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## "Young Barkley" Convention Bound



STRIDING ALONG Chicago's Michigan Boulevard with his charming wife, Jane, and trailing a motorcade of rooters that met him at the railroad station, "74-year young" Alben Barkley, looking every inch the confident candidate, arrives for the Democratic national convention. The famous "Veep" exchanged banter with newsmen, took great pride in his age, his health, and his chances of being the next President. "I'm only 74," he said, "what do you expect me to do with the rest of my life?"

## Labor Leaders Pool Convention Power

### AFL, CIO Leaders Planning Strategy

CHICAGO, UP — Top AFL and CIO leaders prepared today to pool their power in the Democratic national convention but hoped to avoid any charge that they are trying to dictate the choice of a presidential nominee.

CIO president Philip Murray and Jack Kroll, director of the CIO political action committee, said they were ready to get together with AFL chieftains on the Democratic platform and support of a candidate.

The PAC held a long conference with Murray Friday and warned it was a "matter of utmost importance" that there be "no compromise of any sort" with New Deal and Fair Deal principles on the platform or selection of a standard bearer.

The labor strategy this year, if present indications are borne out, will be to play down publicly the power of the unions at the convention.

Both big labor groups appear ready to support any candidate now on the scene—except Sen. Richard B. Russell Ga., and Robert S. Kerr, Okla.

Russell's belated attack on the Taft-Hartley law has not visibly endeared him to labor.

Averell Harriman and Sen. Estes Kefauver are the front-running candidates, with Harriman a bit in the lead. Many friends and supporters of Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson are bidding their time in hopes that the apparently reluctant Illinois governor will change his mind and agree to run.

## Interim Pastor At Christian Church

The Rev. Traverse Chandler, of 3422 Bowser Ave., Fort Wayne, will serve as an interim pastor of the First Christian church in this city until a resident minister is chosen.

Ref. Chandler, who has just known and many remain a mystery. Buckeye Christian church in Huntington county, replaces the Rev. Jonas Berkey, who has accepted a pastorate at Columbia, Tenn. Rev. Berkey preached his farewell sermon last Sunday.

## Pedestrian Killed When Hit By Auto

LOGANSPOUT, Ind. UP — Jesse Bittner, 61, Kokomo, was killed today when he was struck by an auto as he walked along U. S. 35 near Galveston. Driver of the car, John Grooms, 20, Kokomo, told police he was trying to pass another car and did not see Bittner.

## Blames Rail Layoff Onto Steel Strike

OMAHA, UP — Nearly 2,000 employees of the Union Pacific Railroad were thrown out of work today and a company spokesman blamed the layoffs on the nationwide steel strike.

The spokesman said the layoffs were for an "indefinite period" and would depend on how long the steel strike lasts.

## Barkley Stock As Democratic Nominee Rises

### Left Wing Group Is Grabbing At Control Of Democrat Party

CHICAGO, UP — A left wing coalition studded with Truman administration figures was grabbing for control of the Democratic party today in maneuvers capped by a drive to bar the governors of Texas and Mississippi from next week's convention.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota sparked the left wing drive by denouncing Govs. Allan Shivers, Texas, and Hugh White, Mississippi, as "modern political carpet baggers."

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, front running candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination with 268½ delegate votes, and Averell Harriman, New York's favorite son candidate with 116½ votes, teamed with Humphrey in the move against the governors, which could have dynamic political impact upon the whole South.

Humphrey had his allies among organized labor and in the Americans for Democratic Action wing of the party were rapidly doing into their own here. Moderates who hoped to avoid a north-south split were anxiously seeking a presidential candidate around whom to rally their scattered forces.

Vice President Alben W. Barkley, with only 27 first ballot votes now to his credit, was being talked up increasingly as a harmony nominee. Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois remained the mystery man of this convention.

One highly-placed Democrat, actively booming another candidate, told the United Press that Stevenson "certainly" could have the nomination by the second, or third ballot if he would merely announce his willingness to accept it.

Stevenson arrived here Friday with the statement that he will do all he can to "discourage" his supporters from putting his name in nomination.

Stevenson later met privately with Chicago Democratic leaders, who said they wanted "to find out once and for all whether he will go." A spokesman said Stevenson replied he does not wish his supporters to "do anything to further his candidacy."

## Jesse C. Walters Is Taken By Death

Jesse C. Walters, 76, of Willshire township, died Friday at the Van Wert county home hospital, where he was admitted 10 days ago. He had been an invalid since suffering injuries in a fall when he was 15 years old. Only survivors are a number of cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p. m. Sunday at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran church in Schumm, O., the Rev. Werner P. Van Kuhlberg officiating. Burial in Riverside cemetery at Rockford, O. The body will be removed from the Cowan & Son funeral home to the home of a cousin, Mrs. Harold Merkle, Sunday morning.

