

2 Louisiana Democrats: 'Ike Will Carry State'

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Two state Democratic leaders predict a mass migration across Louisiana party lines to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, the Republican presidential nominee.

Gov. Robert Kennon conceded that the Republicans might carry this traditionally Democratic state in the Nov. 4 general election. Kennon is a strong states rights Democrat and has not expressed his choice of candidates.

N. B. Carstarphen of Shreveport, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, said yesterday that telegrams and telephone calls he has received show a "great percentage of the Democrats want to vote for Eisenhower."

Louisiana has more than a million Democrats and 2,000 registered Republicans. Gov. Thomas Dewey of New York polled 72,000 votes as the GOP nominee in 1948, when

Louisiana broke with President Truman and the States Rights ticket carried the state.

"The Republicans are in a stronger position in Louisiana than they were for years," Kennon said.

Tied closely to the question of Democrats voting Republican in the meeting Wednesday at Baton Rouge of the State Central Committee, which must decide whether to list the Stevenson-Sparkman ticket under the rooster—Louisiana's traditional Democratic symbol.

The newspaper New Orleans States reported yesterday "there has been wide talk that the Central Committee would attempt to have Democratic electors listed alphabetically on the ballot without party symbols."

This would give voters a chance to support Eisenhower without formally voting Republican.

Carstarphen had no comment on the story. He also called erroneous a States story yesterday quoting him as saying the Central Committee would make it as easy as possible for Democrats to cast their ballots for the Republican presidential nominee.

Kennon declined to give his views on the Democratic slate of Illinois Gov. Adlai Stevenson and Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama.

With a smile and a wave of his hand, the governor commented "I have said if Truman were the Democratic nominee, I would not support him." He would not elaborate.

Before the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Kennon told reporters "if the Democrats come up with an unpalatable candidate or platform, then I would have more than a passing interest in the Republican choice."

Few Republicans have gone so far as to predict that Louisiana will give Eisenhower a majority vote, however.

The state has not gone Republican in a presidential election since 1876 when Rutherford B. Hayes turned the trick in a contested election.

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Nation Still On Hot Side

By The Associated Press

A freak north-south torrid zone bisected the nation Thursday, a belt of 100-degree heat stretched almost from Mexico to Canada through parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and North and South Dakota.

A fresh surge of cool Canadian air spread into the Northern Rockies and northwest sections of the Midwest today, but forecasters said it probably would not move very deep into the South.

The cooler air was expected to reach the Chicago area by late Friday or early Saturday, and then work south and eastward to Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and Virginia.

Midday temperatures Thursday included: Ft. Worth, Tex., 108; the 13th consecutive day of 100-degree or more heat; Tulsa, Okla., 100; Chadron, Neb., 100; and Aberdeen, S. D., 104.

Numerous thunderstorms, with some rather heavy squalls, boiled up from the Rockies and Northern Plains eastward into Minnesota and Iowa.

Fair and pleasant weather prevailed in the Northeast and along the Pacific Coast.

Club Slates Canine Show

The annual Klamath Kennel Club Dog Show has been scheduled for Aug. 30, at the Klamath County Fairgrounds, and the Klamath Falls Kiwanis Club has undertaken the sponsorship this year.

The show the past few years has brought hundreds of top dog owners and handlers and their purebreds to Klamath Falls. Last year alone more than 300 entries from throughout the West.

The show is to be open for public admission at a small fee, according to Chairman John Van Doren.

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Teenage Dance Slated Tonight

A teenage dance has been slated for the Klamath Falls Armory tonight from 9 to 12 with music by Pete Colley and his 5-piece band.

The dance is for all teenagers, with college students and incoming high school freshmen welcome. Couples will be admitted for 65 cents, stars for 40 cents.

Another teenage dance is slated for Aug. 29 at the Armory, with a "Back to School" theme planned.

Pickup Said Stolen Here

A 1946 Chevrolet pickup, painted green, was reported stolen last night from a parking place in front of the Army Store on S. 6th.

Ralph Gilbert, Anchor Hotel, told City Police he left the keys in the truck. The vehicle is owned by the Silver Lumber Company.

Poisoning Trial Slow; Male Jury

By REX THOMAS

WETUMPKA, Ala. (AP) — The slow-moving day-old murder trial of Mrs. Earle Dennison, charged with poisoning her infant niece, proceeded methodically today with only two witnesses heard from thus far.

Court was called for 9 a.m. (CST) after an overnight recess.

Although the trial began at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, it was almost seven hours later before testimony started, after attorneys and Circuit Judge Oakley Melton had finished the painstaking job of qualifying and striking a jury.

Women are barred by law from jury duty in Alabama.

The former operating room nurse at Wetumpka General Hospital is charged with giving fatal doses of arsenic to two small nieces—one of them nearly three years ago and the other last May 1. But she is being tried now only for the death of the latter child, curly-haired 2-year-old Shirley Diann Weidon.

Whether the 54-year-old widow will be prosecuted also for the poisoning of Shirley's sister, Polly Ann, will depend on the outcome of her first trial. Polly was two years old when she died.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Weidon of rural Claud Community near Wetumpka, were the only witnesses heard yesterday. Both testified that Shirley Diann became violently ill after she drank two soft drinks given her by the visiting aunt.

Mrs. Weidon told the jury the middle-aged nurse tried to keep her from taking the stricken child to a doctor but finally agreed and went along herself when the mother insisted.

