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CHARLOTTE NEWS

DIXIE CROSBY BING'S WIFE IS NEAR DEATH

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.—(AP)—Dixie Lee Crosby, 40, wife of Bing Crosby, lay in a coma near death today.

The crooner was at her bedside. So were their four sons, Lindsay, 14; Gary, 10, and the twins, Philip and Dennis, 18. The last three flew home from college last night.

In ill health for several years, Dixie underwent a serious abdominal operation last week. The operation became a critical one several weeks ago. A close friend says she is suffering from kidney ailments.

Dixie rallied sufficiently to permit Bing to go to France recently to make the movie "Little Boy Lost." She left her bed against doctors' orders last Saturday to greet her husband on the railroad station upon his return from abroad. She suffered a relapse Sunday and sank into a coma.

Dixie, who gave up film stardom to be a wife and mother, was born Wilma Wyatt in Harriman, Tenn., Nov. 4, 1911. Her father, E. Wyatt, is living at nearby Camarillo. Her mother died years ago.

Allies Drive Reds From Sniper Ridge

SEOUL (AP)—South Korean infantrymen in savage close-quarter fighting today forced a battalion of Chinese Reds off the crest of bloody Sniper Ridge for the seventh time in 16 days.

The ROKs, driven off its highest peak—Pinpoint Hill—last night, began their counterattack at dawn.

Slowly they climbed back up the slopes. They gouged out small trenches and snipers dug in, then, bracked hand-to-hand with the Reds in gullies and trenches.

AP correspondent John Randolph says the Central Front was secured at 10 a.m. Then the ROKs began a tortuous advance northward along the narrow, shell-

GOP Nominee Says Defense Paper Bared

1947 Document On Korea Brought Out

By BELMAN MORIN

NEW YORK (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, pointing a power house drive at the big voting centers around New York City, says a "top secret document" on Korea he is being used against him by his political enemies.

He did not identify the document, other than to describe it as "a top secret document of the American Defense Department."

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In a program broadcast nationally last September, 1947, he said: "This morning, there was a very significant item in the paper. It was this: There was quoted a top secret document of the American Defense Department. How it got there, we will never know, probably."

"There was a military estimate made in September, 1947, and had this conclusion—the military occupation of South Korea is not essential to the security of the United States."

He asked his studio audience: "And how was a top secret document released? Wouldn't you like to know? Many Americans would."

READ BY MORSE

In Minneapolis Monday, Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon—a Republican who has bolted his party and said he could not support Eisenhower—read a government memorandum to an audience at the University of Minnesota.

It was signed by the late James Forrestal, former secretary of defense, and was dated Sept. 26, 1947. The significant paragraph read:

"The Joint Chiefs of Staff consider that from a standpoint of military security, the U. S. has little strategic interest in maintaining the present troops and bases in Korea...."

IKE MEMBER

Eisenhower as Army chief of staff at that time, was a member of the joint chiefs.

The argument over responsibility for the actions that led up to the Korean War has been raging ever since. Briefly, it centers on:

President Truman and other Democrats claim Eisenhower, as Army chief of staff, bears part of the responsibility for decisions that led to American policy in the Far East.

Eisenhower, in reply, says the joint chiefs were responsible, and estimates, at the request of the administration. He has emphasized the argument that a difference exists between such military estimates and political decisions.

ACCUSES SENATOR

He has accused Secretary of State Dean Acheson of making a major blunder in announcing the "policy" of "rollback" of the United States in the Far East did not embrace either Korea or Formosa.

The general said last night: "The claim is made that that secret document was responsible for our highest political leaders making a political decision in 1949. If that is true, what does it do to the 'rollback' policy?"

"We abdicated our authority and responsibilities as the political leaders of our civilian population."

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James A. Gray Dies In Winston

WINSTON-SALEM (AP)—James A. Gray, 63, chairman of the board of directors of the Reynolds Tobacco Co., philanthropist and for many years a leader in the community life of Winston-Salem, died here yesterday of a heart attack.