## Winners Named In 4-H Contests Here

### County Meeting Is Held Here Friday

Winners were named in each of six 4-H events held at the county meeting Friday. Girls selected to represent Adams county in district judging and demonstration contests next week are: Carolyn King, Elaine Freels, Marlene Striker, Ann Smith, Ruth Zimmerman, Ruth Teeter, Kenlyn Augsburger, Alice Alt, Pat McCune, Marilyn Arnold, Lavera Alt, Colleen Egly, and Patsy Ruple.

The meeting was called to order at 9 a. m. by Shirley Gerke, president of the Adams county junior leaders 4-H group. After group singing led by Gloria Koenehan, county 4-H club agent, Marlene Johnson led the group in the 4-H pledge and the pledge to the flag. Alice Joan Sprunger of the Monroe Boosters club favored the group with an excellent piano solo. The various contests were then started.

In baking judging there were seven junior contestants who rated the honor group. Nyla Girod of the Preble Jolly Juniors was champion; the others were: Linda McKean of the Washington Happy Hustlers, Jane Grimm of Decatur, Judy Nussbaum of the Berne Jolly Workers, Evelyn Griffiths of the Kirkland Kut-Ups, Winnie Mankey of the Preble Jolly Juniors, and Carolyn Mitchell of the Washington Happy Hustlers.

In the senior division, Alice Alt of Hartford was champion with 539 out of a possible 600 points. Pat McCune, also of Hartford, was second. Audrey Kuhn of Jefferson and Ruth Wiegmann of Union Pals were third and fourth, respectively.

These girls judged plain butter cakes and white flour yeast rolls. Mrs. Holman Egly, Mrs. Russell Fleming, and Mrs. Robert Stuber were the committee in charge.

In the clothing competition, Ruth Teeter of the Wabash Cloverleaf club was senior champion with a score of 522. Kenlyn Augsburger of Bern Jolly Workers was second, Marva Schaefer of Preble Peppy Pals third, and Shirley Fuhrman, also of that club, was fourth. Costa Hike of the Monroe Busy Bees, who placed fifth, had a high enough score to also rate the senior honor group.

In the junior division of clothing, Margaret Griffiths of the Kirkland Kut-Ups was champion. Others in the honor group were Ruth Ann Gehres of St. Mary's Kekiogans, Donna Small of Decatur, and Doris Ann Blum of Washington Happy Hustlers. These girls placed classes of ready-made cotton dresses and accessories to go with a certain school costume of a skirt, sweater, and coat. The clothing committee consisted of Mrs. Ornell Schindler, of Berne, Mrs. John Fortney, of Pleasant Mills, and Opal Sprunger.

Adams county will have three entries in the district food preservation contest this year, due to Elaine Freels of Kirkland and Marlene Striker of Monroe Boosters tying for second place. This is the only instance in which a county is permitted more than two individuals in the district contest. When there are ties for first only those two girls may represent the county.

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# 45 Persons Rescued Off Ship Swept By Fire In Atlantic; Four Missing

## Korean Truce Talks Appear Still Stymied

### Expected Break In Long Deadlock Over Truce Fails To Show

PANMUNJOM, Korea, UP — An expected break in the long deadlock Korean truce talks has failed to materialize, it appeared today. Allied and Communist negotiators held another secret meeting, and an official United Nations spokesman who had previously given rise to optimism said after the 29-minute session he had "no comment."

A Peiping radio broadcast added to decreasing hopes for an end to the deadlock on the prisoner of war problem by saying "no issue has been solved" in the series of secret talks begun at the Communists' request July 2.

The broadcast quoted Communist correspondent Alan Winnington, considered a semi-official source who usually reflects the thinking of Red representatives.

Allied spokesman Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckolls declined after today's session even to comment on the atmosphere of the meeting. Another meeting was scheduled for Sunday at 11 a. m.

Two-Day Battle

SEOUL, Korea, UP — Artillery-supported Communist infantrymen, hurling hand grenades and directing small arms fire into stubborn Allied defenders, succeeded in regaining a hill position west of Chorwon today.

But the hard-won ground cost the Reds an estimated 100 men killed and 150 wounded.

A battalion of Reds, beaten back three times in the past 24 hours, took the hill after a seesaw battle that had raged for two days.

The Chinese soldiers, originally were thrown back after a five-hour fight Friday. Both sides poured tank fire into the battle, and one American tank turned a Russian-built T-34 into a charred ruin.

