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Stevenson Aide Predicts Truman Will Throw Support To Harriman

Declares Stevenson Still Can Triumph

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

CHICAGO—(AP)—One of Adlai Stevenson's advisors expressed belief today that Harry S. Truman is preparing to throw his support to Gov. Averell Harriman for the Democratic presidential nomination.

This man is a close friend of the former President as well as a supporter of Stevenson. He said he is convinced Truman will make an announcement supporting Harriman "unless we can convince him it would be a grave mistake."

However, the informant insisted that Stevenson can win the nomination even if Truman declares for the New York governor.

"We have the delegates and only a fraction can be taken away," he said.

"And we are convinced that a man in a can't be nominated under any circumstances."

Truman said earlier that he will announce his choice between Stevenson and Harriman at a news conference tomorrow.

SECOND CALL
After his return from a morning walk, the ex-president received his second call in two days from Adlai Stevenson.

As the Stevenson associate reported he was convinced "the men around Mr. Truman are pushing him toward an announcement for Harriman," the ex-president, by appearing his baffling course, did some apparent shifting around today on the civil rights issue.

During his before breakfast walk Truman was asked if a majority recommendation by his Civil Rights Commission of 1947, with withholding federal funds for schools and highways in segregated states was "a good recommendation."

"I do," Truman replied, without hesitation. "It is just as good as any time the report was submitted."

But subsequently, in a formal statement, Truman declared that there was a "misunderstanding."

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BLIMEY! MISS WILLIAMS HAS LOST HER SUIT

LONDON—An American swimming star Esther Williams today ordered a new and tighter fitting bathing suit because the one she was wearing slipped off.

Performing her act at nearby Wembley Pool, Miss Williams donned a special rhinestone bathing suit for her first entrance last night. Earlier in the day the shoulder strap had been retained to prevent it rubbing her neck. But no allowance was made for stretch.

Esther dived in, felt the strap pop and then hee-hoored, fell the suit slip off. She kicked to the bottom of the pool, hitched it up and tied it on with a necktie, while other performers cavorted above to divert attention.

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Night-Time View Of Our Brightest Corner

We've thought of a lot of names for this striking photograph by News Photographer Tom Walters: Christmas in August, Up and Over, Down and Under, Winning Streak, Life in a Sealed Beam, etc. But no matter what you call it, Photographer Walters has done an unusual job.

The picture was snapped—after long planning and careful timing—from the Independence Blvd. bridge over South Blvd., looking north. The street immediately in front of you running left to right is E. Morehead. The lights coming up at you are cars heading south onto the bridge.

ham Junior High School on your right. If you have your bearings, you can figure out the exact location. For photographers, Mr. Walters left us this note: "Tri-X pan, F/32, 2 min.; development 4 1/2 min. DK 60A, no filters."

You figure out the technical part, we'll just enjoy a striking piece of enterprise.

Railroads Request Large Hike In Fares

WASHINGTON—The New York Central, the Pennsylvania and other eastern railroads today asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to increase first class passenger fares 45 per cent.

The roads also seek permission to boost coach fares 5 per cent.

In confirming the long expected action, the Central and Pennsylvania said in a joint statement:

"We have found it imperative to take bold action to put our fare structure on a realistic basis."

Other roads joining in the application are the Chesapeake & Ohio, Lehigh Valley, Norfolk & Western, Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie and the Reading Co., Lehigh Valley and Reading.

The statement was issued by Alfred E. Perlman, and James M. Symes, respectively, president of the Central and the Pennsylvania.

The statement by Perlman and Symes said the 45 per cent increase sought for first class fares "approximates our cost of operation, provided inflationary factors do not force costs too much higher."

"We had our hardest going" in the Pullman or luxury business, they said, adding the airlines, too, have found that luxury service is just an economical one for mass transportation carriers "unless the passenger is prepared to pay for it."

The two presidents said "fares for the Pullman service are not raised to the level of our costs, we necessarily will have to equalize some of the luxury class credits by asking for greater increases on the coach or mass travel service."

The statement said that since World War II railroads "have poured millions of dollars into the development of their passenger business . . . in an aggressive attempt to increase their share of the transportation of the American public."

'Local' Mountaineer Named By Hodges

By JULIAN SCHERER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Superior Court Judge George Branson Patton, a mountaineer whose homespun humor has long charmed Mecklenburg courtroom listeners, has been named attorney general of North Carolina.

The 57-year-old former mayor of Franklin, who has served in the attorney general's office of the State Legislature and with the State Highway Commission, was appointed by Gov. Luther Hodges to succeed William B. Rodman.

Judge Patton will be sworn in Aug. 21 in Raleigh. Mr. Rodman has been named to the State Supreme Court.

In a statement announcing the appointment, Gov. Hodges pointed out Patton has served as assistant attorney general and is fully acquainted with the work of the office. He is "also fully acquainted with the current school problems," Mr. Hodges added.

"ABLE, WISE"
"I feel extremely fortunate to obtain the services of a man of his ability, wisdom and courage," the governor said.

His brilliant sense of humor has livened many courtroom sessions.

He once admonished a man on trial for non-support with, "Either you support those children, Sir, or I can furnish you with employment."

Judge Patton has often extolled the virtues of his beloved Franklin to the delight of attorneys and juries and many times in his career has returned and said, "I am here to stay."

OPEN STRAYED
However, Judge Patton has strayed from Franklin.

His travels have included three periods of residence in Raleigh and many long visits to Superior Courts in the state. He is always accompanied by "Miss Kate," the former Kate Penland whom he married in 1926, and she has become almost as well known in court as he.

His tour of Superior Courts has personally brought him to Mecklenburg County for civil and criminal court for longer

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The offer should prove attractive to the shapely Miss Monroe. She has declared her interest in playing Lady Macbeth and a part in the highbrow Dostoevsky novel "The Brothers Karamazov."

"I am familiar with Lysistrata and I think it has a wonderful role," she Marilyn told her studio. "I would certainly like to play it some day."

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—What's Inside— It Wasn't The Butler Who Killed Park's Fish

THE LAST WORD, the final note, the clinching conclusion to the saga of "The Fish Killer of the Freedom Park Lagoon" is recorded today in the editorial columns of Page 6-A.

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Monroe, Aristophanes Tieup Sought By BBC

LONDON—The British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) announced today it has invited Marilyn Monroe to play the title role in Lysistrata, the classic Greek comedy on its high-brow radio third program.

"Miss Monroe," said one of her press agents, "is thinking it over. The Lysistrata they want her to do is a sort of mixed up American kid, you know."

Lysistrata is a play written by the Greek Aristophanes in 412 B. C. But the BBC wants Marilyn to do a streamlined version by Dudley Pitts, an American professor. In the Pitts version, the two opposing sides, the Spartans and the Athenians, speak American.

"The Spartans" explained a spokesman for BBC, "speak in the accents of America's deep South, while the Athenians speak in, or normal American, shall we say?"

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Indicted Auditor Plans Court Fight

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — An attorney for Orville E. Hodge today said plans for a guilty plea today by the ousted Republican state auditor would be abandoned.

Atty. William Fuitten said this decision was reached because of the stand taken by state Atty. George Cottrick, who objected to an immediate sentence for Hodge on state charges growing out of the raid on the state treasury.

"We don't intend to let Cottrick make a three-ring circus out of a guilty plea," said Fuitten, an associate of Arthur M. Fitzgerald, who is Hodge's chief counsel.

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