



# Billion Dollar Loss Reported As East-South Drought Ends

By The Associated Press

Drought-cracking rains splashed down Wednesday on New England and parts of the South — too late to save nearly a billion dollars worth of burned out crops and pastures.

But the moisture was a timely life-saver for corn, tobacco, cotton and vegetable crops still surviving in these drought-singed areas and gave promise of reviving some pastures by fall.

The drought, one of the worst in years to hit the nation's over-all food production, already is having these effects:

Some sharp increases in produce prices, scattered setbacks to rural trade, cuts in milk supplies in Southern Missouri, a decline in

farm labor employment in the stricken area and some "scare" buying in canned fruits and vegetables.

Unless the rainfall pattern returns to normal, some government spokesmen predicted that sales of farm implements will be hurt and that a water power shortage will develop in New Hampshire and in oil-producing Oklahoma.

A Department of Commerce survey showed no serious business slump yet in any area because of the drought but that there had been some sharp increases in produce prices.

As the rains came, the federal government raised to 10 the number of entire states listed as disaster areas. It added North Carolina and the remainder of Arkansas to the list. Other states are South Carolina, Tennessee, Ala-

bama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Massachusetts, Maine and 44 Missouri counties, Oklahoma and Texas have been carried over from the 1951 drought.

Farmers in these areas are eligible for government loans.

The Southern states were assured by a government spokesman attending an emergency drought session in Atlanta Wednesday that no hard-pressed farmer will be put out of business or be forced to sacrifice livestock.

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## Stevenson-Truman Meeting May Result In Fireworks

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman said Thursday that everything necessary to obtain a Democratic victory will come under discussion when Gov. Adlai Stevenson meets with him and his cabinet here next week.

He told a news conference the questions it will include, among other things, what part he should take in the campaign.

Since Truman obviously is raring to get in some licks at the Republicans, Stevenson may find himself confronted with the difficult task of suggesting that the President take a back seat. The Democratic nominee has been at some pains to avoid close identification with the Truman administration.

Truman said he invited Stevenson to the White House since Stevenson had suggested to him in Chicago, at the time of the Democratic national convention, that such a meeting would be a very fine thing.

In a confidential tone, the President told the newsmen he would have supported Barkley for the Presidential nomination had Barkley remained in the race.

(Barkley pulled out of the race after a group of labor union leaders publicly called him "too old," He is 74.)

Truman went on to say he thought the convention picked the best possible men — and men who can be elected.

On other political subjects, the President:

1. Voiced his support of W. Stuart Symington for election as Missouri senator over GOP James P. Kem.

While the President backed State Attorney General J. E. (Buck) Taylor in the primary election Tuesday, he told his news conference he is just as fond of Symington.

Truman said he voted for Taylor because he was in a frame of mind to vote for him. He said Taylor's defeat did not affect his own standing in Missouri.

The last remark was made directly to Duke Shoop, Kansas City Star reporter, who had referred to the defeat of Taylor as a "beating" for Truman.

The President said no, he had not taken a beating.

2. Said he was glad his frequent critic, Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, had been converted.

This was a reference to the fact that Byrnes Wednesday urged the South Carolina Democratic convention to back the Stevenson-Sparkman ticket.

In 1948, South Carolina gave its electoral vote to a States Rights ticket running in opposition to Truman.

3. Said that he had not talked with Averell Harriman about Harriman's entering the race for senator from New York against Republican Senator Ives.

He said he did not select candidates outside Missouri, when asked if he would like to see Harriman make the race.

Under questioning, Truman said he had never considered supporting Harriman for the Democratic Presidential nomination. He said Harriman had asked him if it would be all right for him to get the support of the New York delegation, Truman said he agreed to this.

Then Truman repeated that he considers Stevenson the best candidate and described him as one who certainly will win.

4. Refused comment on recent political speeches by the Republican presidential nominee, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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**LUNG FOR BOY**

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