The Reds threw 1,034 rounds of artillery and mortar into the sector. They gained the top of the hill only to lose half of it Saturday morning in hand-to-hand combat with Allied soldiers.

U. N. commanders later ordered their troops to withdraw from the hill under the devastating enemy artillery.

An Allied communique said it was relatively quiet along the remainder of the 155-mile battlefield. In the air, B-26 bombers ignored the fog that hung over North Korea and attacked enemy front line positions and supply areas to the rear.

An 8th army announcement reported that 2,783 Communists were killed, wounded or captured in ground action during the week ended July 14.

## Clearings Are Ready For Pulling Contests

Clearings for the horse pulling and the tractor pulling contests have been graded and are ready for the opening of the Decatur free fair, said Walter Ford, secretary of the fair.

Ford stressed the point that the show is not only for the participants but for everyone who is interested. Said Ford, "We'd like as many people as possible to the more the merrier."

## Red Cross To Name Officers Tuesday

The annual election of officers of the Adams county Red Cross chapter will be held at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening at the Red Cross office on Madison street.

Officers will be elected by the directors, R. E. Glendening, assistant cashier of the First State Bank, is now president. Anyone holding membership in the local chapter is eligible to vote at this election.

## Crop Losses Mount Over Drouth Area

### Widely Scattered Rains Predicted

By UNITED PRESS

Rain drenched large areas in the northeastern two-thirds of the nation today while the south suffered from heat and drouth.

Widely scattered showers were predicted for the southland, but the U. S. weather bureau said it doubted if there would be enough rainfall to help parched farmlands.

Estimates of crop damage in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina and other southern states continued to mount. Agricultural experts were unable to give a concrete figure but they said crop losses would probably be "more than \$200,000,000" when the final toll is added up.

A hot spell in New England continued unabated.

Temperatures were expected to hit 90 in New York today, with the relative humidity at near the 90 per cent level. Ice makers reported the "best business in 28 years. A spokesman said, sales of ice are up 50 to 70 per cent.

Beaches and resorts throughout the nation were expected to be jammed over the weekend with city dwellers trying to escape the heat. The American Automobile Assn. warned drivers to exercise extreme caution on highways that will be jammed with motorists.

The weather bureau said rain clouds sweeping into the New England states were expected to ease the threat of forest fires in Maine and other states, but the weather bureau said temperatures and humidity would remain high.

The west coast continued to enjoy near normal temperatures and seasonal climatic conditions. The weather bureau said it was cool along the extreme west coast, and a little warmer in the interior valleys of Oregon and California.

Coolest area in the nation was along the Canadian border in North Dakota and Montana. The weather bureau said temperatures throughout the day in this section would remain in the 70's.

Continued rain was predicted for the Great Lakes region which was lashed by thundershowers Friday.

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## Ready To Grant Price Relief To End Strike

### Threat Of Seizure Is Dangled Over Steel Industry

WASHINGTON, UP — The government dangled the threat of "selective seizure" over the steel industry today but still stood ready to grant special price relief as the cost of settling the defense-crippling strike.

Informed sources said an over-the-ceiling price boost of more than \$5 a ton would be granted the steel industry when the strike—now in its 48th day—ends in an agreement.

These sources said, however, that if the settlement doesn't come soon, the White House will go ahead with plans to seize parts of the industry under the selective seizure act.

The double-barrelled "settlement or seizure" threat was viewed as a government effort to pressure the steel management into resumption of collective bargaining with the CIO United Steelworkers.

Government-sponsored negotiations between the two sides broke down Monday; with the union shop the sole remaining issue. The next move in the strike is expected to come from the union's wage-policy committee, which meets in Pittsburgh Monday to consider the stalemated dispute.

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## Stevenson Losing Indiana Strength

### Delegates Splitting Up Convention Votes

INDIANAPOLIS, (UP) — Gov. Adlai Stevenson's stock among Indiana delegates to the Democratic national convention appeared to be wavering today as the Hoosiers left for Chicago.

A last-minute United Press poll of the delegation showed their Stevenson fervor dwindling. It appeared he has lost for all time the 25-to-1 edge he polled over Sen. Estes Kefauver after the party's state convention.

Kefauver and mutual security administrator Averell Harriman sapped the Illinois governor's immediate strength. Those two and vice president Alben Barkley apparently have most to gain if Stevenson definitely stays out of the presidential race.

The poll indicated one first ballot vote for Kefauver and one for Harriman—regardless of Stevenson's candidacy—and about 20 for Stevenson, assuming Gov. Henry F. Schickler succeeds in attempts to "discourage" a favorite son movement.

