

Senators Humphrey-Kennedy Meet In April 5 Wisconsin Primary Battle

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two announced candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination appeared today to wage a major battle in Wisconsin.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said today he considers the April 5 Wisconsin primary "the heart and core of my political prospects." Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) said he knows of no reason why he would not enter the same contest. Both have campaigned widely in the state.

Kennedy's formal announcement Saturday listed his entry only in the New Hampshire primary, in which he is not likely to have opposition. He said Sunday he will announce within four or five weeks whether he will file in Wisconsin and other states.

Humphrey said in an interview he believes he will win in Wisconsin and added: "The Wisconsin primary is at the very center of my efforts. It is the heart and core of my political prospects."

Kennedy said Sunday in a radio-television interview — NBC Meet The Press—that he would run in representative primaries if Humphrey is willing to enter them. Kennedy said he was confident the two would be running against each other in at least two primaries and that he expects to win. But he declined to issue any

challenge to Humphrey, saying he would prefer to "let Sen. Humphrey decide where he is going to run." As for the Wisconsin contest, Kennedy said "I know of no reason why I might not enter that, or many other primaries."

Humphrey said his next visit to Wisconsin will be Jan. 17 when he will meet boosters at an informal session in Milwaukee. After that, he said, he will make frequent weekend trips to Wisconsin to compete "county by county, city by city and very extensively in

the rural areas." Kennedy said that as a delegate to the Democratic convention he would not take seriously the candidacy of Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.), Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) or others who do not enter primary contests. Johnson and Symington, despite extensive speech-making, have not said they are candidates for the nomination.

"If some candidate who will not face us in the primaries and then hopes to be the choice—if he can't beat us, he can't beat Mr. Nixon in November," Kennedy said.

He has excused Adlai E. Stevenson from this challenge. He indicated he accepted Stevenson's statement that he has no plans to be a candidate and said Stevenson had expounded his views to the country in the 1952 and 1956 presidential campaigns.

Kennedy said again he couldn't run in all of the major primaries and still hadn't decided whether to enter favorite son states such as California and Ohio. He added "I have no inhibitions against running against a favorite son."

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said on Dec. 22 he would enter his state's presidential primary.

Kennedy emphasized again he would not accept the vice presidential nomination. Humphrey said his only plans were to seek a third Senate term if he fails to make a good showing in the primaries.

In reply to questions, Kennedy made these other points: The Democrats do not deserve to be successful if they reject him as a presidential candidate because of his Roman Catholic religion, regardless of any other factors.

He owns no stocks or bonds and has no properties which are involved in any way with the government. He said he "will certainly be glad to take somebody through my books" if it becomes in the public interest.

AP Reporter Witnesses Train Crash

Editor's Note—Luciano Ferrari, a correspondent for The Associated Press in Milan, Italy, was a passenger on the commuter train which derailed in Monza today.

By LUCIANO FERRARI
MONZA, Italy (AP)—I was going to work on the regular Sondrio-Monza-Milan commuter train this morning with hundreds of others who ride it every day. Without warning the terrifying crash happened.

I was in a compartment of the fifth coach with three young girls and two students.

The girls were chatting. The students were reading newspaper accounts of the funeral of Fausto Coppi, Italy's great bicycle racer who died Saturday.

Suddenly, as the coach inclined on a curve, the girls were hurled into our laps. Then, for what seemed several long seconds, there was a violent crashing and grinding sound, a gigantic scraping of steel on steel. This seemed to continue for several hundred yards.

Now the coach was on its side and we were all piled together. The coach continued to grind along.

The girls screamed. Only one of them had a slight bruise. We crawled out of shattered windows, on our stomachs, along the ground to get clear of the wreckage. We had no idea of the extent of the crash. Fog was so thick you could scarcely see the coach ahead.

Then I saw it. It had apparently also scraped along on its side and then bounced back on its wheels. I could scarcely believe what I saw. A railroad rail stuck out of the coach, pointing skyward. I looked and saw that the rail had pierced and killed three passengers in that coach. One was a Roman Catholic priest.

It was just as though a child had stuck a wire through a thin paper toy.

I couldn't see the third coach. It just seemed to have disappeared. Then I saw it. It was on top of a factory roof, adjoining the tracks. To get there, it had to hurtle over five railroad tracks and up into the air about 20 feet. I don't know how it did that.

I could now hear screams coming from the coach.

There must have been at least 100 persons in that coach. It was packed with laborers, on the way to their jobs.

I still could not see the last coaches of the train because of thick fog. There must have been 1,000 persons in all aboard the train.

One girl with her hands under her coat asked me to hand her purse to her. I did. She put her hands. They were bleeding. She could not move her fingers. "I guess they're broken," she said and turned away and walked toward town.

