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Gray-Haired Child, 4, Dying of Old Age

By United Press

CHICAGO, July 19—A 4-year-old girl was dying of old age today and doctors said they were helpless to save her.

The child, her body withered to an infant's size and her thin hair already gray, is suffering from progeria, or premature senility.

The girl was identified only as "Linda." She was admitted to the hospital Jan. 28, 1948, at the age of 2 months.

Linda will be 5 years old on Nov. 14. But her tiny body will actually have aged many more years than that, because of the exceedingly rare disease that has struck her.

Hospital nurses said she has the withered, wrinkled face of an old woman. Doctors said that senility is

taking its toll on her body and vital organs.

She may die in her sleep at any time. Little is known of progeria, and there is no known cure.

The disease, in simple terms, merely compresses the life span of the victim into a few short years. It is characterized by thinning, graying hair and withering skin in infants.

Linda is only 24 inches long and weighs only 7 1/2 pounds. She is so tiny that the hospital attendants have dressed her in dolls' clothes.

Many visiting physicians have studied the child's case at the research and educational hospital.

Linda was born in Aurora, Ill., and has been adopted by a religious organization and given a court-appointed guardian.

Stevenson Can Win—McHale

Backs Russell for Vice President

By IRVING LEIBOWITZ
Times Staff Writer

CHICAGO, July 19—Frank McHale told top politicians here today the Democrats could win the election by nominating Illinois' Adlai Stevenson for President and Georgia's Richard Russell for Vice President.

Mr. McHale was here to attend his last meeting of the powerful Democratic National Committee. Although ousted by Indiana Democrats in May, he remains one of the top party bosses.

The portly politician, who has been a powerful and influential figure in Indiana for more than 20 years, characterized the Republican ticket of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen. Richard Nixon as "full of inexperience and youth."

Marvelous Chance'

"The Democrats have a marvelous chance to win. But it depends on what develops at the convention. A Stevenson-Russell ticket would carry the Midwest and the solid South. It is strong on experience in government. And it would capture a large bloc of Republican voters."

Mr. McHale predicted a Stevenson-Russell ticket would win the South's entire 125 electoral votes, plus the solid Midwest, and had a "good chance" of taking New York.

"The Republicans are bitterly divided," he said, "but there is no deep bitterness in the Democratic Party."

Mr. McHale, who began his climb to political fame in 1932 under Gov. Paul V. McNutt, plied the GOP "a sectional party."

"We (Democrats) have a national party," he added, "that's why we always win."

Still Push Schricker

Meanwhile, most Indiana Democrats here still were plugging a reluctant Gov. Schricker for President. But he still refused to officially recognize such a movement.

State Highway Commissioner Jap Jones ordered "Schricker-for-President" placards and plans to distribute them all over Chicago.

Indiana Democrats held their first strategy meeting Monday morning in the Harrison Hotel, headquarters for the Hoosiers. At that time, they will decide who to support.

Thirty Hoosiers are delegates, 22 elected at district meetings and eight appointed at-large. The eight at-large delegates only have a two vote each.

Views on the News

Dan Kidney

DEMOCRATS fight over labor and civil rights planks just as though they intended to use them after election day.

VICE PRESIDENT Barkley arrived in Chicago and marched up Michigan Boulevard. Said this proves he can win in a walk.

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WAVES TO ADMIRERS—Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson arrived in Chicago yesterday by plane.

Committee Would Seat Anti-Truman Groups

BULLETIN

CHICAGO, July 19 (UPI)—The Democratic National Committee voted today to seat the "regular" anti-Truman delegations from Texas and Mississippi in the National Convention opening Monday.

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By LYLE C. WILSON
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CHICAGO, July 19—A credentials committee recommended temporary seating of two anti-Truman Southern delegations today but a Kefauver-Harriman coalition promised a no-quarter floor fight if necessary to bar them from next week's Democratic National Convention.

The Democratic National Committee's credentials subcommittee proposed unanimously that "regular" delegations from Texas and Mississippi be put on the temporary role.

But mindful of threats that the Southerners might bolt if the convention picks a platform and nominees they don't like, the subcommittee added a declaration that:

"The honorable course . . . is to follow the majority decisions of the convention here and hereafter."

This was in line with the sage advice of voter James A. Farley. He arrived in town today with the message that the Democrats can beat the Republicans in November only if their warring factions stop wrangling over civil rights and other platform issues and unite behind a "good strong ticket."

DELEGATES attending the first "free convention" the Democratic Party has held in 20 years, should be looking for a "man of his word" instead of "the man with the word."

His word may have come too late. The man who put Franklin D. Roosevelt across after a bitter fight 20 years ago isn't the party power he was then. A left wing coalition studded with Truman administration figures already was grabbing for control of the convention.

