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## NEWSMEN TOLD OF TRUMAN'S DECISION



Chairman Frank McKinney of the Democratic National Committee is pictured as he told a press conference in Chicago yesterday afternoon that President Truman will not accept renomination. He told the reporters that he had been instructed to oppose any "draft Truman" move that might develop at next week's convention. (UP Photo.)

## Pre-Convention Pace Mounts

# Candidates Head For Chicago

By RELEMAN MORIN  
CHICAGO (AP)—The two leading candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination — according to current estimates — are heading for Chicago today, plunging into a free-swinging battle royal unlike anything the party has seen in 20 years.

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia were both due on the scene of the convention.

It opens formally on Monday, but the pre-convention pace already has reached a high point in claims and denials. The situation — involving five avowed candidates, seven "favorite sons" and a number of other probabilities — looks riotously confused.

Speakers for two of the supposed "probables," President Truman and Illinois, issued statements yesterday that should remove both from the list.

**TRUMAN FIRM**  
Regarding the President — National Committee Chairman Frank McKinney said he had a two-hour conference in the White House last Sunday, and that Truman told him of what I said about not running. "I've served my time," he said. McKinney continued, he would consider "his duty to discourage any attempts from the convention floor, to start a 'draft' movement aimed at the President."

Regarding Stevenson — his first and biggest booster, Jacob M. Arvey, Illinois national committee man, said, "The governor has tied

## OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy, hot and humid today, tonight and Thursday with widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers. Expected high scattered 92 degrees. Low tonight 70 degrees. Highest yesterday 92 degrees. Lowest this morning 70 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:20 A. M.; sunset, 7:38 P. M.

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## A STRIKING FACT

Did you know that lightning strikes five times as many males as females? (That's something like saying that black men are 10 times as numerous as white horses because there are more black horses.) Naturally, more men and boys are engaged in outdoor activities, both in work and in sports, and are more exposed to lightning. Individually, your chance of being struck by lightning is only one out in 365,000. Around 400 people are killed annually by lightning in the United States, and another 1,500 are injured. That makes lightning about 1 per cent as lethal as automobiles.

my hands. As a matter of practical politics it is almost impossible to nominate a man under these circumstances. I doubt that it will be done now."

But if these two statements dashed the hopes of many Democrats by eliminating two wished-for candidates, the party still had a choice left.

It includes W. Averell Harriman of New York, Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma and Vice President Alben Barkley.

Kerr was in Chicago, briefly, then he flew to Washington to see the President.

**FDR JR. IN CHICAGO**  
Harriman's campaign manager, Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. of

## Democrats Facing Delegation Battles

By D. HAROLD OLIVER  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The old feud between Southern and Northern Democrats over civil rights and party loyalty is headed for another boisterous showdown at the Democratic National Convention starting Monday.

The issue which split the party four years ago comes first before a Democratic National Committee subcommittee which starts hearings in Chicago tomorrow on contests for convention seats by rival delegations from Texas and Mississippi.

Calvin Rawlings, Utah national committee man, heads the subcommittee. Seventy convention votes are involved — 32 in Texas and 18 in Mississippi.

The outcome may well determine whether the Southern States Righters will bolt the party again this

## Baby Specialist In Hot Water For Wrong Delivery

BALTIMORE (AP)—Dr. Carol Gordon, 47-year-old specialist in delivering babies, was put on probation today for switching one to the wrong parents.

Judge Herman M. Moser relied on an unusual procedure by which he entered no verdict against the woman doctor. He explained he found her guilty it might mean she would lose her license and that would be more punishment than she deserves.

The judge said she had been "follyly stupid," not evil. She had never done such a thing before. She didn't stand to make any money out of the switch. She merely was trying to do good turns for two patients at the same time.

Here is what happened, as Judge Moser outlined it:

Dr. Gordon had two patients, a Mrs. A. who desperately wanted a baby and already had lost one, and a Mrs. B. who became pregnant before her marriage to a college student. Mrs. B. told the doctor several times she would not keep her baby after it was born.

Mrs. A.'s baby was born pre-

## Sen. Byrd Beats Down Opponent In Va. Primary

Economy Champion Wins By Wide Margin  
RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Sen. Harry F. Byrd, a bitter foe of New Deal-Fair Deal spending, won a smashing victory for re-nomination in yesterday's Democratic primary.