Democratic national committee man Paul M. Butler, South Bend, said Stevenson strategists in Chicago "are still very hopeful." But some Indiana delegates appear to have lost that hope, he added.

If Stevenson is not available, the delegates' second preferences show Kefauver and Barkley heavily favored with sentiment developing for Harriman especially and for Sen. Richard Russell.

Schickler and five other delegates named Barkley as second choice. Butler liked Stevenson, then Harriman. Several delegates told of Kefauver sentiment in their areas, particularly if a "too old" cry hurts Barkley.

At least five delegates agreed to heed the will of the majority. One said he would be most happy to vote for former Indiana Gov. Paul V. McNutt, "but he probably won't be nominated."

The delegates almost unanimously agreed President Truman meant it when he said he does not want another term.

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## Hospital To Hire Business Manager

Adams county memorial hospital will have a business manager and purchasing agent, it was announced by board members of that institution today. The new manager will be selected after a screening of applicants by the board.

Applications for the post will be made to the hospital board in writing and applicants will then be interviewed. The new employee probably will not assume his duties until August or September.

The local hospital never has had a business manager and it has been necessary for the superintendent to supervise purchases and the entire business office of the institution.

In recent years, patronage at the hospital has become so heavy that it is necessary for the superintendent to devote almost all of his time to the actual running of the hospital.

The board members pointed out that all applications for the management job must be in writing, addressed to the hospital board.

Kitchen Condition Is Agin Critical

Condition of James B. Kitchen, Jr., young Decatur businessman severely burned the night of July 7 at his home, was reported as again critical today. Kitchen was removed several days ago to the Veterans hospital, Fort Wayne, for treatment. He had been reported improving until pneumonia developed Friday.

## Speedy Rescue Is Effected By Swedish Ship

### Freighter Swept By Flames In Atlantic Ocean Late Friday

NEW YORK, (UP)—Fire swept the Norwegian freighter Black Gull in the Atlantic ocean off Long Island today but 45 out of 49 passengers and crewmen were plucked from chill waters by the Swedish mercy ship Gripsholm.

The Gripsholm effected one of the speediest and most efficient rescue operations in maritime history.

Four persons were missing and presumed dead—either drowned or consumed by the orange flames that swept through the ship's highly inflammable cargo of castor oil and naphthalene.

"It was a ghastly sight," said Eric Sjolin, chief officer of the Gripsholm by ship-to-shore telephone.

"If we had gotten there a few minutes later it is doubtful if they could have been saved."

Forty-four of the rescued passengers and crewmen were transferred to the Coast Guard cutter Mackinac which proceeded to St. George, Staten Island. The cutter was expected to reach port about 6 p. m.

One seriously injured survivor remained aboard the Gripsholm under doctor's care.

"The ship is still burning," United Press correspondent Robert Zimmerman said at 10 a. m. after flying over the scene. "It's beginning to list a little now."

The flames swept the entire ship and reports from the vessel to the Coast Guard said the life-boats were destroyed before they could be lowered.

"The Black Gull was burning from stem to bow," Sjolin said. He said only one of the life boats had been destroyed. He said most of the survivors were in another lifeboat floating near the flaming Black Gull.

The Gripsholm quickly launched a motor launch and picked up all the men, Sjolin said.

The scene was 65 miles southeast of Montauk Point, famed sportsman's paradise, at the tip of Long Island which juts 100 odd miles into the Atlantic from Manhattan.

The time was 11:22 p. m. EDT Friday. At that minute the Black Gull flashed the first SOS—"Ship burning. Emergency assistance needed."

Thirty-six minutes later, the ship radioed that nine passengers and 40 crewmen had been ordered to abandon ship.

The series of dramatic midnight messages from the sea sent four Coast Guard cutters racing into the darkness. Coast Guard planes took off from Quonset Pt., R. I., Salem, Mass., and Floyd Bennett Field, N. Y.

The Gripsholm, which was en route to Göteborg, Sweden, was the closest. A mercy ship in peace as well as in war, the shimmering-white vessel reached the scene about 2 a. m.

Capt. Sigfried Ericson, who commanded the vessel on 11 trips exchanging war internees from 1942 to 1946, directed the rescue operations.

The entire rescue took less than four hours.

The Black Gull was en route from Bremen to Brooklyn. It was to have docked today at Smith Street and was only a few hours short of its goal when the flames suddenly swept its 500 ton cargo.

How the fire started was not known and may remain a mystery of the sea.

Indiana Weather

Partly cloudy, warm and humid today, tonight and Sunday with scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers mostly north. High 89-95. Low 68-74.

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