



## Headlands, Washington Tragedies

# PLANE CRASHES

### Adlai-Kefauver Ticket Movement Gains Momentum

**By JACK BILL**

CHICAGO—Talk of a possible Stevenson-Kefauver ticket spread today among Democrats looking forward with new found confidence toward next year's presidential nomination.

The party's slate chairman took the center of the stage today after the Democratic National Committee voted unanimously yesterday to open its 1956 convention doors to additional delegates.

Paul Ziffren, California national committeeman who helped sponsor the idea, said the expanded convention represented a new high of optimism among party workers.

"We've got a lot of Democrats who want to get in on the ground floor in the business of electing the next president," he said.

A total of 2,744 delegates and 1,858 alternates will be eligible to attend the 1956 convention. They will have a total of 1,372 votes.

Individual members of the national committee had their own ideas about the identity of their presidential nominee. But Mayor David Lawrence of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania national committeeman, said sentiment for Adlai E. Stevenson appeared to be mounting rapidly.

**TALK OF TICKET**

Lawrence said there was talk of a ticket headed by Stevenson, with Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee as the vice presidential candidate.

Kefauver, due here later in the day, has maintained he wouldn't be interested in second place. He has said he will announce next month whether he plans to run again for the presidential nomination he lost to Stevenson in 1952.

Some Democrats thought that if Kefauver ran and lost—or if he didn't run at all—he might be persuaded to take second place on the ticket.

George F. Rock, Colorado national committeeman, who is supporting Stevenson, said there was a Stevenson-Kefauver ticket would be "just the thing" for the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Douglas F. Hunt, Minnesota national committeeman, who also is backing Stevenson, said he thought such a ticket "would be terrific."

Among the national committee members, there were new signs of Stevenson strength.

Tracy C. McCracken, Wyoming national committeeman, said Stevenson appeared to be ahead in his state, with Gov. Averell Harriman of New York in second place and Kefauver in third.

**ABOUT NAME**

Harry Wall, Idaho national committeeman, said the lineup was about the same in his state.

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### 14 Men Aboard Craft Down In Snowy Heights Rugged Mountains Slow Rescue Try

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (P)—An Air Force transport with 14 persons aboard crashed high in the saw-tooth Charleston Mountains while on route to the Nevada atomic bombing range yesterday.

An airtic rescue team from the Air Force Base, California, braving sub-zero temperatures, combed on foot through the snow early today in an attempt to reach the wreckage at about the 9,000-foot elevation.

The rugged range in the high plateau country was shrouded in clouds and whipped by high winds and intermittent snow.

The wreckage, sighted by search planes through a rift in the clouds yesterday, lay on a high slope next to 11,910-foot Mt. Charleston, 27 miles northwest of here.

The aircraft had been due at Groom Dry Lake, 50 miles north of the Atomic Bombing Range, after leaving Burbank, Calif., 225 miles southwest of here.

Air Force headquarters in Washington, D. C., said the aircraft, believed to be a C-54, carried Air Force personnel and "some civilian consultants." It was not disclosed how many of each. The mission was described as "routine."

An AEC spokesman in Albuquerque, N. M., said the AEC had no embargo on information about the crash and had no special interest in it, indicating that no atomic scientists were aboard.

A Nellis spokesman said the transport took off from Burbank shortly after 8 a.m. yesterday and routine radio contact was made with Nellis some time after 9 a.m. That was the last heard from the plane. An unidentified airman at Nellis camp on Mt. Charleston reported hearing a crash about 10.



THE UNITED AIRLINES DC6B plane which John Gilbert Graham is accused of sabotaging with a dynamite-charged time bomb is shown above after a complicated reconstruction job at Denver. W. C. Mentzer, UAL executive, points to spot where officials believe the explosion took place. Below is a closer view of baggage compartment. (AP)

### Graham Denies Putting Bomb Into Luggage

DENVER (P)—John Gilbert Graham flatly denies planting a bomb on the airliner that crashed yesterday. He is charged with murdering his mother and 43 other passengers. The Rocky Mountain News said today.

