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Shift In North Carolina Delegate Count Gives Adlai Winning Margin

—'ALL PEOPLE'S MAN'—

Daddy Grace: New Prophet For Many

By CHARLES KURALT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

They've got a song down at the House of Prayer For All People. It goes:

"Daddy Grace is a holy prophet,
"An angel and a holy man,
"He has the key to the Kingdom,
"Has it always in his hand . . ."

They believe it.
To thousands of Charlotte Negroes, and to some one million others worshipping in flimsy tarpaper shacks and air-conditioned temples from Buffalo to Tampa and Norfolk to Los Angeles, Bishop Charles Manuel

FIRST IN A SERIES

(Daddy) Grace is the Prophet Elijah come to prepare the way for the Lord.

In 67 cities, they shower him with dollar bills whenever he comes to town, they fan him with palm leaves, they cover his path with roses.

Next month, he'll celebrate his 30th anniversary in Charlotte. He'll be chaperoned into the city in a custom-built Cadillac on the second Sunday in September, as he always is, and S. McDowell St. will be a month recovering.

As he explains it, "I'm all people's man. I'm the boy friend of the world."

He'll ride up 4th St. atop a former Navy landing craft to the big house a few doors down from the \$225,000 red, white and blue Charlotte church he dedicated two years ago.

The neon sign in front of the two-story frame house—the house that's always vacant except for the four or five days he spends here each year—will express the views of his congregation.

"WELCOME, DADDY GRACE"

The Infallible Prophet

Daddy Grace can do no wrong.
When the government indicted him in 1934 for paying only \$41 tax on a \$190,000 income, the case was thrown out of court. The House of Prayer is a church, and therefore out of the government's grasp.
When he was charged with violating the Mann (white slavery) Act in New England on the testimony of a 20-year-old girl pianist, the case was thrown out of court on appeal.



BISHOP C. M. GRACE: It all started here 30 years ago.

Road Work Hits \$800 Million

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower disclosed today that interstate highway projects which will cost more than \$800 million dollars have been approved since the Federal Highway Act became law on June 29.

The new program calls for \$3 billion dollars worth of road construction over the next 13 years.
"In making public a progress report submitted to him by Secretary of Commerce Weeks, President Eisenhower said:

"I am gratified to observe the initial speed with which this im-

portant program is developing. I am hopeful that the states will continue to move swiftly in advancing final project applications for construction."
"Prompt state action will help alleviate the great deficiencies in our highway systems and will convert the federal fund authorization into usable roads at the earliest possible time."

Commenting further on the Weeks report, Eisenhower said he was pleased to learn "that general programming of interstate system projects since the federal-

aid highway act of 1956 became law now exceeds \$800 million dollars."

He added: "The states have already been authorized to proceed with advertising of bids on interstate system projects costing over \$3 million since the highway legislation was approved on June 29."

The President said one state, Missouri, already has awarded contracts totaling nearly four million dollars for interstate system improvements, utilizing both old and new funds available.

Fine Boost Presented For Hodges

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

CHICAGO—The political stock of Gov. Luther H. Hodges of North Carolina zoomed today when he was asked to second the presidential nomination of Adlai Stevenson before the Democratic National Convention today.

Gov. Stevenson made the request early today and the news was announced to a Tar Heel caucus by National Committeeman B. Everett Jordan.

Gov. Hodges was scheduled to speak this afternoon.

The Tar Heel delegation burst into cheers when Jordan said: "Our governor has been honored today by Gov. Adlai Stevenson who has asked him to second his 'Stevenson's presidential nomination."

Gov. Hodges will be one of several top Democrats who will make seconding speeches.

The Stevenson tapping is considered to be recognition of the role Gov. Hodges and the Tar Heel delegation played in Stevenson's behalf at the convention.

Yesterday Gov. Stevenson came to the delegation's caucus to express his appreciation and to single out both Gov. Hodges and Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. for their work at the convention.

AT HOME

"I feel at home here," Mr. Stevenson told the Tar Heels.

William Joyce, a member of the California delegation, dropped in on the North Carolina caucus this morning.

"Your governor," he told the group, "is gaining every day in national stature."

Other visitors today included Gov. Averell Harriman and Sen. Hubert Humphrey. Both spoke briefly to the group.