Sheriff Lester Holley has said the aunt admitted giving arsenic to Shirley Diann, but denied intentionally poisoning the first child. He said she admitted collecting \$5,000 in insurance on Polly Ann and that she reportedly had two policies on the second child totaling \$6,000.



NEW FIELD FOR GENE — Actress Gene Tierney rehearses with ballet star Anton Dolin in London in preparation for a film with Clark Gable in which she'll portray a ballerina.

Tragedy Hits Cave Explorers

LICQ-APHERY, France (AP) — Four cave explorers huddled in exhaustion Friday 1,153 feet underground beside the broken body of their comrade, Marcel Loubens, killed when he fell into the abyss.

Loubens, 33-year-old industrialist died Thursday night as a death-defying rescue team was about to try hoisting him by cable from a ledge where he had lain in a coma nearly 36 hours.

A doctor, Andre Halrey, had gone down in the earth with blood plasma and medicines, but it was too late.

Mairey and three other members of the expedition probing the Pierre Saint Martin Cave here near the Spanish border told comrades at the top they were so exhausted they had decided to sleep before beginning the task of removing Loubens' body.

With Mairey are Haroud Tazieff, a photographer, Jacques Labeyrie, son of a former governor of the Bank of France, and Bernard Occhialini, Italian-born naturalized Briton.

Earlier the three had informed the expedition leader, Belgian Scientist Max Cosyns, that they would not come up on the steel cable, pulled by a winch. Loubens was killed when the cable broke and he plunged 120 feet to the rocks below.

Ike Aide Called In Libel Trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Paul G. Hoffman, a top Eisenhower campaign strategist, was listed today as a witness in Sen. Benton's (D-Conn.) defense against a two million dollar libel-slander suit filed by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

Lawyers for the embattled senators squared off for a court fight Tuesday before U. S. District Judge Burnita S. Matthews. The hearing will determine whether Hoffman should be permitted to give his testimony the same day as a deposition hearing.

The suit is an outgrowth of Benton's efforts to have McCarthy expelled from the Senate. McCarthy contends that, in this move, Benton wrongfully defamed him with baseless accusations of fraud, perjury and calculated deceit.

Gerhard van Arkel, counsel for Benton, declined to reveal his reasons for calling Hoffman as a defense witness or the nature of questions to be asked.

Edward B. Williams, a lawyer for McCarthy, in his motion for a court-ordered postponement, said Van Arkel's stand deprived him of opportunity to prepare to cross-examine the witness. He also asked for the delay to permit him to consult first with McCarthy, whom he described as too ill for such a conference now. McCarthy is at a Wisconsin resort, recovering from an operation.

Hoffman, a former economic cooperation administrator, was closely associated with Gen. George C. Marshall, whose career as wartime chief of staff and postwar secretary of state has figured prominently in the bitter McCarthy-Benton feud.

Among other things, McCarthy contends Benton libeled him with accusations of telling the Senate "a lowering lie" about Gen. Marshall in a speech June 14, 1951. Benton made the accusation to a Senate rules subcommittee in sworn testimony last September.

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CIO'S Murray Attacks Ike's Stand on Social Security

By ROWLAND EVANS, Jr.

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIO President Philip Murray, attacking Dwight D. Eisenhower's expressions on social security, said Friday he doubts "the average citizen can find any comfort or solace in his candidacy."

Murray addressed a "get-behind-Stevenson" rally of some 400 leaders of the CIO and its Political Action Committee (PAC). The CIO Executive Board endorsed Democratic nominee Adlai Stevenson Thursday.

Murray quoted from what he said were past speeches and letters by Eisenhower, and declared the GOP candidate's views run "counter to the expressed purposes of the American people throughout the last 20-year period."

Heavy sarcasm in his voice, Murray said that Eisenhower's 1948 and 1949 speeches on social security introduced a "fine, statesmanlike, broad vision of what America should be."

He quoted Eisenhower as saying this: "We seek the illusion called security. We want to wear fine shirts and have caviar and champagne when we should be eating hotdogs and drinking beer."

Smiling broadly, Murray commented: "Now there's a philosophy to be introduced into the American political scene."

(In a statement at Denver on Aug. 9, Eisenhower called for expansion of the social security program to cover an additional 14 million persons, and for increased old-age assistance grants.)

Murray made a general attack too on the Republican party. He said it has "stood against expansion of the social security program to cover an additional 14 million persons, and for increased old-age assistance grants."

He said 79 per cent of Senate Republicans "voted consistently against any form of rent control," and that 80 per cent of Senate Republicans and 87 per cent of House Republicans favor the Taft-Hartley Labor Relations Act which the Democratic party platform pledges to repeal.

Crump Backs Demo Machine

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Shelby County political leader E. H. Crump says he hopes persons who "are ready to accept the Republicans or anyone at any price" will reserve judgment.

The 76-year-old veteran politician made the statement yesterday in endorsing the 1952 Democratic ticket of Adlai Stevenson and John Sparkman.

Crump backed the States Rights ticket in 1948 and it carried this country by a 3,000 vote majority.

"Stevenson and Sparkman guarantee there will be a house cleaning from top to bottom," Crump said, "and they are men of fine character and high reputation."

The political leader called the Republicans a "selfish inconsiderate party" and said much of their "propaganda sounds like . . . pipe dreams. . . ."

DAV Asks Ouster Of Commie Party

BOSTON (AP) — The Disabled American Veterans want the Communist party outlawed in the United States.

Their convention resolved unanimously yesterday "that the United States government make a study of appropriate means to accomplish the outlawing of communism as one of the bonafide political parties of the United States."

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