

Mild Civil Rights Plank Drafted; No Split Seen

Mention Of Supreme Court Rule Avoided

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON
CHICAGO—Democrat platform drafters early today agreed 12-5 on a civil rights plank described by most of them as moderate enough to avoid a serious party fight.

Michigan Votes Go To Adlai

By JACK BELL

CHICAGO (AP)—Adlai E. Stevenson took a long stride today toward clinching another chance to run again as President Eisenhower by racking up 31 1/2 of Michigan's Democratic presidential nominating votes.

FOR SECTIONS

Voting with Celler for the civil rights sections were Chairman John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, Mrs. Emma Guffey Miller of Pennsylvania, Rep. George Frost of Ohio, Rep. William L. Dawson of Illinois, former Gov. Paul Dever of Massachusetts, Sen. Theodore Francis Green of Rhode Island, Rep. John Moss of California, Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, former Rep. Jennings Randolph of West Virginia and Mrs. Thelma Parkinson Sharp of New Jersey.

Rounds of applause from behind closed doors gave newsmen an advance indication that the final session on civil rights was a harmonious one.

Celler, as he left the early morning session said: "This is an extremely liberal platform, the most liberal platform that the Democratic party has adopted in my experience. I voted for it and I will support it."

A moderate civil rights plank undoubtedly would advance the presidential nomination chances of Adlai Stevenson, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, a strong Stevenson backer was selected as chief architect of the civil rights plank by Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, chairman of both the 106-member platform group and its 17-member drafting subcommittee.

Evening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that in Christ Thou has given us a Saviour, a Comforter, a Helper, and a Companion. Help us to seek His presence day by day to realize our utter dependence upon Him. In His name Amen.

Stumbo Mumbo-Jumbo Has Oregon Puzzled

WOLF CREEK, Ore. (AP)—Southwestern Oregon's Stumbo claim that a bargaining mood, made plans today to operate a toll road 16 1/2 feet long on the busy Pacific Highway.

Robert G. Stumbo, Wolf Creek logger and spokesman for his two partners and a cousin, was surprised to learn that the Oregon Highway Commission—after two days of file searching—had admitted its mistake. The commission said the contested strip of U.S. Highway 99 had been overlooked in the past and by golly, Robert, Harry and Allan Stumbo—the brothers—and cousin Stumbo do have a legitimate claim on the property.

READY TO TALK
The Highway Commission, impressed with the toll road idea, is ready to negotiate with the Stumbos and buy the strip. Stumbo announced at once that his attorney would handle any negotiations.

"I can imagine they are quite embarrassed," he said. "But as for the toll road..."

Betsy Fades, Carla Brews

MIAMI, Fla.—Hurricane Betsy slowed to a snail's pace today, greatly reducing a threat to the U. S. mainland with a swing to the north and indications of a still more northward turn.

Gordon Dunn, chief storm forecaster at the Miami Weather Bureau, said "New England has nothing to worry about from this storm."

Meanwhile, a new area of strong winds and rain squalls far out in the tropical Atlantic indicated a new storm may be brewing in the section where Betsy was born last Friday. The third would be called Carla.

A ship reported last night that it encountered winds estimated at 40 to 50 miles an hour about 700 miles east of Puerto Rico. An observation plane was sent to the spot to investigate this morning. Weathermen explained it could be only a band of unsettled weather.

Betsy was still getting most of this attention.

At 5 a.m. (EST) Betsy was centered about 210 miles east of Melbourne, Fla., near latitude 22.2 north and longitude 77.6 west.

It was moving toward the north at only 7 mph and is expected to continue moving toward the north or north northeast during the next 12 hours with a more northeasterly swing after that. This would take it away from the mainland and out into the open Atlantic.

Betsy had winds of 120 mph over a small area near the center and hurricane winds extended out 70 miles to the northeast, with gales 150 miles to the northeast of the center and 100 miles in other directions.

The storm, now under scanning from land-based radar as well as planes, apparently made a slight turn to a more northerly course last night. This is the path which weathermen said would move it on a steadily less threatening course.

SLEWS DOWN
Betsy swung in toward the Florida coast Monday at the phenomenal speed of 20 to 25 mph. She slowed down steadily, dropping to 14 mph Monday night and to 9 mph yesterday, and swinging northwesterly paralleling the Florida coast.

It battered the Bahamas island of San Salvador Monday night, leaving many islanders homeless and knocking out the U. S. Air Force's installation for tracking guided missiles fired from Patrick Air Force Base at Cocoa, Fla.

Two planes loaded with repair equipment went to San Salvador yesterday. Other aircraft today will fly in tons of clothing, food and tents and blankets for the islanders.

Air Force officers reported 132-mile winds struck the island, causing in windows in barracks. No deaths were reported on the island.



IN A COMTEMPLATIVE MOOD, Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas sits at a meeting of Lone Star State Democrats in Chicago. He was surrounded by enthusiastic friends boosting his status as a prospect for the party's presidential nomination. (AP Wirephoto).

Dulles Sees 'Positive' Suez Talks

LONDON (AP)—U. S. Secretary of State Dulles expressed hope of "achieving positive results" in the talks the United States, Britain and France arranged in the hope of bringing the strategic waterway under international control.

The latest problem confronting the Western Big Three was a reported Soviet scheme to junk the London talks before they get off the ground. Reports from Moscow said Soviet Foreign Minister Dmitri S. Shepilov planned to move for adjournment when the conference opens tomorrow and urge that the

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Convention Schedule

CHICAGO (AP)—Here is the program for the Democratic National Convention sessions today and tomorrow afternoon.

Wednesday—
Opens 8 p.m. (EST) with invocation, Star Spangled Banner.