Byrd, who said the major issue in the rough and tumble campaign was "Trumanism," led his Oxford-educated opponent, Francis Pickens Miller, 216,627 to 124,803, on a basis of returns from 1,673 of the state's 1,783 precincts.

The primary victory places the senator in a strong position at the Democratic State Convention in Roanoke Thursday when 28 delegates will be named to the Democratic National Convention. Byrd is supporting Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia for the presidential nomination.

During the campaign, most heated in a generation in Virginia, Miller contended that Byrd was a Republican, on the basis of his votes in Congress, than Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio. Byrd made much of Miller's statement before the campaign started that on every one of the great issues which had confronted him President Truman entered the Army's Walter Reed Hospital today for a check-up.

## President Truman Enters Hospital

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman entered the Army's Walter Reed Hospital today for a check-up.

The President was stricken with a mild virus infection on Sunday. It had been described by his aides as not serious, but all his appointments had been canceled this week.

Press Secretary Joseph Short told reporters the President may remain at the hospital for "two or three days."

The virus infection, Short said, has been pretty much cleared up. He said Truman's fever "has about gone."

The President left the White House at 6:40 A. M. (EST) and entered the hospital 20 minutes later. He was accompanied by the Gen. Wallace H. Graham, Presidential physician.

White House reporters could not see Truman after he entered the hospital for as long as two or three days since he became President more than seven years ago.

Truman was admitted to the Presidential suite at the big military hospital in northwest Washington.

This marked the first time the suite was used by the President since 1949.

It has been used by several, including Gen. George C. Marshall and Premier Mohammed Mossadegh of Iran.

Short said the President was well when he left the hospital in his big black limousine. He was accompanied by Mrs. Truman and the pilot of the plane.

The decision, coming five days before the start of the Democratic National Convention, could have some influence on the results of the convention. "Many Democrats believe that an announcement by Truman as to whom he favors for the party's nomination for President would decide the issue.

## Korean Power Plants Blasted

By GEORGE A. MCCARTHY  
SEOUL, Korea (AP)—American carrier planes yesterday blasted Korean power plants in Changjin Reservoir in North Korea, the battle ship USS Iowa blasted Red rail yards and coast guard bases with one-ton projectiles.

On the ground, U. N. infantrymen fought off a tank-supported attack against a key hill position on the central front.

Allied troops wrested the hill from the Reds last month. Five Red tanks shell the hill for four hours last night. Then for two hours the Reds battled unsuccessfully to reach the heights.

Elsewhere on the front, there was only sporadic patrol skirmishes.

Low-hanging clouds limited air strikes but F-80 Shooting Star jets pierced the cloud banks and destroyed 26 supply buildings behind the Red front lines northwest of Choswon.

## Jets End Long Flight From States To Japan

By MILO FARNETH  
TOKYO (AP)—Fifty-eight U. S. Thunderjets darted down onto Yokota Air Force Base near Tokyo today, completing the biggest mass jet overwater flight in history — 10,895 miles across the United States and the Pacific Ocean from Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Ga.

Fifty-nine were due but one exploded yesterday over Iwo Jima, south of Japan, killing the pilot, Lt. Col. Elmer da Rosa, commander.

Gen. Otto Weyland, commanding the U. S. Far East Air Forces, met the pilots and told them they will go to Korea occasionally for combat.

He called the mass flight "one evidence of our beefing up in the Far East, a beefing up in all types of planes."

Col. David Schilling, Kansas City, a pioneer jet ocean flyer, led the flight of new model F-84 jets, first operational type equipped for aerial refueling.

## Comic Dictionary

GOLF  
A sport in which a small white ball is chased by men who are too old to chase anything else.

## OPPOSENTS IN STEEL DISPUTE

CIO President Philip Murray, center, talks with Joseph Larkin (left), vice-president of Bethlehem Steel, and John Morse, general counsel of Bethlehem, (before the two sides in the steel dispute held another futile meeting in Pittsburgh Tuesday. (United Press Telephoto.)

## Steel Session Called Monday

By JOHN MOODY  
PITTSBURGH (AP)—The 170-member Wage-Policy Committee of the CIO United Steelworkers meets in Pittsburgh Monday to decide the union's future course in the 45-day-old stalemate strike that has killed 115 million American wage earners.

U.S.W. President Philip Murray called the Policy Committee meeting after a brief negotiating session with the industry ended in a deadlock yesterday.

