minnesota, it looked like Truman was the white hope of the Fair Deal bureaucrats and the welfare staters. Every time he said something that indicated he might not run again, these worthies shivered in their boots. As soon as they could speak through their chattering teeth, they said to him:

"Boss, you can't DO THIS TO US. If you don't run, WE'RE OUT! You've GOT to run."



CHARLES WILSON

Put yourself in Truman's place. Personally, I've doubted that he WANTS to run again. But, within the limits of political necessity, he is a kindly man. In him, the picture is highly developed. His first rule of conduct is to stick by your friends. He has proved that over and over again.

Until recent weeks, he has been the white hope of his crowd. It has seemed a practical matter that if he fails to run the Republican would win.

But—

There came then New Hampshire and after New Hampshire came Minnesota. In both, Truman ran a bad second. In fact, the picture changed. No longer was he the indispensable man. Instead, it began to look like he might be a liability.

So the pressure on him WENT OFF.

His announcement Saturday night that he will not be a candidate for re-election was dramatic but, when the whole picture is taken into consideration, it isn't surprising.

So much for his statement that he will not be a candidate for re-election. What of his assertion that he will not accept a renomination?

On that one I'm keeping my fingers crossed. These are hair-trigger times. What the picture looks like today is no sign of what it may look like tomorrow. Public opinion, I think (perhaps I should say FEAR), is still in a state of flux. It hasn't yet solidified into the hard metal of decision. Its hard metal shape could be changed by new developments — among other things, by a menacing new development in the war situation.

If you don't write Truman off yet, if you're wise, you won't write him off until the Democratic convention is over and the delegates have gone home.

Things might happen between now and then that would make him the white hope again.

I'd like to add one more statement of personal conviction.

If President Truman adheres to the decision he announced on Saturday night, I hope he steps out of the picture entirely and leaves the Democratic convention free to name its own choice with no pressure from him.

President Roosevelt chose Truman as his successor. If President Truman chooses HIS successor and if first his party and then the people RATIFY his choice we will have SET THE PATTERN OF A DYNAMIC.

By the new-third-term amendment to our constitution we have put a stop to the ambitions of ONE MAN who might seek to become PRESIDENT-FOR-LIFE. But if we permit such retiring President to name his successor, we shall have inaugurated the dynastic system — which is another historic device for RETAINING POWER TOO LONG IN ONE SET OF HANDS.

That I don't want my grandchildren to see, for I am sure it would mean the beginning of the end of their liberties.

Nebraska Vote Cast Today

OMAHA (AP) — Nebraska's presidential popularity contest became a last-minute scramble Monday for votes and no one could predict the outcome with any real assurance.

If any large shift of sentiment was developing in either Republican or Democratic ranks it went undetected by those keeping a close tab on the bitterly-contested primary races.

The two big questions which the voting may answer are these:

1. Will Sen. Taft of Ohio check the surge of sentiment for Gen. Eisenhower and regain some of the prestige he lost in the New Hampshire and Minnesota elections?

2. Will Sen. Kerr of Oklahoma topple Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee and get his own presidential bandwagon rolling?

The voters held the answers to both questions and were being bombarded with telephone calls, speeches, radio and television appeals and advertisements.

The Republican contest was dominated by write-in drives on behalf of Taft and Eisenhower whose names are not on the ballot.

This fight has overshadowed the efforts of supporters of Harold Stassen, the only major GOP candidate whose name is on the ballot.

On the Democratic side, the decision by President Truman not to run again reduced the Kerr-Kefauver battle to a more clear-cut test of their popularity.

Nine Rescued From Ice Floe

BARROW, Alaska (AP) — Nine stranded men were snatched from the Arctic ice pack and landed here safely by their Navy rescue plane Sunday night.

The plane rescued the seven Navy men and two civilian scientists from their four-day isolation and brought them to a safe landing at this northernmost tip of Alaska at 8:35 p.m. (1:35 a.m. EST).

The pickup from the ice, where the men had been stranded by a takeoff accident of their plane last Thursday was made only about 500 miles from the North Pole.

The men reported the greatest danger of the daring operation came in the landing on the ice pack.

