



KEY WITNESSES in the Leon Gale Pearson murder trial are shown above. They are Harry Pearson (left) uncle of the accused slayer; Mrs. Opal Doak, Pearson's aunt, and Norman Lyle Karr, eye-witness to the shooting. Pearson is accused of fatally wounding Gene Ericks, Klamath Falls moulding company employe.

### Stevenson Advises Demos On How To Beat Eisenhower

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Adlai E. Stevenson today was reported advising party leaders he believes President Eisenhower can be defeated in any 1956 re-election bid if Democrats pound away at what he regards as the unpopularity of the Republican party. Stevenson's views, as interpreted to those who talked to him during a Democratic rally which ended here Saturday, was that Eisenhower himself is likely to remain for the next two years a measure of the personal popularity which gave the general his sweeping presidential victory over Stevenson in 1952. But Stevenson evidently believes that Republicans will continue to demonstrate in the next two years what Paul M. Butler, Democratic national chairman-elect, yesterday called the GOP's "incompetency to govern." Butler put the finger directly on Eisenhower at a news conference, asserting: RESPONSIBILITY "We intend to call to the attention of the American people President Eisenhower's lack of capacity to govern and to unite the people. The responsibility is with the President to see that the nation is united and there is ever-increasing evidence of his lack of capacity to do it." That language was perhaps a little stronger than Stevenson himself was prepared to use. But the former Illinois governor made it

clear he thinks the November elections which gave Democrats control of Congress proved the people don't have nearly as much faith in the GOP as they demonstrated in the past for Eisenhower. On this basis, Stevenson has told friends he believes that other Republicans in time will drag Eisenhower down to their much lower level of popularity and that the President will be vulnerable if he runs again. POSSIBILITY Stevenson has kept publicly silent on his own plans. He has indicated he is not in an eager-beaver mood for the nomination. Neither has he shut any doors against the possibility. In his own mind, Stevenson was represented as believing that despite any present intentions, Eisenhower will be forced by his party to take the GOP nomination in 1956. Stevenson's announcement at a \$100-a-plate dinner here Saturday night, that he "cannot participate in party affairs as rigorously as in the past" was accepted generally as indicating only an intention to get off the political speechmaking circuit for a while. Butler, elected by 70 of the committee's 105 votes to succeed Stephen A. Mitchell as national chairman, said the Democrats plan no personal attacks on Eisenhower. "But that does not mean," he said, "that we should refrain from pointed criticism of either actions, or lack of action, that we do not consider in the best interests of the country."

### Potato Tests Being Made

Test reports for foundation and certified seed potatoes grown in Klamath County are being received now. E. C. Johnson, Oregon State College certification specialist, reports that test planting results for many White Rose and Netted Gem seed lots will be completed before Christmas. Reports for many test samples are expected earlier in December. Samples which arrived at the greenhouse late will not be ready until after January 1. Samples of uncertified potatoes submitted for test planting will be planted as certified seed lots and removed from the beds. Test planting results are being obtained in less than 60 days after planting. Extension Agent Walt Jendrzewski says the county agent's office is encouraging growers to take advantage of this opportunity to test uncertified seed and eliminate lots which carry more than one per cent leafroll infection. INVITATION SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The San Francisco Board of Supervisors meets today to extend an official invitation to the United Nations General Assembly to hold a commemorative session here next June. The United Nations was born in San Francisco at a conference which began April 25, 1945

### Antirearmament Party Wins West Berlin City Election

BERLIN (AP) — The antirearmament Socialists won a one-vote majority in West Berlin's parliament today but promised to govern the Soviet-encircled city in partnership with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union. Municipal spokesmen of the two leading parties warmly agreed they must establish a strong new democratic coalition here under the shadow of the Russian army, regardless of their partisan quarrels in West Germany over foreign policy. The mammoth turnout of 1,554,766 voters for yesterday's election — 91.6 per cent of those eligible —

gave the Socialists 64 seats, the Christian Democrats 44 and the Free Democrats 19. The lineup for the past four years had been 61 Socialists, 24 Christian Democrats and 32 Free Democrats. Since the death last year of Socialist Mayor Ernst Reuter, Christian Democrat Walter Schreiber had headed a coalition administration from his party and the Free Democrats. The Beriners stingily repudiated the Communists and the Nazi-aimed German party. Both extremist parties failed to win a seat. The Reds received only 2.7 per cent of the total vote and the German party 4.8 per cent.

Cries of "police terror" came from Communist propagandists to explain their party's debacle. West Berlin police reported 34 Red provocateurs arrested in election disturbances yesterday and a total of 851 arrests in the last two weeks of the campaign. Of those briefly jailed, 698 were East Berliners ineligible to vote in the Allied sectors. The campaign was fought largely on the prevailing West German issue of rearmament vs. speedy Big Four talks to Germany. The Christian Democrats increased their vote from 24.6 per cent of the 1950 vote to 30 per cent this time. But the Socialists, traditionally dominant in Berlin, wound up with 44 per cent, just under their 44.7 per cent of four years ago. Parliament's third party, the Adenauer-allied Free Democrats, suffered a drastic fall, from 23 per cent in 1950 to 12.7 per cent. These were the final returns: Valid votes 1,544,443, Socialists 1,536.

### Oregon Seed Meet Planned

Potato growers attending the Oregon Seed League meeting in Portland December 8, 9 and 10 will have a chance to tell what they think the Oregon Potato Commission should be doing, states Jess Minson, Powell Butte. Minson is chairman of the seed league's potato committee and Bob Beasley is vice-chairman. Minson says, "The seed league is responsible for the creation of the potato commission. They originated the idea and fought it through the legislature. It was formed specially to get some greenhouses erected so that our seed could be tested during the winter, thereby getting rid of bad seed lots before planting time. After this was accomplished, it has been working on other things, especially market promotion. "But our committee has a lot of other things coming up too. For example, why is it harder to control the insects that spread potato diseases than it used to be? What is the potato outlook for next year? Are seed certification rules working all right? Every potato seed grower in the state will find something in the program of interest to him."

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PARADED DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Twenty-five thousand demonstrators paraded through Damascus Monday in protest against death sentences imposed on six leaders of the Moslem Brotherhood in Egypt. A general strike was called here at the request of the brotherhood, a political-religious organization accused in Cairo of plotting against Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser and his military regime.

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