I counted 17 dead in the wreckage, but there must have been more bodies trapped inside the tangled cars.

Fires Claim 950 Persons Per Month

BOSTON (AP)—Fires killed almost 950 people a month in the United States during 1959, the National Fire Protection Assn., reported today.

More than 30 per cent of fire casualties were children and more than half the estimated 11,300 fire deaths occurred in homes.

While the international fire safety organization reported its preliminary estimates indicated a slight reduction in fatalities—about 200 less than in 1958—it also estimated the 10-year loss, including 1959, totaled an appalling 116,000 lives.

The NFPA said preliminary figures pointed to more than 100 million dollars a month in fire losses in the United States last year for an estimated total of \$1,275,000,000. This is an indicated decline of \$3,000,000 in the over-all loss.

The 1959 property loss included buildings and contents worth \$1,655,000,000, plus 220 millions in aircraft, motor vehicles, forests, and other non-building fire damage. The corresponding figures for 1958 were, respectively, \$1,056,308,000 and \$222,500,000.

Worst single fire loss of life in the United States was in Meldrim, Ga., on June 28, when a freight train wreck resulted in gas explosion and fire. It killed 23 adults and children picnicking in a recreational area.

Almost as bad was the loss of 21 lives when fire struck a state-operated boys' industrial school at Wrightsville, Ark., March 5. The victims were among 68 locked in a dormitory.

From the standpoint of property loss the worst fire was in Roseburg, Ore., Aug. 7 when explosives touched off in an unattended truck resulted in a blast and fire which destroyed more than 10 million dollars' worth of property and killed 13 persons.

The second largest American fire was the July 2 Pentagon blaze in the nation's capital, with an estimated loss of \$6,690,000.

Serves In Germany

Army Pfc. Michael F. Gaddis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gaddis, Route 5, recently participated in ceremonies in Leipzig, Germany, which marked the transfer of the military installation known as Fliegerhorst Kaserne to the German Air Force.

The 4th Division's 66th Armor, Gaddis' parent unit which was formerly stationed at the kaserne, has moved to a new installation in the Nurnberg area.

Gaddis, a member of the armor's Headquarters Company, entered the Army in February 1959 and received basic combat training at Fort Ord, California. He was stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, before arriving overseas in July 1959.

The 18-year-old soldier attended Klamath Union High School.

On The Record

KLAMATH COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSES

William F. Lenninger, 44, and Mildred L. Bergman, 46.
Jack Dwayne Gann, 19, and Joyce May West, 19.
William Nelson Murphree, 46, Dorris and Stella Irene Bybee, 35, Dorris.
DIVORCE PETITIONS
Loren George Blackmer vs. Miriam A. Blackmer, seeks divorce.

KLAMATH FALLS BIRTHS

BOYS

BARNES—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carol Barnes January 2 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 9 lbs., 15 ozs.
BEARD—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beard January 1 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 5 lbs., 15 ozs.

BRATTON—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bratton December 31 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 8 1/2 ozs.
BRIDGMAN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bridgman December 31 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 11 ozs.

DEAN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dean January 3 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 15 ozs.
DELMAR—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Hand January 3 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 3 1/2 ozs.

POWELL—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Powell December 31 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 11 ozs.

SILLS—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sils January 2 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 5 lbs., 15 ozs.
SMITH—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Smith January 2 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 3 1/2 ozs.

SNIDER—Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Snider December 31 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 15 ozs.

SYLVA—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Sylva Jr., January 1 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 10 1/2 ozs.

WALKER—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walker January 2 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a boy, weighing 8 lbs., 10 1/2 ozs.

GIRLS

AMBERS—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Ambers Jr. December 31 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a girl, weighing 6 lbs., 11 1/2 ozs.

FODGE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fodge January 3 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a girl, weighing 8 lbs., 3 ozs.
HUMPHREY—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Humphrey January 3 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a girl, weighing 8 lbs., 8 1/2 ozs.

WADE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wade January 1 in Klamath Valley Hospital, a girl, weighing 7 lbs., 12 ozs.

1959 ROUNDUP

Boys: 9 Girls: 4

Boys: 577 Girls: 484

Kansas Town Still Suffers From Jitters

GARDEN CITY, Kan. (UPI)—This community of 13,000 persons on the high western Kansas wheat plains has the jitters. It may never recover from them.

Two days after authorities said they had more than a sufficient case against two ex-convicts accused of the mid-November slaying of one of the area's most prominent citizens, his wife, and two teen-aged children, townspeople still were reluctant to be left alone at night.

Prior to Nov. 15, the day that the bodies of Herbert W. Clutter, 48, his wife, Bonnie, 45, and their children Nancy, 16, and Kenyon, 15, were found in their \$40,000 farm house at Holcomb, seven miles west of here, most residents of Finney County had not locked their doors at night.