Federal authorities announced Monday that Graham, 32, had signed a "written admission" but the newspaper in a copyrighted interview quoted Graham as saying: "Yes, I signed a statement. It's not true. They told me they were going to put my wife in jail, and I'd better get it straightened out myself."

**STARTED AT NOON**

Asked if he meant FBI agents had used duress—kept questioning him until he confessed—Graham answered:

"Well, they started about noon that Sunday and didn't stop until I signed a confession about 4 p.m. the next morning. Oh, they took me out for dinner once and gave me drinks of water and such."

Graham appeared briefly at court yesterday but his arraignment was postponed until Nov. 22 to allow the defendant to retain counsel. He is charged with murdering his mother, Mrs. Daisy King, 54.

She was among passengers of a United Air Lines DC6B that crashed Nov. 17 near Longmont, Colo., killing all aboard.

Graham was asked if he put dynamite in his mother's luggage.

"I didn't put anything in her luggage," Graham replied. "I only bought some straps to put around the luggage. The hinges on the suitcase were breaking. I don't want to discuss the present."

"Did you have a remembrance of your mother's death before you had been formally notified of it?" he was asked.

"I didn't—she had," Graham said. "She called everybody she could think of before she left."

Graham told the reporter he doesn't "have any theories as to the cause of the crash or what happened."



Close-up of baggage compartment.

### 27 Killed As Plane Falts On Takeoff

SEATTLE—A nonscheduled airliner, its engines sputtering as it left an icy runway, crashed into a residential area early today, killing at least 27 persons and injuring 46 others as it exploded and burned.

The big Peninsular Air Transport Co. plane was loaded with 66 servicemen who had just returned from the Far East and were trying to get home for Thanksgiving. Also aboard were a woman, two children and a crew of three.

The plane first clipped a tree on a hillside south of its Beene Field takeoff point, bounced off the ground and shattered as it burst into flames. Parts of it skidded into the back of a house and set it afire but a young mother and her five children inside escaped unharmed.

Mrs. Donald Renard said she heard a "terrible explosion." The next minute my yard was full of soldiers.

Bodies of the dead, dying and injured were strewn about flames fed by gasoline which had spilled from fuel tanks roared into the air. Some of the soldiers streamed also met some outright opposition into Mrs. Renard's house as she opened the door. Some were badly hurt, some groaning, some crying.

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### AEC Members Are Against H-Bomb Show

WASHINGTON (P)—Four atomic energy commissioners were lined up today to oppose a plan for a dramatic H-bomb "show of force" to impress on world leaders the urgent need for peace.

The proposal, made by AEC Commissioner Thomas E. Murray in a New York speech last night, met some outright opposition in the Senate. But some senators opened the door. Some were badly hurt, some groaning, some crying.

Golden's idea—outlined at the Golden Jubilee Dinner of the Fordham University Law School—was to call representatives of all the nations to what he termed a "meeting at the atomic summit."

Such a meeting, he said, would be held at Eniwetok in the Pacific Proving Grounds used by the AEC.

**SHOW OF FORCE**

There, he said, these leaders—particularly the Russians and Communist Chinese—should witness an H-bomb explosion in what he envisioned as a "show of force," a declaration of American power and a demonstration of the strategy of deterrence.

Shortly after Murray's speech in New York, Sen. Frank Lausche issued a joint statement declaring that "commission tests in the Pacific have never been decried as a 'show of force' but are solely for the development of weapons necessary for defense of the free world."

He said the AEC several months ago formally rejected Murray's motion to invite foreign observers to the AEC's Proving Grounds nuclear tests in the Pacific.

**NEVER CHANGED**

"The commission has never changed its position on this matter," he said. "Mr. Murray's proposal, therefore, is contrary to the judgment of the Atomic Energy Commission."