The crewmen of the downed "Flying Laboratory," an RD-1, had cleared a 2,500-foot long runway on the ice. The P2V rescue plane came within 10 feet of an eight-foot high ridge of ice at the end of the runway before it could be stopped. The plane normally requires a 4,500-foot runway.

Members of the rescued party were in good health and good spirits. They said they never suffered any anxieties during their days of isolation.

Senate Okays GI Pay Boost

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Monday voted extra "combat pay" of \$45 a month for all men and officers who fought in Korea.

It was a "rider" on a bill to grant a "cost-of-living" pay increase to the 3,600,000 persons in the armed services. The Senate approved it by an unrecorded standing vote.

It would provide the bonus pay to infantrymen, marines, sailors and their officers who have been under actual enemy fire and are not eligible for other hazard or bonus pay.

Only last Friday, the Senate rejected on a standing vote a similar move by Sen. Long (D-La.) for combat pay of \$50 a month.

Retrospective, the "combat pay" would go to survivors of casualties, to all men who have been wounded or hospitalized in Korea and to those who come under enemy fire at least six days a month in the future.

Wilson Out In Row On Steel Issue

By STERLING GREEN
WASHINGTON (AP) — Charles E. Wilson has quit as the nation's mobilization chief.

He told President Truman he doesn't believe in the administration plan for settling the steel dispute.

Wilson's resignation is effective Monday. Truman appointed John R. Steelman presidential assistant, as temporary director of mobilization and instructed him to do what he can to reach a settlement between the CIO's United Steelworkers and the steel industry.

A strike is scheduled to begin April 8.

The sudden resignation of Wilson, who once headed the General Electric Co., dimmed hopes of averting the steel strike and left the future of controls over wages and prices pretty much in doubt.

Steel industry and union leaders resume peace talks in New York Monday and the industry found itself with no assurance of a price boost to offset the government-recommended increase of 17 1/2 percent in an hour.

Sen. Maybank (D-S.C.), broke off hearings of his Senate Banking Committee on the extension of the Defense Production Act, which expires June 30, "until the air has cleared an hour."

The future of controls, Maybank said, should not be deliberated in a "wave of hysteria and confusion, charges and countercharges."

Some legislators have urged the scaling of controls.

Maybank praised Wilson, former president of General Electric Company and executive vice chairman of the War Production Board during World War II, as a "great American."

Bonanza Hoop Squad Honored

BONANZA — Eight hundred enthusiastic basketball fans rallied last night around the Bonanza Antler basketball squad, winners of the Klamath County class B Basketball championship for the second consecutive year, at a banquet in the high school gymnasium.

The Antlers went on to district play at Eugene, but lost to Rogue River.

Places were marked at the main table for members of the squads, Meritt Whipple, coach and Principal Clayton Sharp, and Mrs. Sharp.

A huge single-deck cake marked for a basketball court with individual figures of each player in colors, red and white. School colors, red and white, were carried out in carnations and other decorations.

Parents and Patrons furnished the baked ham and the remainder of the meal was pocket brought by those attending.

Following the dinner Coach Whipple and Principal Sharp were presented with pen and desk sets by residents of the community.

Whipple commended the Bonanza boosters for supporting the boys 99.9 per cent in game attendance in a brief talk.

The dance ended festivities, one of the largest gatherings in the history of Bonanza.

Members of the squad were Irvin Crume, Morris Chandler, Donald Hubbe, Vernon Haley, Myrlin Wilson, Wayne Dye, Julian Hood, Ben Lovar, Pat Given, Charles Roberts and manager Howard Koetje.

Bomb-Filled Plane Crashes

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The bombardier jettisoned 32 bombs before the plane hit the ground and all landed without exploding, the news agency added.

Snow Plasters Crater Lake Park

A foot of snow fell at Crater Lake National Park yesterday and last night, and Chief Ranger Lou Hallock reported this morning chains are advised on Highway 62 which traverses the park.

The Annie Springs to the Rim road was temporarily closed, he said.

Some 72 cars bunched in 235 visitors over the weekend—14 of them skiers. Snow depth this morning was 196 inches, Hallock reported, with the skies overcast.