"We want compliance of the supreme court's desegregation decision not compulsion," Humphrey told them.

Gov. Hodges told the North Carolina delegation today the mi-

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2 Gastonians Killed When Struck By Car

GASTONIA—Two women pedestrians were killed at Snyre Station last night about 10 o'clock when struck by an auto. A third woman escaped serious injury.

Held on a charge of double manslaughter is Harold Dean Griggs, 17, Lowell, an unemployed carpenter's assistant.

Mrs. Margie Moore Polson, 31, was dead on arrival at Gaston Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Fannie Collette Bracketfield, 38, died three hours later. Both had head injuries.

GOING HOME

Employees of a Lowell textile mill the two dead women were headed for home after night shift work. They had left a Gastonia-bound bus at the eastern end of Snyre Mill before they were run down.

The third woman, Mrs. Elsie Hargett, 39, said she was returning from a visit in Belmont. She suffered an injured arm.

Griggs told highway patrolmen that he did not hit the women until it was too late to swerve. He told the patrol his speed had been about 35 miles per hour at the time of the accident. Patrolmen added that both women were hurled about 45 feet.

The youth said he had picked up his mother, Mrs. Studie Craven, and Mrs. Martha Chaspen, at Snyre Mill, and was headed home.

Funeral arrangements for the victims are incomplete.

Evening Prayer

O God, our Father, we would have pure hearts; cleanse us through Jesus Christ. We would have clean minds; help us to think Thy thoughts after Thee.

Reveal unto us any wicked way into which we have been walking, and give us the power to walk in the way that leads to life eternal.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Gov. Hodges Second Presidential Nomination of Adlai Stevenson. (AP)

Fight Over, Party Ready To Choose

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK and JACK BELL

CONVENTION HALL, Chicago (AP)—The Democrats, safely past the shoals of a possible party-shattering fight over civil rights speeches and joined in the traditional whooping accompanying the placing of the names of the presidential hopefuls before the convention.

The balloting will come at tonight's session, and nobody doubted for a moment that it would be Stevenson on the first.

The Tennessee delegation announced that Gov. Frank Clement, who had his day in the spotlight as convention keynote, was withdrawing as a favorite son candidate. The Tennessees delayed

action as to where their 32 votes will go until a caucus on the floor.

Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, who made the chief challenge to Stevenson in the week's maneuvering, insisted he was still in serious contention. He fired a telegram to all chairmen of state delegations telling them:

"I have just talked with President Truman. We are determined to fight through to the nomination tonight regardless of any rumors to the contrary you have heard or may yet hear."

WHO'S YEEP?

But to the delegates the remaining unanswered big question of the convention was who is to be Stevenson's running mate.

One of the names which had figured in speculation seemed to be scratched by a morning development. This was an announced that Stevenson had asked Sen. John Kennedy of Massachusetts.

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Army Grounds Jim's Rocket; Reporter Mum

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala.

—Jimmy Blackmon's homemade missile is not going to be fired here.

The Army has nixed plans to fire the rocket after a series of preliminary tests which started yesterday, The News learned today.

The rocket, which was built by the 17-year-old Charlotte youth in his basement, was flown here Tuesday for tests.

Charlotte News Reporter Charles Kuralt, assigned to temporary duty by the Army to cover the testing and possible firing of the rocket, has now been forbidden by public information officers at the arsenal to file stories.

The News protested the embargo with officials at the Pentagon, who promised an investigation.

The experts are dead serious in their testing yesterday they put Jimmy's rocket through the same rigorous laboratory examinations the nation's largest missiles get.

But 17-year-old Jimmy's basement-built burr bomb had them beat. Today Redstone Commanding General H. N. Tooty ordered two more scientists to the job to give their opinion on what the Charlotte youngster has wrought.

The spectacle of Army brass and scientists whose primary concern are 1,500-mile ballistics following their brows over a youngster's homemade rocket has wrought.

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And the Stevenson people are in a mood right now not to press him to do so.

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First Ballot Nomination Seems Sure

CHICAGO (AP)—A shift in the North Carolina delegate count to Adlai Stevenson today gave the former Illinois governor 690 votes, or 3% more than the 686½ needed for a quick knockout in the fight for the Democratic presidential nomination.