Report of resolutions and platform committee—House Democratic leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, chairman.

Addresses—Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma and Rep. William L. Dawson of Illinois.

Thursday—
Afternoon session opens 12 noon EST with invocation, Star Spangled Banner.

Roll call of states to nominate candidates for the presidential nomination.

Harry Bares Fangs In Anti-Adlai Try

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
CHICAGO (AP)—Harry S. Truman's drive to "stop Stevenson" took on added bitterness today at the Democratic National Convention.

The former President was hitting hard at the theme that Adlai Stevenson can't defeat President Eisenhower in November.

His lieutenants conceded that Stevenson still is far ahead in the battle for delegates. But they said Truman is fighting for a series of ballots in the hope the former Illinois governor can be stopped

and momentum can be built up for Gov. Averell Harriman of New York.

ADLAI CAN'T WIN
Calling newsmen into his suite at the Blackstone Hotel yesterday, Truman asserted, "I don't think Stevenson can win and I think Harriman can."

"I don't believe Stevenson can win a single state, in addition to the ones he carried in 1952," the former President continued. "If he's nominated, I'll support him and try to help him win other states."

"I'm trying my best to keep him from getting nominated."

An hour later Truman backed down somewhat in telling a radio interviewer:

"I'm not trying to prevent anybody from being nominated. I'm not blocking anybody. I'm for Harriman."

Stevenson had nothing to say publicly about Truman's latest blows at him. However, James Finnegan, Stevenson's campaign manager, said he didn't think Truman's stand would have any effect on Stevenson's push for the nomination.

The Truman team expressed elation over the decision of the Tennessee delegation to back Gov. Frank G. Clement, the convention keynoter, as its favorite son candidate. The Stevenson camp had hoped for Tennessee's 32 votes on the first ballot.

But the stop-Stevenson drive was dealt a setback today when Michigan's Gov. G. Mennen Williams, his state's favorite son, announced he would support Stevenson.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and not much change in temperature today, tonight and Thursday. Widely scattered thundershowers in the afternoon and evening.
Low this morning—69.
Low tomorrow morning—70.
High today—95.
High yesterday—97.
High tomorrow—95.
Sunrise today 5:43 a.m.;
sunset today 7:12 p.m.

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ADDING A PRETTY TOUCH to the proceedings, Carol Morris of Ottumwa, Iowa, winner of Miss Universe title at Long Beach, Calif., poses with her state banner on the floor of the Democratic National Convention. She visited the Iowa delegation. (AP Wirephoto).

Lobby Talk Hot On Veep Question

By HAROLD V. STREETER
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—While 10 Republican groups tackled the 1956 party platform today, lobby campaigns waded hotter over the topic of the Vice Presidency.

The governors of California and Maryland said again they are "available" although assuring they are making no campaign for the post of Vice President Nixon.

Leonard W. Hall, GOP National Committee Chairman, told a press conference yesterday he still feels the ticket will be Eisenhower and Nixon. He was quick to defend Nixon against charges of the Democrats in Chicago that the Vice President is the GOP "hatchet man."

At another press conference, Maryland's Gov. Theodore McKeldin said he was not seeking the

nomination and had so informed Harold Stassen, the presidential aide who is waging a "dundy Nixon '56" campaign.

WOULD ACCEPT
"But if I was asked by the proper officials if I would accept, I would accept, of course," McKeldin said. He identified "proper officials" as "the White House."

In Sacramento, California's Gov. Goodwin Knight reported that he would feel honored to be nominated.

Harry Finks, a Vice President of the California State Federation of Labor, said in Long Beach he would place Knight's name in nomination for the Vice Presidency. Finks is a Knight-controlled delegate to the GOP convention opening here Monday.

Chairman Hall, in the midst of parrying press conference questions today, said in Long Beach he said the keynote speech at the Democratic convention by Tom's Gov. Frank Clement contained "half truths, distorting and some outright falsehoods." Hall suggested Truman was back of all this and already has set the tone for a rough campaign.

"We'll meet it," Hall said.

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Heat Touches Off Blast Killing 15

MONTICELLO, Utah (AP)—A cook opened an oven door—and the burst of heat touched off an explosion that killed 15 persons in the hurting wreckage of a crowded cafe.

State experts pinpointed today that yesterday afternoon the immediate cause of the blast Monday night in the Lariat Cafe here.

They agreed with local officials that it was obviously a gas explosion. But they said a "very, very careful and deliberate" investigation still has left them without enough evidence to decide whether it was an explosion of natural gas or manufactured gas.

They said the investigation will continue. The blast at the peak of the dinner rush demolished the brick and cinderblock building, leaving nothing but a mess of splintered debris. Twenty-five persons were injured.

Less than 12 hours earlier, the cafe had switched from manufactured gas to this southerly Utah cattle and uranium town's natural gas system. The old manufactured gas pipes were in the basement.

—What's Inside—

Our Movie Editor Bares Story Of Filming Mishap
A LITTLE KNOWN fact of the filming of the picture "Trapeze" is that the double for Gina Lollobrigida who did the actual aerial work died as a result. The full story, by Emery Wister, is on Page 11A.

TEMPERS GREW SHORT last night at Griffith Park, and even a bottle was thrown for the first time this season. For those who missed the game, the rhubarb grows on Page 11B.

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IN CLOSE HUDDLE are Sen. Estes Kefauver (left) of Tennessee and Adlai Stevenson at a meeting before start of Democratic convention session. Kefauver called the meeting to urge delegates to vote for Stevenson, and it turned into a sort of rally for a Stevenson-Kefauver ticket. (AP Wirephoto).