Cable Tests To Be Made

PORTLAND (AP) — Contracts for a full-scale model of a 230,000-volt submarine cable to be laid in Puget Sound have been awarded to Phelps Dodge Copper Products Corp., New York City, the Bonneville Power Administration said Sunday.

Under the \$18,991 contract, the concern will furnish about 900 feet of 16-inch steel pipe and copper cable to be used in installation tests for the submarine cable.

Bonneville engineers will start a series of tests soon at the J. D. Ross Substation at Vancouver, Wash.

Expected to be completed in 1954 at a cost of six million dollars, the 4 1/2-mile long Puget Sound cable will connect the Bonneville Snow-holm Substation to a new 230,000-volt substation to be built at Kusan near Bremerton. It will transmit Grand Coulee and Chief Joseph Dam power to the Olympic peninsula, Bonneville said.

Wisconsin Primary Takes On New Importance After Truman Drops Prexy Pace

By ELMAN MOIN
MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Wisconsin primary, a pivotal election in any presidential year, took on added importance Monday as a result of President Truman's decision not to seek re-election in November.

At stake are 30 Republican delegates and 28 Democratic delegate votes in the presidential nominating conventions next July.

But more important, observers feel, are the probable effects on the prospects of the three principal Republican candidates battling here, as well as the outlook for Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee, the major Democratic candidate.

Sen. Taft of Ohio, Gov. Warren of California, and ex-Governor of Minnesota Stassen are competing for the Republican delegates.

Taft said Sunday he did not "see how President Truman's decision affects the Republican contest in Wisconsin."

He also saw the possibility that the Democrats might have to draft the President as their candidate.

"They are likely to find that any candidate who can be nominated at all is weaker than Truman himself," Taft said.

But the Democratic race, in which Kefauver has been contending against two separate slates, each claiming to represent the President's announcement, ended by Truman's announcement.

Wisconsin political observers, throughout the campaign, have often expressed the belief that thousands of Democrats in the state may cross party lines Tuesday and vote for Stassen or Warren in an effort to defeat Truman. The labor vote, they said, may shift to the GOP side.

One of Kefauver's campaign lieutenants recently said, "we are more afraid of that than we are of the other two slates."

Charles E. Broughton, leader of one of the two Democratic groups, running as a "favorite son" said in a statement Sunday:

"President Truman, like President Roosevelt in 1940, has declared he will not be a candidate for re-election. This does not mean closing the door. Truman's decision will draft him or nominate Gov. Stevenson of Illinois, or some other good administration Democrat."

Jerome Fox, who heads the other Republican slate here, appealed to party members to back their ballots in the Democratic column.

"I hope the Democrats will not be fooled into voting for the so-called liberal candidates in the Republican race," Fox said in a statement.

He said Truman is our candidate, but if he fails to reappear, we will vote for the liberal side.

Fox delegates will be free to select from the field.

Killing Sparks Crime Cleanup

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A teenage gang killing in front of San Francisco's City Hall touched off a sweeping police round-up Monday of juvenile gangsters.

Two young men were killed and three wounded in the burst of gun play in Civic Center early Sunday morning. One of the wounded may die.

Robert A. Ranson, 19, was jailed as the gunman. Homicide Inspector Al Selder said Ranson admitted shooting down five members of the rival Fillmore gang with a .45 caliber automatic he carried in a shoulder holster.

The shootings were the culmination of a long school rivalry between the Fillmore and Portola gangs. But it was the first time a gun had been fired in their gang fights. Previously, Nelson said they fought with chains, belts, knives, clubs, feet and fists.

Some of the five shot was armed. Norman Bohelo, 20, and Andrew Ulbarri, 19, were killed. James Erickson, 21, shot in the abdomen, was in a critical condition. James Bennett, 21 and Thomas Humman, 20, suffered flesh wounds.

Riots Flare In Tangier

TANGIER (AP) — Furious anti-French mobs ran riot through this North African International Zone city Sunday. At least six persons were killed. Hospitalized 150 injured. Nine persons are so badly hurt doctors fear they will die.

The mobs, bursting from the native quarter, stormed European shops and cafes, smashed and burned automobiles, broke windows and looted. The occasion was the 40th anniversary of French rule over the neighboring protectorate of French Morocco, where rising Arab nationalism has been manifest in recent months.