A recount in the North Carolina delegation gave Stevenson a net increase of 5.

It had been credited previously with 29 of the 36 North Carolina votes. The recount showed 35, with one vote still hanging out for Gov. Averell Harriman of New York.

Kansas moved over to the Stevenson column en masse, under the unit rule, shortly before the North Carolina shift.

The net gain for Stevenson in the Kansas delegation was 8½ since the tabulation, based on the state's preference of delegates up to the time they are bound by caucus or otherwise, already credited him with 7½ of the 16.

Shifts in preference developed in a number of states delegations and others were in the making.

Maryland and Pennsylvania moved over to the Stevenson side. Maryland took 5 votes away from Gov. Averell Harriman to give all of its 18 to Stevenson. Pennsylvania shifted 1½ votes for Harriman to Stevenson, adding 6½ for Stevenson, 9½ for Harriman and 1 uncommitted.

New Jersey's 36 and Arkansas' 26 were swung in full to Stevenson earlier.

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Convention Schedule

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

Thursday—
Afternoon session opens 12 noon EST.

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

Night session opens 8 p.m. EST. Balloting on candidates for presidential nomination.

Friday—
Afternoon session opens 12 noon EST.
Balloting on candidates for vice presidential nomination.

Night session opens 8 p.m. EST. Addresses—Former President Harry S. Truman, the vice presidential nominee, and the presidential nominee.

Benediction and adjournment.

WOMAN HIT BY CONFUSED REVENGER

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP)—Mrs. James Chaney, 22, told police she was walking through a subway under a street here when she felt a hard blow on the back of the head.

She turned around and saw a boy who looked about 12 years old. He had a rock in his hand. Mrs. Chaney asked him what he thought he was doing.

"I'm sorry, ma'am," he said. "I thought you were someone else."

And he turned and strolled away.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and little change in temperatures today, tonight and Friday. Widely scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening.

Low this morning—66.
Low tomorrow morning—67.
High today—93.
High yesterday—92.
High tomorrow—94.

Sunrise today 5:43 a.m.; sunset today 7:11 a.m.

More Weather Data on Page 7-B.
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—What's Inside—

After Harriman, Truman Likes Sen. Symington Best

DR. DREW PEARSON takes the reader right to the kernel today, as he reveals that Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri is the second choice of Harry Truman. The import of this is noted on Page 10A.

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Terrible Truman May Turn Helpful Harry For Stevenson

By ED CREACH

CHICAGO (AP)—You can bet your bottom dollar he never intended it that way, but Harry S. Truman may have done Adlai Stevenson a favor by trying to help him from getting the Democratic presidential nomination.

If this sounds preposterous—like saying you help a man when you kick him in the teeth—well, it is an oddity. Maybe one of the great ironies in recent political history.

It figures this way: Four years ago Truman stamped the land for Stevenson. Stevenson lost. There are those—and Stevenson may well be one of them—who hold the view that the Democratic ticket would have run better if Truman had kept quiet.

CHIEFS, BOOS
This reporter happened to be on Truman's 1952 whistle-stop campaign. And it must be said that while the then President

brought out a lot of cheering multitudes he also attracted lots of catcalls. There even were stones thrown eggs in a few places.

Rightly or wrongly, there were and presumably still are many people to whom "Truman" is almost a bad word—a symbol of corruption, Communism and cronyism.

There are millions of others, of course, who believe so much thing.

But in the plan and not all ways disguised opinion of most Stevenson advisers, Truman for all his good intentions didn't do when he stamped his endorsement on Stevenson.

TRUMAN CANDIDATE

The candidate then became in the eyes of many, and of Republican orators in particular, the Truman candidate. And so Stevenson remained in the view of many despite repeated efforts to declare independence.

This year, or at least at this stage, Stevenson has no such

problem—thanks to Harry Truman's opposing him.

With his nomination practically assured tonight, Stevenson can go before the voters as his own man, or at least not as Truman's man—something Averell Harriman couldn't have done if Truman's fight to get Harriman nominated had been successful.

Another boost Truman may have given Stevenson, calling him a "moderate."

The expression was used in trying to bury Stevenson, not to praise him. But the "moderation" label could help Stevenson with voters who thought he was far over on the liberal side four years ago.

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