

State Government Council Calls For Uniform Election

CHICAGO (AP) — The Council of State Governments today suggested that presidential primaries in the states be held on the same date.

Such primaries now are stretched out, state by state, from March through June.

The council passed along this idea to state lawmakers.

It would be highly desirable for the states to fix identical dates

for presidential primaries, preferably a date within about a month of the national conventions.

"This would avoid the present unduly long period of the pre-convention campaign and would encourage all leading candidates to enter the primaries of all states instead of a few."

The council said only 19 states now give their citizens a chance to take a direct hand in selecting

the presidential nominees of the major parties.

There are two methods of doing this. Under one, the citizens can express their preference for the nomination by voting in a preferential primary. Under the other the citizens vote for delegates to the national convention of their parties.

The council said present primary laws have been criticized because of variations in dates and provisions. Results in some states are binding on convention delegates; for instance, but not in others.

But it also said:

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Faith Healing Causes Death

BARRIE, Ont. (AP) — Ontario's chief coroner launched an investigation today into the death of 19-year-old Mary Taylor after her mother said the girl tried a faith cure for the diabetes she had suffered since the age of 3.

The mother, Mrs. David Taylor, said Mary heard a sermon Sunday by a traveling preacher, D. W. Holmes of the Voice Healing Association, and followed him to his injections. She had taken for 15 years. She became ill, grew steadily worse and died yesterday.

Relatives of the girl said Holmes had left continuance of the insulin treatments to the family's judgment, but the family had heard that other diabetic sufferers had been cured by faith.

"I had faith she was going to get cured," the mother told a newspaper last night. "I wish I had called the doctor."

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Gas Causes Tragic Fire

YOUNGSTOWN, O. (AP) — Firemen today blamed leaking propane gas for a raging fire that flashed through a frame dwelling and wiped out a family of seven.

Assistant Fire Chief Frank Lehnerd said the gas, used for cooking, probably overcame all of the victims before the fire broke out last night.

Killed were Henry Tochman, 34, a bakery route salesman; his wife Katherine, 32; and their five children, Henry Jr., 13; Patricia, 10; Carol, 8; Mary Grace, 4, and Jo Ann, 2.

Their one-story home just northeast of this city was burned to the ground.

Bodies of the father and mother were found in the living room. They were believed to have been watching television when the fire started around 11:15 p.m. Four of the children were in beds in two bedrooms.

The other child, Mary Grace, was taken alive from the fiery dwelling by a neighbor, but was dead when she arrived at a hospital.

Emil Sotkovsky, 37, summoned by Mrs. Ann Sudon, a neighbor who saw the flames, dashed out of his house to carry the one child from the burning home. Glad only in his underwear and without shoes, he raced across an open field, donning his pants on the way.

"The smoke was so dense I couldn't see anything," Sotkovsky said. "So I started to feel around and I felt a baby crib and a baby huddled in a corner. I picked up the baby and ran outside and gave it to Mrs. Sudon."

"I tried to go back into the house, but the fire and smoke kept me out this time."

Eastern Line Fires Strikers

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Eastern Air Lines today began replacing flight engineers who struck for higher wages.

The company said it had removed members of the AFL Flight Engineers International Association from its payroll and "instituted an extensive training and checkout course for an entirely new group of engineers."

Capt. Eddie V. Rickenbacker, president and general manager of Eastern, said the strike was illegal and told the engineers they'd lose their jobs if they didn't go back to work.

"We don't believe the company can fire us, we are not resigning and none of us is planning to go back to work," said Jack Robertson, president of the Miami chapter of the union.

Robertson said the engineers would go back to work if the company would grant them the same pay structure—not the same pay but the same rules for figuring it—that the pilots have.

Frankie's Ex Loses Jewels

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mrs. Nancy Sinatra, divorced wife of singer Frank Sinatra, reported tonight to West Los Angeles police that about \$30,000 worth of her jewels are missing from her home.

She said there was no sign of the house having been entered. She had been away from home for a short time, she said, and the jewels, including a diamond ring, necklace and bracelet, were missing from their customary place in the house when she went to look for them.

Vicar Raps Caroleers

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — A Church of England vicar today attacked the time-honored English custom of children singing carols for pennies at Christmastime.

"It is a rump and a racket, it encourages children to be spivs (sharpies) and there is no Christianity in it at all," the Rev. Guy Stanbridge of St. Peter's Church wrote in his parish magazine.

For those who just can't stop themselves from giving away pennies, he suggested:

"Try to get value for your money by telling the children they must sing the whole carol. You will find they know the first verses of only about three carols. A few know the second, but beyond that, nothing."

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