

The American Institute of Public Opinion has discovered that many people are familiar with the name of Adlai Stevenson, but that those who know him approve of him as a candidate. Turn to Page 15-A.

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## Gubernatorial Gab-Fest



For the first time in the North Carolina campaign for Governor, all four candidates got together here today. They went to speak and answer questions at a dinner to be held this evening by the League of Women Voters. Left to right, Republican Nominee Herbert F. Sewell, Democratic Contenders Hubert Olive, Manley Dunaway and William B. Umstead.

### OLE PALS, THESE CAMPAIGNERS

**Sweetness & Light Prevails As Candidates Get Together**

By TOM FESPERMAN  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The four men who are battling each other for the job of governor of North Carolina came face-to-face in Charlotte today for the first time, and they acted like a bunch of old fraternity brothers.

They shook hands with each other, patting each other on the shoulder, cracked a few jokes, paid each other innocent compliments, committed themselves to nothing but some tough campaigning when they got their separate ways.

"This was William Umstead of Durham, escorted by his Meck-

## Arnall Raps Proposed \$12 A Ton Steel Price Boost

WASHINGTON—Price Director Ellis Arnall said today the \$12 a ton price increase asked by the steel industry to offset wage hike recommended by the Government would increase the cost of living for everyone "at least five per cent."

"The steel price line can be substantially held," he said, "and I intend to hold it."

Arnall said the proposed price boost would add \$300 a year to the average family budget and might set off a continuing upward spiral in prices of many items.

On the wage side, of the continuing steel dispute, the Truman Administration prepared to go over the head of the settled industry and grant a pay boost to Philip Murray's CIO steel workers.

**INDUSTRY RESISTS**

Whether the pay terms may be, the industry was set to fight back in the courts. Its lawyers had papers already drawn to seek a court order to restrain any payment of increased wages out of industry funds.

Arnall discussed the price angle in an address prepared for the National Trust Club.

He said the Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) represents the interests of 154 million people who are neither steel workers nor steel industry stockholders."

"We will protect their interests," he said, "I agree with the President that the steel price line can be substantially held, and I intend to hold it."

Government-sponsored negotiations between the steel industry and Murray's union collapsed last night, with Secretary of Commerce Sawyer, boss of the steel industry under Truman's seizure, saying the time had come for the government to deal directly with the union.

"I shall proceed promptly but not precipitately to consider the terms and conditions of employment," he said, "as instructed to do."

The question therefore was not whether the government would deal directly with the union, but what the government would grant in the way of pay increases and other benefits to industry officials, which would be subject to the 1947-48 price control act.

A prominent government official, asking that his name not be used, said it seemed to him that Sawyer's action for Truman, would give Murray the substance of the Wage Stabilization Board recommendations: a 12½-cent hourly pay boost plus other benefits. Additional pay would be subject to the price control act.

January were proposed by the WSB.

It was not considered likely that the government would give Murray the contested union stop arrangement—a clause requiring all steel workers to belong to Murray's union.

### OUR WEATHER

Fair weather. Warmer today than yesterday. Rather cool tonight. Expected high today 64 degrees. Low tonight 33 degrees. Highest yesterday 60 degrees. Lowest this morning 36 degrees.

Summary, 5:30 A. M., sunset, 6:56 P. M.

More Weather Data on page 7-A.

### IT BEGAN WITH RAIN

It did not ever seem to think that all the water on the earth, in oceans, lakes and rivers, first fell as rain. Billions of years ago, when the earth's crust was still cooling, the rains began. Day and night they fell continuously for centuries, filling the basins and filling the lowlands and flowing down the land masses. Gradually the rain was over, the rocks, dissolving their minerals and carrying them into the sea, made it salty. The sea has been called the beginning of all life, but rain was the beginning of the sea.

### EVENING PRAYER

Give us the gift of true speaking, our God; the kind that is as unshakable as the soft answer to the stern rebuke; that which seeks to be the bearer of a good news, which works peace and concord, the time, the talent, on the side of the angels. Amen.

## He Scores Big Victory Over Taft in N. J.

**General Gains In Race For Delegates**

By RYLAND MORIN

NEWARK, N. J. (AP)—A flood of votes carried Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower towards a 150,000-vote margin in New Jersey today, so established him as the leading Republican presidential candidate on the Atlantic seaboard.

It was the second consecutive time that he defeated Sen. Robert A. Taft in the East in an election where both men's names were on the ballot.

Eisenhower, who carried all but one of New Jersey's 21 counties, won a minimum of 31 of the state's 38 Republican convention delegates. Four went to Taft, one to ex-Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota and two of those elected said they have not decided whom they will support.

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A nearly-complete tally of the votes today, by 78 districts unreported out of 340, showed: Eisenhower—370,500; Taft—218,780; Stassen—21,967.

The Democratic election went by default to Sen. Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee, the only entrant. He had 141,769 votes at the latest count.

From the vote is received from 41 missing districts, Kefauver's total is expected to be nearly 1,000,000.

The election put Eisenhower's total of delegates at 119. Taft has 208, and he may receive the support of two other New Jersey delegates.

Taft, his lieutenants took a cheerful view of the results from Jersey. "Maybe a little better than we expected," said the Senator. "A moral victory," "terrific," and "surprising," his campaign leaders in the state declared.

"Eisenhower has made a poor showing," asserted John D. M. Hamilton, eastern seaboard chairman of the Taft campaign.

**SOUGHT TO WITHDRAW**

These descriptions arose from the fact that Taft had petitioned out of the race, and refrained from a personal campaign. He wanted that the full power of the state party can decide which to support—or whether to join other similarly-minded states in independent action.

