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Says N.Y. Governor In Lead For Nomination

Stassen Vows Renewed Fight

WASHINGTON (AP)—A campaign manager claimed today Thomas E. Dewey greatly increased his lead for the Republican Presidential nomination by winning six of eight New Hampshire delegates.

Harold E. Stassen, who got the other two in 1945 in first primary, termed his own showing "not quite strong enough." But he signalled a continued fight for the GOP nomination by telegraphing his Minneapolis headquarters.

"Our attention now shifts to the imminent second inning in Wisconsin," Stassen's executive director declared.

Elects President Dewey, said Stassen.

Stassen, who was the Republican National Committee, who is working for another victory by the New York state party's June convention, made the announcement in New York.

The New Hampshire primary indicated that the voters use in Gov. Dewey the qualities of leadership so sorely missing in the National Administration today.

Brownell also expressed the opinion that the New Hampshire vote represented the prevailing view of New England Republicans.

Brownell said that Dewey political mission in the Midwest, including Wisconsin.

There Dewey and Stassen take on Gov. Douglas MacArthur, who will be testing for the first time his appeal as a positive candidate.

The Middle Western Dewey has been killed by Dewey supporters as an indicator of the New York strength in New England. Gov. Charles M. Dale, one of the six Dewey-pledged delegates elected, labeled the outcome a "flattering tribute" to the Governor.

Stassen's supporters on the other hand insisted they were well satisfied with collected votes in the Wisconsin Convention ball in an area where the Middle Western Dewey was little known in 1944, when Dewey won the party nomination.

Stassen's supporters claimed as many as five places as the campaign trail. Stassen made three personal hand-shaking tours of the state, and last night only a few Dewey supporters were seen.

Dewey put in no recent appearance, but he is expected to appear in the Stassen campaign.

One result of the New England campaign was a notice on Senator Robert A. Taft that Stassen was a "strong supporter" of the New York state party.

For Dewey the New Hampshire contest was one of three regarded as the most important in the two months and Oregon's May 21 delegates.

Barring a last-minute change in plans, the Oregon voting will be another strictly Dewey-Stassen race. Friday is the last day for filing and word from Portland is that the MacArthur camp will not try to enter the general's name.

Rep. for the Wisconsin state, politicians here say MacArthur will have to collar more than 100 delegates to get the nomination. Stassen has been able to create the kind of "strong support" that would carry him along in other states.

Senator Brewster (R-Me.) said the Wisconsin results "will settle it one way or the other for the MacArthur camp." The general will have to make a pretty good showing there to have any chance," Brewster told a reporter.

Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.), a Stassen backer, said he is glad MacArthur has come out in the open.

"As of today," McCarthy said, "I don't think the general has much chance in Wisconsin. But his campaign for him."

Friends of the supreme commander are clear in their opinion that he expect to make a national drive on the basis of his record in the Philippines. They expect him to deal with Russia in the present tense situation.

Rep. for the Wisconsin state, who has been plugging for the general for years, said he is "the one man who understands Russia, and he has been able to tell them where to go when they were in the Philippines."

McCarthy has extended the general's name to a Congressional Committee on Japanese occupation matters.

"There were strong hints that

Any Of This Belong To You?



This isn't a part of a downtown store's stock but some of the loot found by Rural Police in clearing up more than 30 cases of theft from cottages along Catawba River. The pile contains several radios, an outboard motor, rifles and shotguns, fishing rods and shoes, clothing, and even a bucket of nails. Officer Maurice Dickson is shown in the photo.

Brothers Admit All Three Bound Over For River Thefts

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News-Tribune

Three Williams brothers who told officers they had broken into so many houses along Catawba River that they couldn't remember off-hand what articles they took from certain cottages, were bound over to Superior Court today for trial.

County Recorder Fred Hays said probable cause in five cases against the defendants, Johnny Lee, Richard and Floyd Williams of 715 W. Tremont Ave.

A fourth Williams, Charlie, is being held for trial on similar charges in York County, S. C., and Gaston County, along with his brothers.

While the three were being held in custody, they were taken through a roomful of property recovered from the Williams' possession. The articles, some of which were found in a lean-to shack the boys had built on the river bank, included shotguns, rifles, several radios, a large pile of clothing, a canoe, an outboard motor, a portable gasoline engine, a bucket of nails, field glasses, fishing rods and reels.

Officers told the Court that the Williams had admitted to them they had entered many cottages along the river and stolen property.

"But," Officer Maurice Dickson testified, "they said they had gone into so many places over the river that they couldn't remember what things they took from what cabins."