International police said there were only three dead, but the hospital counted six—all Moslems.

The city was quiet Monday. White-helmeted international policemen patrolled with tommy guns at the ready. Shopkeepers and streetcleaners cleaned up the debris. The International Control Commission, which runs the city, decided it would not be necessary to call for outside help in patrolling Tangier, but agreed to reinforce the police on duty. In Sunday's rioting, one of the worst disorders ever known here, the police were hopelessly outnumbered.

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Cold Halts Floods

Weeks Says Guilty To Death Count

Lorenzo Buford Weeks 36-year-old Klamath Indian from Beauty this morning in Circuit Court blindly admitted the butcher-knife slaying Feb. 26 of a 36-year-old Mexican railroad worker in a cabin at 1204 Adams St.

Flanked by Attorneys E. E. Driscoll and Cayton J. Burrell, Weeks was barely audible as he pleaded guilty to the charge of voluntary manslaughter, in the slaying of Miguel Tenorio Mauricio.

The district attorney's office said the charge carries a one to 15 year prison sentence.

Weeks was arrested and held on a second degree murder charge following the slaying of Mauricio.

The charge was reduced to voluntary manslaughter in a true bill returned by the Grand Jury Friday afternoon.

Judge David R. Vandenberg set next Friday morning for passing of sentence.



Pappy Seguin

Registration Panel Tonight

The important and pertinent problem of registration and voting comes up on tonight's "Build the Basin" forum over station KFLW, and the KFLW-Herald and News telephone switchboards will be wide open for questions from the listening audience.

The phone number is 8111.

The topic is "Why Don't More People Register and Vote, and What Can We Do About It?"

A panel of six persons has been selected to discuss the problem, important at the present time because of the increased interest in the coming contests this election year.

The panel includes: Mrs. Kathy McDonald, chairman of the Young Demos; Chuck Johnson, chairman of the Young Republicans; Mrs. John Yadon, League of Women Voters; Gale Osborne, chairman of Register and Vote Inc., and Mr. Hornbrough Charles DeLap, a mythical, spiritless character who will present the non-voter's side of the picture. He will be portrayed on the program.

Most Roads Open; Snow Falls Told

Freezing weather brought a temporary end to the danger of floods in Eastern Oregon Monday, halting the rapid snow melt in the mountains.

The mercury fell below freezing over a wide area of the state, including Western Oregon. The Weather Bureau forecast for more frosty weather for tomorrow.

The State Highway Department at Salem said all roads closed last week by floods were open, except the French Glen secondary and the Rome-Princeton highways in Eastern Oregon.

MOVIE BACK

Families at Burns in Eastern Oregon and at Prineville in Central Oregon, forced to evacuate their homes last week, were moving back and repairing damage.

The flooding Crook River forced 150 families from their homes at Prineville. Ten families at a Burns motel had to evacuate when flood waters rolled down Brown's Canyon. Two other houses were surrounded by water.

Lowest temperature reported to the Weather Bureau Monday was 27 degrees at Bend and Lakeview. La Grande and Baker had 29, Salem 30, and Klamath Falls 31. Pendleton and Portland reported 33.

SNOW FALL

Snow fell in sections of Western Washington Sunday night as cold air from Alaska sent temperatures to the freezing level.

Snow was reported at Seattle, Everett, Port Angeles and many other cities and towns west of the Cascades. At Skway, south of Seattle, a combination of snow and hail piled up to a depth of half an inch.

Low temperatures included 28 at Kelso, 29 at Port Townsend and 32 at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Fair Monday and Tuesday with high cloudiness, few scattered snow showers in the mountains. High 42 low 26.

High temperature yesterday — 45

Low last night — 23

Preclp March 30 — 2.5

Since Oct. 1 — 14.09

Normal for period — 12.51

Same period last year — 12.58

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\$25,000 FIRE LOSS

NEHALEM (AP) — Fire destroyed a cafe and service station at Manzanita Junction on U. S. Highway 101 late Sunday with the loss estimated at \$25,000. Nehalem and Manzanita firemen kept the flames from spreading to the nearby warehouse of the Manzanita Lumber Company.

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