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Rumors Fill Air In Crater Murder Case

By FRANK JENKINS

Oratory is a weird and wonderful thing. When Texas Sam Rayburn concluded his silver-tongued masterpiece last night, I was about ready to throw in the sponge and concede the election.

But a strange thing happened. With my brain cells no longer held in thrall by the magic of his forefingers, REASON reassured itself. What about the mink coats, I said in this newer and sadder mood. And the Lament Caution. And all the rest of the disgusting and distasteful consequences of too much power held in too few hands too long.

And what about Kefauver? Wasn't he the young Democrat who refused to be misled by the warnings to lay off that stuff and not benchmark the party that elected him to office? Didn't he go ahead with his investigation and with the aid of the new magic of television AROUSE THE PEOPLE to their first horrified realization of what happens when too much power is held in too few hands too long?

What happened to him? Why, I said to myself, it was Kefauver who saved the face of the Democratic party by dragging out AS A DEMOCRAT all the muck and the much that moving that all Democrats AIENT carpet-baggers and thimble-riggers. To that extent, he shored up our faith in the basic rightness of our country.

Then came the most stunning thought of all: It is THIS CONVENTION (which has just finished cheering itself hoarse over Sam Rayburn's touching picture of the party and the greatness of the Democratic party) that has been SMACKING KEFAUVER DOWN and getting ready to draft a substitute to beat him at any cost.

Did the big bosses in the big boss-ridden cities that are the CORE of the Democratic party's voting strength TURN THUMB DOWN on Kefauver because they FEAR him? Did they have this upstart bossing our show. He'd SPOIL OUR RACKETS!

Bald, kindly old Sam's voice shook with emotion when he spoke of the PEOPLE and the Democratic party's devotion to them. But it was the PEOPLE who backed Kefauver. They did it in every primary where they were given half a chance. He has been given the bum's rush in this CONVENTION.

How about Barkley, the kindly good-story-telling old Yep? It has been said so readily in private (which, of course, doesn't insure its accuracy) that President Truman himself was preparing to back him for the nomination.

But a couple of BIG labor leaders said flatly: "He's OUT! We won't stand for him." That cooked Barkley's goose.

They softened it a little by saying he's too old. Maybe he is old. But I'd say that the CONVENTION AS A WHOLE to say whether or not a candidate is too old.

Poor old Alben. He was a tragic figure as he stood there on the rostrum last night with the shins of his dream lying about him.

But he was a good soldier. A couple of big labor leaders had said he couldn't be President. He knew the jig was up. He receded to his master's voice, and didn't fight back.

He took his medicine.

Don't get me wrong. Labor has as much right as anybody else to have its say and speak its piece. That's America. But when TWO big labor leaders in a convention of 1230-odd delegates can VETO the right of the vice-president of the United States to run for President of the United States, it's too much power in too few hands too long is ALWAYS dangerous.

After all, last night was a wonderful night. The air waves twinkled and vibrated with red white and blue oratory. It was TOP FLIGHT oratory. You can't ever hope to hear better - anywhere in the world. As orators, Democrats are the purest ultra, par excellence, sans peur et sans reproche. In the field of campaign oratory, whose horizons are the wide blue yonder, they have it over us Republicans like a tent.

But, even after last night, when I thrilled and chined and shivered along with everybody else to the sonorous cadences that shook the rafters of the auditorium there in Chicago, I kept going back to the state of mind of the man who coined the phrase "Show Me" Missouri the "Show Me" state.

He was Willard Duncan Vandiver an ex-naval officer who became a congressman, and at a speech-laden banquet in Philadelphia he got up and made this crack: "I come from a state that raises corn and cotton and cockleburrs and Democrats, and frothy eloquence NEITHER CONVINCES NOR SATISFIES ME."

"I come from Missouri, and you've got to SHOW ME."

All the star-spangled oratory of last night in Chicago failed to show me, as one voter, that the Democratic party, as now ruled and run, should be returned to power this November. I STILL think it has held too much power in too few hands too long.

TRUMAN TO SPEAK

CONVENTION HALL, Chicago (P)—President Truman is scheduled to address the Democratic National Convention at 9 p.m. EST Friday.

National Committee Chairman Frank E. McKinney told a reporter the hour is subject to change if the convention hasn't completed its ticket by that time.

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Armed chair detectives and zany rumor-mongers are having a great time with the Crater Lake murder case. The FBI men are busy trying to match one of a maze of possibilities with the few bits of real evidence.

The killer or killers of two General Motors executives in Crater Lake Park last Saturday afternoon are still at large. But the federal men, by process of elimination, are gradually tightening a net.

Meanwhile, bodies of C.P. Culhane and A.M. Jones have been returned to their respective homes in Detroit, Michigan, and Concord, California. Culhane, general sales manager of United Motors Service, and Jones, manager of the firm's Berkeley branch, were robbed and shot to death in a heavily wooded area of the national park Saturday afternoon. United Motors is a principal General Motors subsidiary.

Earth Shocks Continue; More Hurt

TEHACHAPI, Calif. (P)—Continuing heavy aftershocks of the great Tehachapi earthquake have injured another 27 persons in this devastated community.

The new jolts also hit hard at nearby Arvin, now almost as badly damaged as Tehachapi.

Several severe tremors Wednesday collapsed the fronts of previously cracked buildings in both towns.

Several structures that weathered the big shock Monday collapsed under the stress onslaught. Joe Barber, public information officer of the Red Cross, said two persons in Tehachapi suffered broken bones and 25 others were cut and bruised in the new shocks.

Scientists said the first great upheaval—which caused 12 deaths and an estimated 100 million dollars damage in Southern California—was caused by earth slipping along more than 20 miles of the little known Bear Mountain fault.

Earth Fault

Dr. Beno Gutenberg, earthquake expert at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, said the fault, or crack in the earth's crust, originates four miles east of Arvin and runs north and east toward Tehachapi, passing the town at a distance of eight miles.

As the Red Cross laid long range relief plans for the hard hit communities, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Washington made disaster loan aid available to families and businesses. Many shops in the two towns are closed.

Canners Fear Heavy Loss

PORTLAND (P)—A local can shortage will cause the loss of large part of the Pacific Northwest's fruit and vegetable pack this year unless the steel strike is settled immediately, a canners' association official said Thursday.

C. R. Tully, executive vice president of the Northwest Canners Association, said unless cans are available between Aug. 15 and Sept. 1 one third of the snap bean crop, half of the peach crop and three-fourths of the big pear crop would be left to rot in the fields and orchards.

He added that most of the prune crop and possibly all the best and carrot crops also would be lost.

Tully said immediate production of steel is necessary because two to three weeks are required to get tinplate made into cans and in the hands of West Coast processors.

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