The coalition's first goal is to bar the anti-Truman governors of Texas and Mississippi from next week's proceedings if they can.

The Northerners and Southerners are quarreling bitterly over civil rights and whether the convention should recognize nomination.

'Big Tom' Raid Ruled Illegal By Court Here

Judge Suppresses Gambling Evidence

By DONNA MIKELS
Walter F. (Big Tom) Thompson won a resounding victory today when a special judge ruled that the police search which led to Thompson's indictment was illegal.

Special Judge Alvah J. Rucker sustained Big Tom's motion to suppress evidence seized in the Feb. 27, 1951, raid.

This leaves the prosecution with almost no evidence on which to try Thompson on prelatory charges.

However, the prosecutor's office said charges will not be dropped and deputies will try to convict Thompson without use of the evidence which today was ruled illegal.

Police Criticized

In a five-page written opinion, Judge Rucker took broad swipes at the prosecutor's office and police for the manner in which they snagged Thompson.

"Search cannot be used as a fishing expedition to catch evidence," he said, referring to the way police obtained a search warrant in the Thompson case.

The warrant to raid Thompson's offices in the downtown Wulfin Building was obtained in this manner:

Police, watching the building saw Thompson emerge carrying a duffle bag and a brief case. He put these into his car and drove away. Police followed him and arrested him for an alleged traffic violation, a charge which later failed to stand up in court.

They then searched his car and found lottery tickets in the duffle bag. On this evidence they obtained a search warrant to raid his offices. And evidence seized in the raid led to his indictment by the Marion County Grand Jury on two counts of operating a lottery and one of keeping a room for pool selling.

Illegal Arrest

However, Thompson later was found not guilty on the traffic violation, and it has been his attorney's contention that because the arrest was illegal, the subsequent search was illegal. This was upheld by Judge Rucker today.

Judge Rucker criticized the police for presuming a traffic arrest was sufficient cause to search a citizen's car, office or home.

"Under the law search must be incidental to the arrest," the judge said. "And if the arrest here was genuinely for a traffic violation, search of offices away for gaming matter was not incidental thereto."

He said officers conceivably might stretch the point to search the home of any citizen arrested for traffic violation.

Mr. Rucker was named special judge after Judge Harry C. Chamberlain, Criminal Court 1, disqualified himself. Judge Chamberlain also criticized the prosecutor's office in his disqualifying speech.

Immediately after the judge gave his opinion, the 48-year-old Thompson was brought up for arraignment and pleaded not guilty.

The officer, off duty and in civilian clothes at the time, said he fired once in the air as warning when his assailants cornered him in a rear yard at 3849 E. 14th St.

Weeks lunged forward, exclaiming, "I'm not afraid of your gun," Sgt. Wurz said.

Wounded in Stomach

The policeman fired from a distance of five feet, hitting Weeks in the pit of the stomach.

The youth died in General Hospital 3 1/2 hours later.

Sgt. Wurz said the four youths attacked him when he arrested them on disorderly conduct charges. He said he saw them pull three men from a car and slug them.

Sgt. Wurz had to defend himself. Chief Ambuhl said today, "It is the duty of all officers in uniform or out, to defend any citizen they see being attacked."

The chief said Sgt. Wurz, a former member of the emergency squad, was a first-aid expert and saved many lives.

Chief Ambuhl pledged police cooperation in the coroner's investigation of Weeks' death. Meanwhile, Sgt. Wurz was ordered to report to his South Side beat to-day.

Police Chief Ambuhl declared today, "I can find nothing wrong with what Sgt. Clarence Wurz did" in fatally wounding a 19-year-old father last night.

Sgt. Wurz had been making a purchase in the East Side Bait & Tackle Shop, 1313 N. Sherman Dr. Another customer, Everett Dorman, 3701 Fletcher Ave., said he heard the sergeant tell the four "at least 15 times" he was an officer.

As the youths backed the policeman off and in the other car fled. Officers did not learn their names.

Weeks' companions were silent and defiant when asked what the fight was about.

One of them is Charles Engleth, 21, of 1155 W. 34th St., high scoring center of the 1949-50 Technical High School basketball team.

Engleth was charged with disorderly conduct.

Marine on Furlough

Weeks' other two companions were charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. They are Pvt. Ross E. Moore, 21, of 3724 W. 16th St., and Thomas Morton, 20, of 3106 Winthrop Ave.

Moore, a Marine, is on furlough from Camp Pendleton, Cal. Morton is on leave from the naval amphibious training base at Coronado, Cal.

Cops said they found three cans of cold beer in youths' car, one partly consumed and two unopened.

Weeks was free pending appeal of a 30-day State Farm sentence and \$100 fine for assault and battery last October, court records show. The charge had been reduced from assault and battery with intent to murder.