Gray, who apparently had fully recovered from an attack of pneumonia three weeks ago, had made a business trip to New York City last week. He returned Saturday and then became ill Sunday night. His condition grew worse and he was removed from his home to Baptist Hospital Tuesday.

Although his condition was regarded as critical, death was unexpected. He suffered a heart attack around 11:45 a. m. today and death came almost immediately thereafter.

Gray was born in Winston-Salem Aug. 21, 1889, the son of James and Annie Brownman Gray. He attended the Winston-Salem public schools and the University of North Carolina where he received his A. B. degree in 1908.

Senator Nixon Denies Wealth

By BILL BECKER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sen. Richard Nixon today angrily branded as "a lie" a statement by the Democratic National Committee that he and his relatives own real estate worth \$100,000, a quarter of a million dollars.

"The extent of the desperation of the Democratic campaign is shown by this last minute deflection move," the Republican vice presidential nominee said. "The committee is trying to charge yesterday in Washington that my (Stephen) Mitchell and Mr. (Adlai) Stevenson failed in their attempt to besmirch my honor and integrity, that they are now attempting, through the Democratic National Committee, to attack the honor and integrity of the candidates for president."

"I am married to my mother, and my brother."

Nixon arrived in Los Angeles early this morning to tell a group of his campaign proposals would make sense for America.

The Republican candidate will give a major, nationally televised and radio broadcast speech to the press here today at 8:30 p. m. (EST) TV broadcast is the forgotten man." As of now, the forgotten man is also a mystery. It is not clear whether Mrs. Bassett refused to identify him, or give any hint of what Nixon would disclose.

In his statement this morning, the senator did not issue any further itemization of his income.

French-Built Plane Breaks Sound Barrier

PARIS (AP)—The Mystere II jet fighter is the first French-built plane to break the sound barrier.

An announcement from the Air Ministry today said U. S. Maj. John M. Davis of Wright Field, Ohio, piloted the sweep-wing craft in its first test flight over Meulan, a short distance southeast of Paris.

Bank Official

After his graduation, he joined the Wachovia National Bank as a vice president. He served as assistant treasurer of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. from 1911 through 1915.

For the next three years he served as treasurer from 1918 through 1919, he was a vice president of the institution, leading it through the close of the year.

He was elected vice president of Reynolds in January, 1920. In 1924 until 1946, he served as president of the company. He was chairman of the executive committee from 1946 through early 1949.

At that time, he was elected chairman of the board of directors to succeed the late S. Clay Williams.

Gray was married in April, 1918, to Miss Pauline L. Ebboway of Winston-Salem, who survives.

Other survivors include six children, James A. Gray Jr., Balham Gray, Howard Gray, the late John Callahan of Charlotte, the former Christine Gray; Mrs. Norwood Robinson of Winston-Salem; the former Pauline Gray; and Miss Aurelia Gray of Winston-Salem.

OUR WEATHER

Charlotte and vicinity: Fair and cold today, tonight and tomorrow, with frost tonight.

High temperature yesterday, 65.

High temperature expected today, 58.

Low temperature this morning, 31.

High temperature expected tonight, 52.

Sunrise, 6:41 A. M.; sunset, 5:32 P. M.

See Weather Data on Page 8-A.

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Most Southern Bigwigs Support Adlai

Govt. Allan Shivers of Texas, Robert Kennon of Louisiana and James Byrnes of South Carolina have thrown their active support to Eisenhower, raising Republicans' hopes that part or all of the three states' 42 electoral votes will go to Ike.

BYRD REPUDIATION

Sen. Harry F. Byrd, a powerful figure in Virginia, has repudiated the party's nominee but did not say he would follow through with voters.

But eight of the other nine governors in the South are active in Eisenhower's behalf—and the other, Herman Talmadge of Georgia, says he'll vote for Stevenson "reluctantly." And all the other 25 Southern senators either are campaigning for the Illinois governor, or are raising funds for his campaign, or

NEW YORK TURNS OUT FOR ITS FAVORITES



Truman Says Nixon Raises Adlai's Chances

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

ABOARD TRUMAN TRAIN

NEW YORK (AP)—President Truman said today that the trend in Iowa has been "very Democratic" ever since the appearance in that state of the GOP vice presidential nominee, Sen. Richard M. Nixon.