Murray and Joseph M. Larkin, vice president of Bethlehem Steel Corp., issued a joint statement saying both sides agree they can find no common meeting ground on the controversial union shop issue.

There was no indication when another meeting would be held.

**WHITE HOUSE INTERESTED**  
Some observers said the next move in the crippling strike is likely to come from the White House. Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman spent a long time on the telephone talking to both union and industry to set up yesterday's session.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Murray and Larkin were told to withdraw from the White House — but it didn't come immediately.

The industry said the roadblock to settlement "continues to be union insistence upon compulsory unionism."

The industry said its latest offer increased benefits which would total approximately 25 cents an hour for men now averaging about \$1.85 an hour.

The proposal as defined by the industry calls for wage increases averaging 16 cents an hour, six paid holidays, improved vacations and increased shift differentials.

The industry said the union is now insisting upon elimination from bargaining an agreement to permit new employees to withdraw from the union after a specified time.

The union originally demanded a no-shop, making it compulsory for all employees to join the union.

However, contracts have been signed with several smaller companies calling for a modified union shop. This permits new employees to withdraw from the union between the 20th and 30th day of employment.

## CHARLES STILL LOOKING FOR THOSE UPPERS

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP)—Charles McBride is learning about diving in a hurry.

His false teeth popped out and fell into the Tennessee River at the boat harbor near here.

McBride borrowed a diving rig and began searching the river bottom. He's still the lower plate Monday.

## Battle Casualties Up 715 In Week

WASHINGTON (AP)—Announced U. S. battle casualties in Korea reached 112,843 today, an increase of 715 since last week.

The Defense Department's weekly summary based on notifications from families through last Friday reported 132 killed in action for a total of 117,883, and 387 wounded, 82,493.

**EVENING PRAYER**  
Let Thy still deeds of quietness descend upon each of us this night. Take from us the strain and stress and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace, Amen.

## Sen. Lehman Wants FEPC In Platform

Democrats Begin Hearings On Issues  
By NORMAN WALKER  
CHICAGO (AP)—Sen. Herbert Lehman of New York today pledged a floor fight at the Democratic national convention if that's what it takes to get a strong civil rights plank in the party's platform.

Lehman called a news conference just before Democratic platform drafters began public hearings in the Conrad Hilton Hotel. He said he will insist on a civil rights plank "at least as strong as the one in the 1948 party platform."

That plank was adopted from the floor four years ago and led to a floor walkout from the convention.

Lehman said he expects the platform committee to write the kind of civil rights plank he favors, including endorsement of a compulsory Fair Employment Practices Commission.

**WOULD MAKE FIGHT**  
But if a proposed platform lacking such features reaches the convention floor, Lehman said he expects to submit a minority report to fight out the issue with the delegates.

Party leaders from the Southern States are seeking to have the party steer clear of any compulsory features in the civil-rights plank.

"I'm an very hopeful and confident Lehman said, "that if a strong plank comes before the convention—whether as a majority or a minority report—it will be adopted."

Lehman said he also will press for a change in the Senate's anti-civil rights "cloture" rule—that debate can be choked off by vote of two-thirds of those present instead of two-thirds of those in the Senate's membership as it now requires.

Lehman said the present cloture rule has allowed the threat of filibusters to block votes on civil rights legislation.

Lehman is a member of the platform drafting committee and a supporter of Averell Harriman for the Democratic presidential nomination. He told newsmen: "We are not going to pull punches on civil rights in the Democratic platform. He told newsmen: "We are not going to pull punches on civil liberties, on labor, on agriculture, or on immigration."

Francis Childs, chairman of the Americans For Democratic Action, delayed for the time being a promised civil rights list and took up the plank first in order to reply to Republican criticisms of the Yalta Big Three conference and the "un-American" Far East Forum decisions.

In a statement prepared for the platform committee the ADA spokesman declared: "No American need apologize for Yalta."

"The blunt fact is that we are glad that we were living today in the world provided for by the Yalta agreements... In order to end slave Eastern Europe and Manchuria and to break the Yalta agreements."

Actually, the platform adopted last week by the Republican National Convention did not single out the Yalta conferences attended by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin, instead it linked Truman, Yalta and Potsdam together as scenes of "fraud blunders with others to follow."

The bulk of Nationalist China to the Communists was one of the "blunders," the Republicans said came later.

On that point, Biddle insisted "We could have averted the Com-

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