Here's a line-up of cases preliminary for preliminary hearing this morning:

Against Johnny Lee Williams, eight separate charges. Probable cause was found in five, and three were continued.

Against Richard Williams, six charges in five, and one was not-prosecuted with leave.

Against Floyd Williams, eight charges. Probable cause was found in five, two were continued until March 16, and one was not-prosecuted.

Against Charlie Williams, one charge. This case was not-prosecuted.

'Solomon Act' By The Bench

A Dog Named Buck, Has Luck In Trouble, But Isn't Stuck

Attorneys were having some chuckles today over the "Solomon Act" pulled by Justice of the Peace W. E. Smith in settling the case of a dog named Buck.

Kathleen Gilliam, Negro, had charged that her dog was stolen by Hubert Crenshaw, Negro.

Hubert said it wasn't so, that the dog's name was Puzzy and that Puzzy was his rightful property.

Magistrate Smith got the case yesterday, held a hearing in his Law Building office, listened to both sides, the heated argument, and settled it simply.

When everybody had had his say, Mr. Smith told Kathleen to call the dog.

Kathleen said, "Here, Buck," and the dog trotted across the office to her.

Then Mr. Smith asked Hubert to call the dog.

Hubert said, "Here, Puzzy," and the dog stayed where it sat.

Mr. Smith said that this, plus the evidence at hand, convinced him the dog was the property of Kathleen and that, for all he knew, the dog's name was Puzzy.

This hearing ended a case that started in City Police Court several days ago.

Kathleen charged Hubert with stealing her property, namely, the dog.

Hubert said that he really had a long talk, but that he let the dog months ago. He said that he later found this dog, and that somebody had cut off the dog in question had a short tail.

Taft Favors \$4 Billion Aid Figure Will Oppose Further Slash

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said today he will vote to trim the European recovery program cost to \$4,000,000,000, but will oppose efforts to cut it below that total.

Congress has set April 10 as target date for final passage of the program, known as the Marshall Plan. The deadline, if met, would throw the weight of the ERP into the scales against Communist just eight days ahead of the crucial election.

Taft said he hopes the Senate will complete action on the proposed \$3,500,000,000 measure this week or early next week.

Taft told a reporter he thinks a cut to three or three and one-half billion dollars, urged by some Republican critics, would provide too little money. "I would vote to reduce it to four billion," he said.

He said an amendment to cut the total to four billions probably would be presented Friday. He did not forecast its approval.

Mr. Gen. Claire C. Chennault, meanwhile, told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the U. S. House should provide military aid to China Nationalist Government in its war against Communism.

Chennault is operator of a commercial airline in China, where he commanded an air force during the Chinese civil war.

He said that China is a cheaper and safer place to "fighting an all-Communist world."

The target date was announced by Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Charles McNary (R-Ind.).

He said the committee will start writing its foreign aid bill Thursday.

In view of the newly set deadline it appeared likely the committee will concentrate first on the Marshall Plan despite a previous decision to "package" all foreign aid—Europe, China, Greece and Indo-China—in a single bill.

This has encountered strong opposition, including that of Chairman Vandenberg (R-Mich.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

On that side of the Capitol, Senator McNary said he will call McNary's sessions starting tomorrow.

The cry for fast action sounded as the House leaders' huddle was held yesterday on the Senate floor.

Senator Lister (D-Ill.) told his colleagues that "Stalin is moving with speed."

Is Rejected

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Banking Committee today rejected a motion to kill all rent control in this country.

Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich.) predicted, the committee will approve legislation extending the rent law for at least a year. Other committee sources indicated the House will accept the Senate measure to continue controls to May 1, 1949.

The vote on the motion to kill the controls March 31 was taken behind closed doors and only the result was announced.

Wolcott said some bill will be approved by Congress and sent to the White House before the end of the month.

However, Wolcott told reporters they are believed to modify the best way to build a union of Western Europe.

The "big fight," he said, probably will come on the motion to put more authority in local rent boards.

These boards now recommend rent adjustments or decontrol of an area. But under present law they are not allowed to do so until when Washington officials find the recommendations borne out by local conditions.

The House committee yesterday voted to eliminate all controls over the use of scarce building materials for amusement places. The Senate bill would extend these controls, except for recreation facilities, operated by schools or churches, and baseball and football stadiums to be operated by schools, churches or other community groups.

Southerners Win Poll Tax Hearing

WASHINGTON (AP)—Southern Governors and Senators, fighting anti-poll tax legislation, today won a Senate Committee's agreement to hold hearings on the legislation.

Chairman Brooks (R-Ill.) announced that the Senate Rules Committee agreed to conduct public hearings on the bill, starting a week from next Monday.