"We even used to leave our house open when we went away on vacation or week-end trips," said Bill Schroeder, manager of a Garden City office equipment company. "But since that thing happened at Herb Clutter's house we lock up, and I guess we always will from now on."

All four Clutters had been bound and gagged and blasted at point-blank range by a shotgun. Clutter's throat had been slashed.

Four counts of first degree murder were filed in Finney County Court here Monday against Richard Eugene Hickock, 28, Edgerton, Kan., and Perry Edward Smith, 31, Las Vegas, Nev.

Hickock confessed the crime Sunday night and named Smith as his accomplice in a mass murder that climaxed a futile robbery attempt at the Clutter home.

Clutter, a former Eisenhower appointee to the federal Farm Credit Board, had never locked the doors of his house. Hickock said he and Smith entered the two-story brick structure through the unlocked door leading to Clutter's office on the ground floor.

The pair led to believe that there was a large amount of money in a safe in the house through a conversation with a former Clutter farmhand whom they met in the Kansas State Penitentiary. He accused of murdering the Clutter family when no cash was found.

COSTLY ADVICE
SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI)—Avelino Garcia complained to police Monday he got some costly advice he didn't ask for. Garcia said he found \$180 stolen from a small safe in his home and a note reading: "Get a better safe."

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By TIM MASON

KU students returned to school Monday after enjoying an 11-day vacation, and now have settled down to work as they face the end of the first semester of school which brings the semester exams and the changing of scheduled classes.

These mid-year exams will be conducted differently from last year. They will be held during class time with no change in the days' schedules being made.

In the past the tests were held during one special week at the end of the term, when two-hour exams a day were given. The students then enjoyed a three-hour lunch period in between to complete the day.

The new changes came about because the present plan fits in better with the school schedule and the first and second semester's work. It also agrees with the public sentiment, according to Principal McKinny.

One thing that students missed at the KU-Medford basketball game last Saturday night was the Pep Band, whose members are in the famed marching band unit, which took part in the half time activities in the East-West game that afternoon.

Some students, who have been showering the band members and their director with popcorn and paper, may now appreciate the band more and treat them more thoughtfully.

Mafia Linked To Slay Case

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Lewis Sirota, 49, found strangled in the trunk of his car was linked today to a number of Mafia associates.

"Sirota had a knack for making enemies among racketeers and big businessmen," said Sheriff Waldon V. Burr.

"I've got a list of 18 names of people we want to question in this killing," said Burr, "and another four pages of names if they don't pan out."

"He was known to have business and social dealing with members of the Mafia and other gangsters," Police Chief Bernard Garmire said "Sirota was under surveillance by us from time to time because of his companions. But we never had anything on him."

The FBI was checking whether the dapper real estate promoter, who moved to Tucson from Los Angeles five years ago, had any record.

On Schedule

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—A mass baptismal ceremony at Cedar Street Baptist church went off on schedule thanks to the fire department.

The janitor had failed to turn on the water. A fire hose was used to fill the 500-gallon baptismal pool.

INOCULATION SCHEDULED
PINGREE, Idaho (AP)—Five of the 117 elementary school children here are known to have diphtheria. Inoculation of the others is to start today.

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Wheel Chair Chokes Lad

NEWCASTLE, England (UPI)—Thomas Tyzack, a crippled victim of multiple sclerosis, lay listening to his son Monday as the 10-year-old boy played in the next room.

Suddenly there was a scream. The boy, Thomas, had been playing with his father's collapsible wheel chair when he slipped and became entangled.

Tyzack, helpless, listened while the boy struggled. The more young Thomas fought, the tighter the spars of the chair clamped on his neck.

Tyzack managed to reach a milk bottle and beat with it on the wall until neighbors heard him.

They found the boy dead in his father's chair.

DECLINES CANDIDACY
CHICAGO (UPI)—Mayor Richard J. Daley Monday night declined to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of Illinois because "I feel I can't leave unfinished the work I have started here in Chicago."

Video Fanatic Goes To Jail

CANTERBURY, England (UPI)—John L. McNally, 39, had enough.

For two years his television set acted up. The screen would go dark when his wife tried to watch the afternoon housemakers program.

It would break down during the westerns, causing the children to burst into tears.

He kept losing his favorite program right in the middle.

McNally brooded about this and the shop where he had purchased the faulty device. His anger overcame him and he entered the shop with a 21-pound sledge hammer and smashed every television set in sight.

"McNally went into the shop a very angry man," defense lawyer Michael Lewis told a court Monday. "He got himself worked up."

"I am satisfied that what you did was under great provocation and in circumstances which might make a man angry," said court Deputy Chairman Christmas Humphries. "You were justified in being cross."

But Humphries sentenced McNally to six months in jail.

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