

Estes Swings Into Alabama

CULLMAN, Ala. (AP) — Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.), aspirant for the Democratic presidential nomination, made a bid for Alabama support last night in this rural area of north Alabama.

He addressed a Chamber of Commerce banquet in Cullman, the home town of Gov. James B. Folsom.

Many of the state's leaders supported Kefauver for the Democratic nomination four years ago, when he received 9 1/2 of Alabama's 22 convention votes.

Most of last night's address was aimed at the administration's farm policy, but he also was critical of other public service programs.

He spoke briefly of the segregation issue, and said he hoped the problem would be solved "with reason and intelligence."

"I know that the people of Alabama and the South have confidence in our judges and other officials to have them work these problems out, but without mob demonstrations and violence," he said.

In his speech, he: 1. Criticized the farm policy of the administration, and said the farm depression is gradually inflicting the nation's entire economy.

2. Criticized public power policy and accused the administration of finding ways "to cut in their favorite people—the private power trust—for a share of the gravy."

3. Referred to President Eisenhower's public roads program, saying "the principal beneficiaries are not the state and localities which build the roads, but the investment bankers of New York who will finance them."

4. Said the South offers a logical area for dispersal of defense industries.

LEADER DIES

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Alexander Svolos, co-leader of the Greek Democratic Party, died Thursday morning of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 64. Svolos was minister of finance in the first post-liberation Cabinet and an authority on constitutional law.

Yuba Residents Celebrate Christmas In February

YUBA CITY, Calif. (UP)—Seven year old Stewart Stanton, his eyes shining, cheered as loud as the rest of them when it was announced that Santa Claus would put in an appearance here tomorrow.

Little Stewart, like thousands of other tots in Yuba City and Marysville, didn't get to see Santa on his regular run. Their towns were evacuated and the Christmas presents of many were swept away on roof-high flood waters.

Stewart, a second-grader, snickered the high school auditorium here last night from a driving rain. Then his face lit up and he joined with 800 other youngsters in a carnival atmosphere. There was a free circus and vaudeville acts.

President Eisenhower sent Christmas greetings, and Gov. Goodwin J. Knight announced he would tour the flood area tomorrow with Santa Claus, dropping in at random at the homes of youngsters.

That was when the big cheer went up. Santa Claus also will appear Saturday to pass out gifts donated from all over the state. A plane-load from Alameda Naval Air Station was due to arrive today, and another load of gifts was scheduled to come from Southern California Lions Clubs.

The celebration of Christmas in February was building up momentum despite an almost steady downpour and a threat of another flood.

But the Weather Bureau predicted some clearing for today—at least enough so Santa won't have to worry about finding his way through the storm.

Yesterday looked darkest. A ferris wheel stood dripping and deserted in downtown Yuba City. A colorful tent planned to house last night's circus was ripped by winds and taken down. Merchants who remained open for "Christmas shopping" stood glum in nearly deserted stores.

The rain slackened last night during the circus and "street dance" that had to be held in the auditorium, while the ominous Feather River crested upstream. Officials said, however, that the crest here today would probably be about 10 feet below the danger level.

The Weather Bureau predicted no general improvement until about Friday night, but that's soon enough for the kids of Yuba City and Marysville—because Saturday is Christmas for them.

Brazil Troops Retake Town

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)—His air power reduced to one C47, the leader of Brazil's sputtering jungle revolt was reported fleeing today. Word spread that the beleaguered Amazon River town of Santarem was back in loyal hands.

Air force officials said the sudden break came after government planes, in their first blow of the 12-day revolt, strafed the rebel-held airport at Santarem.

The air force announcement said the rebel leader, Maj. Haroldo Veloso, fled to Jacare-Acanga, a jungle emergency air field 150 miles south of Santarem, and that loyal air and ground troops he had held prisoner retook the city of 15,000.

The government said its planes destroyed on the ground a Beechcraft trainer reportedly loaded with bombs for an attack on a troop ship heading up the Amazon.

Veloso had fled in this plane from Rio de Janeiro Feb. 11 to launch his revolt. Authorities said the straying left Veloso with only a C47 transport in his "air force."

Many of Santarem's residents were reported pouring out of the city as government forces advanced. It was not yet known whether Veloso's small rebel band, said to include three dissident air force officers and about 30 men, had fled with him.

The steamer President Vargas meanwhile moved toward Santarem with troops, antiaircraft weapons and small cannon. The troops had orders to take the city without bloodshed if possible, otherwise "at any cost."

Bus Boycott Arrests Seen

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Dozens of new bus boycott arrests were expected today while preparations were made for a mass meeting tonight of 10,000 Negroes praying for "justice to prevail."

And to emphasize their determination, boycott leaders proclaimed tomorrow "prayer-pilgrimage day." They said every "race-loving" Negro will shun all motor vehicles and walk wherever they go on that day.

Scores of Negroes crowded outside the Montgomery County Jail yesterday and watched quietly as 73 of 115 persons indicted for boycotting were brought in and booked.

The 73 taken into custody, all Negroes, included several political leaders and 23 ministers. All were released in \$300 bond.

The wholesale arrests followed a report by the Montgomery County grand jury, which named 115 persons as active participants in the boycott, now in its 12th week in protest against racial segregation.

The mass meeting tonight and the no-ride "pilgrimage" tomorrow were announced by the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, one of those indicted for boycotting and pastor of the First Baptist Church, where the "prayer for justice" meeting will be held.

Driver Awards To Be Presented

Recognizing the need for safe driving habits on the part of its employees, Union Oil Company is presenting awards for outstanding safe driving records again this year, according to W. I. Martin, manager Northwest Territory for Union.

This award program was established in 1951 and each year lapel pins and certificates are given to those drivers who have not had a single accident. Rules for this award program are comparable to those of the National Safety Council.

Qualifying for the award this year from this area are, A. E. Gandy, driver, and Ed Dittrich, manager of the local branch.



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