### Eisenhower, Dulles Confer About Report Draft

By ED CREAM

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (P)—President Eisenhower drew into Gettysburg today to consult at his office with Secretary of State Dulles on the final draft of Dulles' report to the people tonight on the post-Genova international situation.

Dulles' talk will be carried live by CBS-TV at 7:30 p.m., and EST. A delayed telecast is planned by NBC at 11:30 p.m., and radio broadcasts are scheduled by NBC at 8:30 p.m., and ABC and CBS at 10:30 p.m.

**NO MORE REHASH**

The Eisenhower-Dulles talks, which began yesterday, go well beyond a mere rehash of the source East-West relations have taken since the original summit conference at Geneva between Eisenhower and the Russian, British and French Prime Ministers last July.

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### Overseas Jazz Tours Approved

WASHINGTON (P)—Rep. Powell (D-N.Y.) says the State Department has agreed to let American jazz artists try wooing new friends for America with hot rhythms.

Powell told a news conference yesterday. "We are going to get our cultural exchange program out of the gilded concert and opera halls and try to appeal to the mass of the people."

The New Yorker said the State Department approved the new cultural exchange approach on Wednesday and already has cranked hours by Harry Gillette and Count Basie. Other jazz musicians are awaiting clearance for tours to the Middle East, Africa and the Far East.

Powell, a Negro, said the plan is to use mixed groups of Negro jazz artists "as far as possible."

### Federal Reserve Ups Interest Rates

WASHINGTON (P)—The Federal Reserve Board has ended its recent pampering of the business boom with a double crack down on resurgent credit expansion.

Effective today, the reserve board permitted six reserve banks to shove the discount rate—the interest cost at which they lend to their member commercial banks—up from 2 to 2 1/2 per cent.

That is the most restrictive lending cost enforced by the board in 20 years, since the first half of 1935. Since then, until funds used to buy these securities late this year, the reserve bank thus became unavailable for lending rate had never topped 2 1/2 per cent.

**SECOND STEP**

The new discount rate was authorized for the reserve banks at spurt created sudden new demand for money, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Memphis for credit on a large scale, Chicago, Cleveland and San Francisco, and put a strain on production since a similar increase for the nationalized upward-moving companies is expected on the basis of previous experience.

As a second step to curb credit, the reserve board disclosed that it has for months to move up, returned this week to sales on the whole farm prices continued to open market of federal securities owned by the reserve system.

**FOURTH RISE**

It was learned that the continuing tendency to raise prices such as the farm prices continued to open market of federal securities owned by the reserve system.

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### Defendant Fools Counsel

GASTONIA (P)—A service station worker made his own lawyer out stating that he had been in jail 103 days awaiting trial on a robbery charge. Solicitor Basil Whitener said today.

The case of William Worley, 23, was called yesterday in Superior Court in Gastonia. Whitener was available to testify against him, and Judge P. C. Fronberger directed a verdict of acquittal. During the proceedings Worley's lawyer told the judge his client had been held for more than three months, in lieu of bond.

Whitener said after checking court records that Worley actually had been in jail only some Sept. 25, and that the current term of Criminal Superior Court was the first held here since March.

Worley first was arrested April 7 and was released on \$50 bond. Whitener said he did not appear for trial on June 7, as scheduled, and was arrested a second time Sept. 25.

### Snowfall Heavy Over Wide Areas 13 Deaths Blamed On U. S. Weather

The windy, snowy cold U.S. weather has been blamed for at least 13 deaths. Nine other persons are missing and presumed dead. Four other persons were reported snowbound in the mountains over Boulder, Colo., which was hit by an 18-inch snow Monday.

The arctic air which has gripped the northern Rockies and northern plains states for several days appeared nearly broken today morning. The Weather Bureau reported only a few areas report snow below zero temperatures.

**SOUTH COLDER**

But it was colder in the south, with temperatures in the 30s as far as the central and the readings were 20 to 30 degrees lower in the southeast.

