



FOUR KILLED AS PLANE HITS HOUSES—Four people were killed in the foggy morning at Los Angeles, when a light plane dipped the house from which this picture was taken, plowing into house at right and then skidded down the street. Plane is in the gutter halfway down the block. The dead were occupants of the plane.

### Western Bloc at Convention Said in Strong Platform Spot

By B. L. LIVINGSTONE  
CHICAGO (AP)—An aggressive western state bloc made clear Monday it is prepared to dictate its own ideas about the western plank in the 1952 Democratic platform.

The western states conference—comprising delegates from the 11 western states, Hawaii and Alaska—shouted approval Sunday night of recommendations for a "liberal" platform policy covering western issues, and named Sen. Warren G. Magnuson of Washington to lead the fight to incorporate them in the platform.

### Army Deserter Reports Back

PORTLAND (AP)—Banks C. Roddey, who Sunday told police here that 47 years ago he deserted his Army post in Alaska after embezzling government funds was held in jail for Army authorities.

He told police: "It's been on my mind constantly. I should have turned myself in a long time ago." Here is the story he told:  
In 1905, during the gold rush, he was an embezzling government money while an Army sergeant at Fairbanks, Alaska. He discovered one day that his accounts were \$300 to \$400 short and that he had no chance of repaying the money. So he made up his mind "to set away as soon and as far as I could."  
He trekked 300 miles overland to a seaport and sailed to San Francisco. Later he came to Portland where he made a meager living as a mechanic under the assumed name, James T. Cross.

There also was new evidence that the western bloc, as an organized bloc, was ready to make its weight felt in the convention itself.  
Calvin W. Rawlings, conference chairman, told delegates that the western bloc should back a presidential candidate "favorable to development of our western resources."

### MISSING MEN

ASTORIA (AP)—Two men, believed to be sailors, were feared drowned Sunday when a dinghy overturned in the Columbia River. Two men were seen cruising in the river near Buoy 10 two miles east of the Tongue Point Naval Station in an outboard powered dinghy.  
Early Monday an overturned dinghy was found near the buoy. The Coast Guard sent a lifeboat to drag the river. Naval officials at Tongue Point said they had no information.

### Obituary

**KUYKENDALL**  
Delmar Vernon Kuykendall, 73, a native of Willmar, Ore., and a resident of this city since 1904, passed away here July 29. Survivors include his wife, Bernice; three sons, John of Eugene, Delmar Vernon Jr., of Vancouver, Wash., and William of Klamath Falls; a brother, Al, Klamath Falls; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel McCarty of Portland, and Mrs. Ethel Smith of San Francisco; also eight grandchildren. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World and Klamath Falls Lodge B.P.O. Elks.

### 4,000 Attend Hospital Opening

LEBANON (AP)—Some 4,000 persons attended the dedication Sunday of Lebanon's new \$750,000 community hospital.  
More than a half million dollars was raised by subscription to build the hospital. The remainder is a federal grant.

### Funeral

**COURNEY**  
Funeral services for Kathryn "Kate" Courtney, 75, who died in San Francisco, July 16, will take place from the Sacred Heart Church, High at 4th, Wednesday, July 31, 1952, when a requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul commencing at 9:30 a.m. Rev. James O'Connor, of St. Patrick's Church, Lakeview, officiating. Committal services and interment in Mt. Calvary Memorial Park, Recreation of the Holy Rosary will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home, 902 High St., on Tuesday, July 22, 9 p.m.

### THOMPSON

John Benney Thompson, 73, native of LaGrange, Oregon, and resident of Chemung, July 29.  
Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Emma Thompson, Chemung; six daughters, Mrs. Fay Daniels, Mrs. Molly Hawkins Chemung, Mrs. Mary Bertram Lapine, Mrs. Ruth Thresher, Ariel, Wash., Mrs. Stella Hayer, Sedro-Woolley, Wash., and Mrs. Man Farver, Seattle, Wash.; six sons, Frank and John H. Chemung, Ellen, Myrtle Creek, Edward, Washington, Wash., Lester, Eugene, and Charles, Sumner, Wash.; three brothers, Harvey, Pasco, Wash., Walter, Union, Ore., and Edward, Alberta, Canada; three sisters, Mrs. Violet Elks Silverton, Idaho, Mrs. Etta McDougall, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Eva Coffey, Olympia, Wash.; also 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are to be announced later by Ward's Klamath Funeral Home.

### Attending the ceremonies were

Dr. N. E. Ervine, Lebanon, president of the State Board of Health; Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer, and Paul Patterson, president of the Oregon State Senate.  
Patients will be moved into the hospital Aug. 6.

### KUYKENDALL

Funeral services for Delmar Vernon Kuykendall, 73, who passed away in this city, July 29, will be held from St. Paul's Episcopal Church Tuesday, July 22, at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Galen Gustad, officiating. Cremation will be made at the Portland Crematorium, O'Hair's Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements.

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sources." Delegates also applauded his suggestion that "we forcibly bring to the attention of the (Democratic) National Committee that we want some recognition for the west in the way of regional offices."  
He reminded the group that the western states represent 210 presidential electors, "within 50 of being enough to elect a president." "In solidarity there is strength," he declared.  
The conference endorsed platform drafts prepared by Magnuson calling for accelerated federal development of land and water resources, and construction of power transmission lines from federal hydroelectric power sources to consuming centers.  
Magnuson said the issue of government construction of power lines was "the big fight in Congress, and when it comes to appropriating for public power lines... the Republicans show their true colors."  
Calling the Republican platform "generalized," Magnuson told the westerners "you're going to have a Democratic platform that isn't going to equivocate on anything."  
In a last-minute move, the conference also endorsed a proposal to include in the platform a pledge to amend the "anti-Debauching" rules of the senate on filibustering.  
The recommendation, made by Oregon National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland, was aimed at Senate rules which permit southern senators to block civil rights legislation by unlimited debate.

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