Previously, a three-man subcommittee had approved the measure without hearings. It took a stand against the poll tax.

There was no reason to hear arguments for or against the bill.

But Senator Stennis (D-Miss.) entered a vigorous protest at such a hearing. He said that the bill was a violation of the Rules Committee. He had asked that hearings be held in the seven Southern states which have poll taxes. Southern Governors also asked a hearing.

U. S. Population Now 143,340,000

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States population reached a new high of 143,340,000 at the start of this year 1947, proved the biggest single year of growth in history.

The Census Bureau said today a record number of births, 3,968,000, were born in 1947.

There was a low death rate and a net immigration of about 215,000 persons also helped the population.

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Investigate Coup

Friend Of Masaryk

LAKE SUCCESS (AP)—Dr. Jan Papanek, Czechoslovak delegate to the United Nations, demanded today that the U. N. Security Council investigate the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.

Dr. Papanek told a hurriedly called news conference at U. N. headquarters that he had submitted to Tytze Lie, U. N. secretary general, a formal demand that the Security Council consider the Feb. 20 change in the Czechoslovak Government.

Dr. Papanek was a friend of Jan Masaryk, who fell to his death in Prague today.

Of himself, Papanek said in an emphatic voice:

"I represented the Czechoslovak Government that elected before Feb. 20. I was never a representative of the new regime. I am not going back on promises Czechoslovak delegate to the United Nations."

"It is not upon me to resign," Dr. Papanek said. "It is upon the members of the United Nations to decide whether they will recognize the regime in Prague now or recognize the republic as it was before Feb. 20. But I will not go back and leave the post empty."

He charged that Soviet Russia engineered the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.

Papanek charged directly that the Soviet Union had violated the sovereignty of Czechoslovakia and that Premier Stalin was personally involved in the coup.

Papanek said he would appeal to President Benes to recognize the sovereignty of the republic.

5 Nations Agree

European Union Open To Others

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—Five Western European nations negotiating a military alliance agreed in principle today that their union will be open to other countries of the continent.

France and Britain have pushed for a five-power pact open to other nations, and British officials said the United States, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg had accepted this as a basis for the pact.

The Benelux nations, however, cautioned that there still are differences to be bridged in discussion of the French-British proposal, submitted late yesterday. Bernard van Langenhove, chief Belgian delegate said the proposal affords the future military structure of the proposed treaty.

The provision to leave the door open was believed to be designed primarily for Italy. In this first step proposing a union to check the Soviet march of Communism, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said the pact would be open to extending such an alliance to "new Italy."

Such a clause could, however, accommodate any of the Marshall Plan countries which might want to join in the future.

While the Benelux nations do not oppose the extension in principle, they are believed to hold the best way to build a union of Western Europe is to start with a solid core of five closely knit countries which could decide later how to bring in new members. Diplomats of the five nations have completed nearly all the other articles of the pact, and military clauses were sent this morning to the Benelux nations, and officials predicted this conference may end tomorrow or Friday.

France's proposal, however, already had drafted texts of eight articles and was working on the preamble. He said four articles were to be completed.

It was understood the articles drafted today included provisions for mutual assistance, machinery for settlement of disagreements arising among the five-powers, and economic questions.

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Jan Masaryk Leaps To His Death From Office

Suicide Follows Communist Coup

By A. I. GOLDBERG
PRAGUE (AP)—Jan Masaryk, non-party foreign minister in the new Communist Government, killed himself today in a leap from his second story office, the Government announced. He was 61.

Gen. Lev. Pechala, a Czech resistance leader in London, commented: "Suicide? It is possible." Masaryk was the son of Thomas Masaryk, founder and first President of the Republic. He was one of the distinguished men of the distinguished nation. The controlled radio said Masaryk "must have been seriously aggrieved and wounded by the malicious, tendentious attacks made upon him by the Western press."

Officials of the Foreign Ministry, after a period of reluctance to confirm the report, finally announced Masaryk had died at 8 A. M. The Government said the death took from the Communists the use of the distinguished man of the distinguished nation. The controlled radio said Masaryk "must have been seriously aggrieved and wounded by the malicious, tendentious attacks made upon him by the Western press."

Slavov Novak, Minister of Interior, told the purged Parliament Masaryk had killed himself in his bathroom window. He said the Foreign Minister had spent the night

Weather

Partly cloudy tonight with little change in temperature. Thursday, considerable cloudiness and cooler. Friday, clear and warmer. Saturday, clear and warmer. Sunday, clear and warmer.

Temperature at 2:00: 65
High at 2:00: 65
Low at 2:00: 45
Sunset tomorrow: 6:26
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:40

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