The coldest November weather in Montana's history, with temperatures more than 30 degrees below zero in some areas, also was felt in Wyoming and Colorado.

Traffic was snarled in many cities. Seattle reported that five hours before being able to move on the snow-slick streets.

**15-20 INCHES**

The snow in the western mountainous regions ranged up to 15 to 20 inches. Snow flurries continued over the Great Lakes region and eastward into New England. Heaviest snow depths were 8 to 12 inches near Lake Superior and suburbs with more than 100,000 persons caught in the jam on the slippery streets.

A boy in Portland, Ore., slipped from the snow into a five-year-old Idaho girl fell through the ice on the Blackfoot River and was believed drowned.

In Ogden, Utah, a girl, with her coat over her head as protection from the blistery weather, was killed when struck by a car while crossing a street.

**BOY SUFFOCATED**

A 12-year-old boy in Spooner, Wis., suffocated in a six-foot snowdrift.

Two men froze to death in Indiana. New York reported three persons lost their lives in causes attributed to the stormy weather.

Four ducks were killed. One loved drowned after their 14-foot motor boat capsized in a frigid lake in Michigan's Keweenaw peninsula jutting into Lake Superior.

Two duck hunters perished in the freezing mist of a wind-swept marsh on Lake Erie. Gale winds had forced the water back from the shore.

Michigan state police listed as presumed dead their other Lake Erie duck hunters. Their boat disappeared off Sugar Island, near Erie, Mich.

Two deer hunters have been missing since Tuesday in Iron County, Mich.

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### Evening Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank Thee for Thy presence in our lives. Help us to love Thee. May we who know and love Thee live in such constant fellowship and communion with Thee that others may discover Thy love in us as an untimed power forth. In Thy name we pray. Amen.

### Our Weather

Fair and cold today and tonight. Increasing cloudiness tomorrow with a chance of light rain tomorrow afternoon or night.

**Low tonight—32.**  
**Low tomorrow—32.**  
**High today—69.**  
**High tomorrow—60.**  
**Sunrise 7:00 a.m.; sunset 5:16 p.m.**

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### New Rates Won't Have Much Effect Here Money Already 'Tight' In Carolinas

By J. A. DALY  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Money is "tight" already in Carolina finance, the commercial interest rates here being firming several months, the velocity of money circulation is exceptionally high, and business is beginning to resist the uptrend in costs of borrowed money.

Consequently, representative bankers at Charlotte suggested today that the newly started phase of advance in Federal Reserve restaurant rates, hardly will affect Carolina business appreciably.

Charlotte bankers informally expressed the opinion that the Fifth District Federal Reserve Bank will increase, probably soon, its rediscount rate. Such expected action at Richmond would be in line with the recent rate raise authorized by the Federal Reserve Board at Washington for several District Reserve Banks.

Many borrowers from Carolina banks already are paying the top legal rate of interest, which in North Carolina is six per cent. The business enterprise with a liberal supply of cash in the Carolinas are paying 4 to 4 1/2 to 5 per cent on money borrowed from the banks. The top ranking "prime" credit rated corporations are paying 3 1/2 per cent on re-discounts of commercial paper on their borrowings.

**"SELLERS MARKET"**

Bankers at Charlotte described the money market currently as a "seller's market" favorable to the lending agencies. It was explained that the demand for loans is "tremendous" probably at all-time record high levels for this region. That demand for money is coming through at a time when there is a liberal supply of cash in the Carolinas available for loans, but at times Carolina banks may obtain additional funds from the District Reserve Bank.

By re-discounting, the heavily loaned up banks can obtain needed additional supplies of cash without selling their holdings of Treasury certificates and other Government securities.

It was pointed out that the Federal Reserve Board had authorized several District Banks to increase rediscount rates by one-fourth per cent to 2 1/2 per cent, this explanation was given informally by Charlotte bankers.

There is every reason to expect that the top ranking corporations will obtain additional funds from the District Reserve Bank.

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