Truman told an enthusiastic crowd at Waterloo that he would be "delighted" to have Nixon come to help the Democrats by his speeches but that he is afraid there isn't time before the election for all the people to see what he's like.

Nixon spoke in Waterloo last night on a whistle-stop trip across Iowa.

Waterloo Police Capt. Q. T. Parker at that time estimated the Nixon crowd at about 5,000. Capt. Parker estimated this morning's Truman crowd at Waterloo at about 10,000.

THE PRESIDENT'S APPEARANCE

The President's appearance at Waterloo was his second of the day. An early morning talk at Manly had attracted a crowd of a neighborhood with a crowd that clustered around the rear platform of his special train about three blocks outside Manly. Many who waited in the station there were unable to hear him.

Truman told the Waterloo crowd that if this nation should cut off all aid to foreign nations it "all else facing the Russians" would be said.

He said if the Republican "Old Guard" gains control in next Tuesday's election, they would cut off all aid to foreign nations it "all else facing the Russians" would be said.

"Our troops are fighting in Korea to keep war away from our own borders, even to keep war away from Waterloo, Iowa," he said.

"The President sought to convince the Midwest today that if the 'millionaires' supporting Dwight D. Eisenhower have their way on policy the country will end up in a 'ROKEN AIR'."

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Korean Casualty Toll Increases

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department today announced the largest weekly increase in Korean battle casualties in nearly a year—178 killed, missing and wounded.

The new toll reached 123,295 since the beginning of hostilities.

The rise of 1,278 last week compared with a weekly high of 3,536 in 1951, and a low of 123 in 1952 of 123 reported last March 26.

The weekly casualty toll has been comparatively high since early September, reflecting the bitter fighting which has taken place during the localized but intensive battle for hill positions all along the line in Korea.

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Democrat Heaps Scorn On GOP

ABOARD STEVENSON SPECIAL IN PENNSYLVANIA—(AP)—Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson pushed through the hard coal mining region of Pennsylvania today whipping the Republicans with scorn and sarcasm before cheering crowds.

Examining his appeal to the miner vote, the Democratic candidate defended the Democratic record of promoting social progress—while he accused the "Old Guard" Republicans of opposing progressive legislation.

Again and again, he reminded his audiences of the depression that began in the last Republican regime and quipped: "If there are any young people here who don't remember it, they should ask their parents about the depression."

Stevenson left his special train at Wilkes-Barre and drove by automobile across the Pocono Mountains to Hazleton, a textile and anthracite center. The sun was shining brightly but a cold wind whipped a shivering crowd which police estimated at 7,500.

Coming across the mountains, Stevenson said it seemed "as cold as an Old Guard Republican's heart."

It was a miners' holiday in this hard coal territory which is split down the middle as far as politics go. Scranton is a Democratic stronghold, while Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton generally turn in for the GOP.

The miners aren't working today, observing under their contract the birthday anniversary of the late John W. Mitchell, regarded as the patron saint of the United Mine Workers' Union.

Touring the hard coal regions with Stevenson were a group of UMW leaders headed by Vice-President Thomas Kennedy, top lieutenant of John L. Lewis. Lewis and the UMW have endorsed the Stevenson candidacy. Four years ago Lewis backed the Democrats.

The Illinois governor, braving the bitter winds and a trace of snow, placed his assurance that Pennsylvania's important 32 electoral votes that President Truman lost to the GOP in 1948. Franklin D. Roosevelt had carried the state in 1936, 1940 and 1944.

He started his two-day Keystone State drive in Scranton where he labeled the Republicans as obstructionists in the fight for social justice.

Stevenson stood bare-headed in a raw wind that whipped snow flurries where he asserted his confidence that "The Democrats have proved their concern for the average man through legislation such as the minimum wage law."

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By The Associated Press

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