His half-dozen other arrests included two on assault and battery charges. Both were dismissed.

He is survived by his 17-year-old wife, Nancy, a 6-week-old daughter, Rosemary, his mother, Mrs. Margaret Weeks, and a brother, Russell.

Arrested Twice

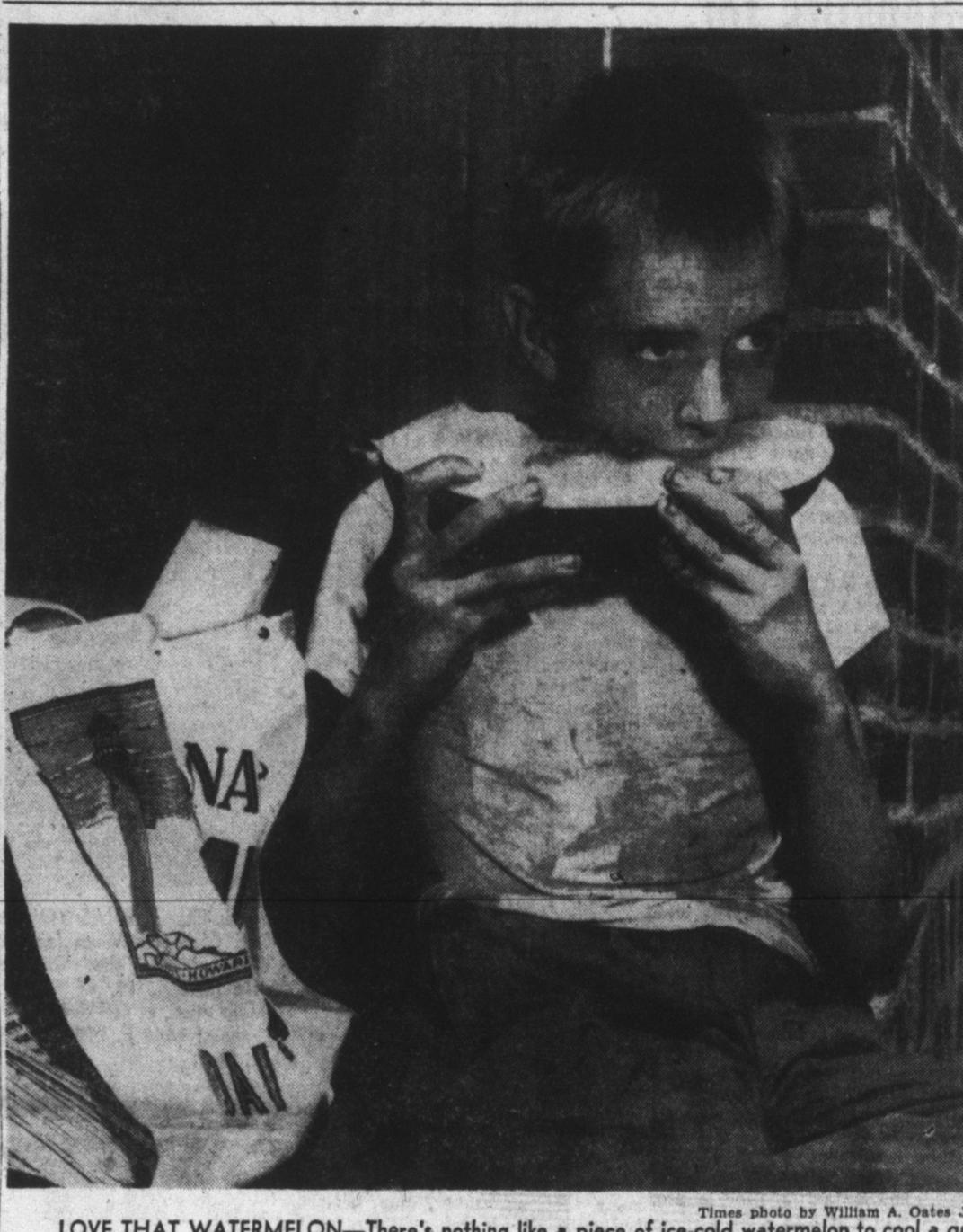
Engleth has been arrested twice previously on disorderly conduct charges. Both were dismissed.

The youngster who made it was named Donald Scott. Pop says, "Looks like I'll be losing a birthday."

The newest addition is the third of the Fenton children, all of whom have been born during Leap Year.

Not satisfied with creating

Bride of One Week Stabbed to Death in Her Bedroom Here



LOVE THAT WATERMELON—There's nothing like a piece of ice-cold watermelon to cool a guy off on a hot day. Times carrier Vernor Romine, 14, of 1010 W. Maryland St., takes a break from delivering papers to enjoy a slice.

Chief Backs Policeman After Fatal Shooting

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