"I may hope," Byrnes declared, "that we can find a way to affiliate with the national Democratic Party. That is the political course of our fathers. We want to return to that house."

"But we ought to make it crystal clear we will not return if we are going to be treated as stepchildren."

**SUPPORTS RUSSELL**

Byrnes again announced his strong support of U. S. Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia as the Democratic presidential candidate.

"I am not interested in his nomination for vice president," Byrnes emphasized, "I am far more interested in the principles and policies of a political party than in the personality of a vice president."

South Carolina Democrats "do not apologize to any individual or any party for the action they took in 1948" when they backed the States' Rights Democratic candidate, said Byrnes.

Former Gov. J. Strom Thurmond is the States' Rights candidate,

## Byrnes Urges Proud Reunion With Party

Gov. Jimmy Byrnes, shown here as he addressed the Georgia legislature recently, was the featured speaker today at the convention of South Carolina Democrats in Columbia. He urged a return to the Democratic party, but not as step-children. (United Press Telephoto.)

## Truman To Ask Flood Control

OMAHA, Neb.—President Truman declared here today, after a survey of the flood-stricken Midwest, that he would review his demands upon Congress for enactment of a national flood control program, embracing flood control insurance.

Truman came here in the White House plane, "The Independence" after a flight from Washington which took him over vast portions of the devastated Midwest, for an emergency meeting with governors he invited to Omaha from seven Midwestern states to plot quick action.

In many respects, the President said, the present flood on the Missouri and the upper reaches of the Mississippi is worse than those that occurred in Kansas and Missouri last year.

Speaking here at 12:45 (EST), the President said he was convinced "more than ever" for the need of an overall program of "controlling the great rivers of this country."

## Life-Termer Hangs Himself

HUNTSVILLE, Tex.—Sam Smithwick, 64, former Jim Wells county deputy sheriff serving a life sentence for the shooting of radio man W. H. (Bill) Minton of Dallas, was found hanging in his cell here last night.

A prison guard found the body hanging by a towel.

Smithwick had taken a towel, twisted it, tied it around his neck and then inched it to the top bunk of a double-decker bed in his cell.

Smithwick was convicted on Jan. 28, 1950. He claimed self-defense.

## Missouri Crest Nearing Omaha

OMAHA, Neb.—President Truman headed into flood-raged Middle America today, a look at the progress of a Missouri River gone wild beyond all recollection, and a conference with governors on what's to be done about it.

The President's plane, the Independence, left Washington at 7:10 A. M. (EST) and was due at Omaha at 12:45 P. M. after a cruise over the flood area.

The President's arrival found the Missouri spread out as wide as 15 miles upstream, pushing its crest toward the half-mile wide "back separating" Omaha and Council Bluffs, Ia.

The dike and levees along this stretch of the two cities, closed to hold today against pressure they never were intended to stand.

The stage reached 33.5 feet, compared with a previous all-time high of 34.6, and a flood surge of 18. Footwaters continued to, predict a 31.5 foot crest but revised the

## Stevenson's Action Moves Harriman Up

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)—Gov. Adlai Stevenson said today "I could not accept" the Democratic nomination for President.

Stevenson issued his statement clarifying his political plans shortly before his scheduled takeoff for a flight to Omaha and a conference with President Truman on flood conditions.

"I have repeatedly said that I was a candidate for governor of Illinois and had no other ambition," Stevenson said.

"I must now add that in view of my prior commitment to run for Governor and my desire and the desire of many who have given me their help and confidence in me to run for Governor, I could not accept the nomination for any other office this summer."

Stevenson was recommended by Stevenson after reports circulated that he was President Truman's choice for the Democratic nomination at the national convention July 21 in Chicago.

Stevenson said that "I cannot hope that my situation will be universally understood or my conclusions unanimously approved."

Stevenson said "I am disappointed in my friends with larger ambitions for me who will not think ill of me. They have been the greatest compliment within their gift, and they have my utmost gratitude."

## Murphy Named Envoy To Tokyo

WASHINGTON (AP)—Robert D. Murphy of Milwaukee was nominated by President Truman today to be the first postwar ambassador to Japan.

The President sent the nomination to the Senate in a follow-up action to his signing yesterday of the Japanese peace treaty which is to take effect July 28.

Murphy, now ambassador to Belgium, was chosen for the important post because of his varied career which has made him one of the country's most experienced diplomats.

Tall, bald and affable, the 57-year-old envoy is a veteran of difficult assignments in the Pacific, most all in Europe. But for the past month, he has been under-estimating the Japanese situation on the complex problems expected in the new phase of Japanese-American relations.

He has been envoy to Belgium the past two years. Before that he was in the Pacific, in the Philippines, and in France. He helped pave the way for the World War II Cross-in-Chief to the German Emperor. Japan's new ambassador to the U.S. is expected to be Vice Foreign Minister Shigeo Nagatsuma, first secretary of the embassy here when Harry S. Truman took office in 1945, plunged his country into war with America.

## Wheeler Held DANGER TO PEDESTRIANS

BRIGHTON, Eng.—(AP)—Joseph Griffin was fined one pound (\$2.80) today for speeding along Brighton's streets in his motorized invalid chair.

Griffin's wheelchair with a motor attached was caught breaching along at 41 miles an hour after passing two automobiles. The speed limit for invalid chairs is twenty miles an hour.

The police superintendent expressed regret at bringing up the case but said his headquarters was getting too many complaints of speeding invalid chairs which overrun easily and were a danger to other road users.

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