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## Gray-Haired Child, 4, Dying of Old Age

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 7½ 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.

## '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 preliminary 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 snatched 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 Wulfsburg Building was obtained in this manner:

Police, watching the building saw Thompson emerge carrying a duffel 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 duffel 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 far away from 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. Chamberlin, Criminal Court 1, disqualified himself. Judge Chamberlin 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.

## NEWS

From Chicago

The Republican convention was a battle between two great contenders. But the Democratic convention will be different.

Will it be Kefauver, Russell, Barkley, Harriman, Kerr — or even Truman?

To keep up with all the NEWS of all the camps, The Indianapolis Times and The Scripps-Howard Newspapers will have a huge staff in Chicago for exclusive coverage.

Walter Leckrone, Times editor, Irving Lebowitz and Dan Kidney will cover Hoosier angles.

And, again, the staffs of The United Press and The Chicago Daily News will be working night and day to keep you posted through the columns of The Times.

And, again, The Times will be backing no favorites in its NEWS columns.

## That Bird Mr. Stork Can Even Tell Time

MR. A. STORK, unconcerned with the more pressing things in life, soared over St. Francis Hospital yesterday, dropping three bouncing bundles of coincidence.

At exactly 4:07 p. m. the big white bird released two boys, who immediately became cousins. Their mothers, Mrs. Roy Arthur, 1756 S. Randolph St., and Mrs. Donald Muffey, 3709 S. Irving St., are sisters.

Darrell Arthur weighed in at 7 pounds and 11 ounces, while his relative, Gary Muffey, tipped the scales at 6 pounds and 6 ounces.

Not satisfied with creating one sensation, Mr. Stork buzzed the hospital again at 9:15.

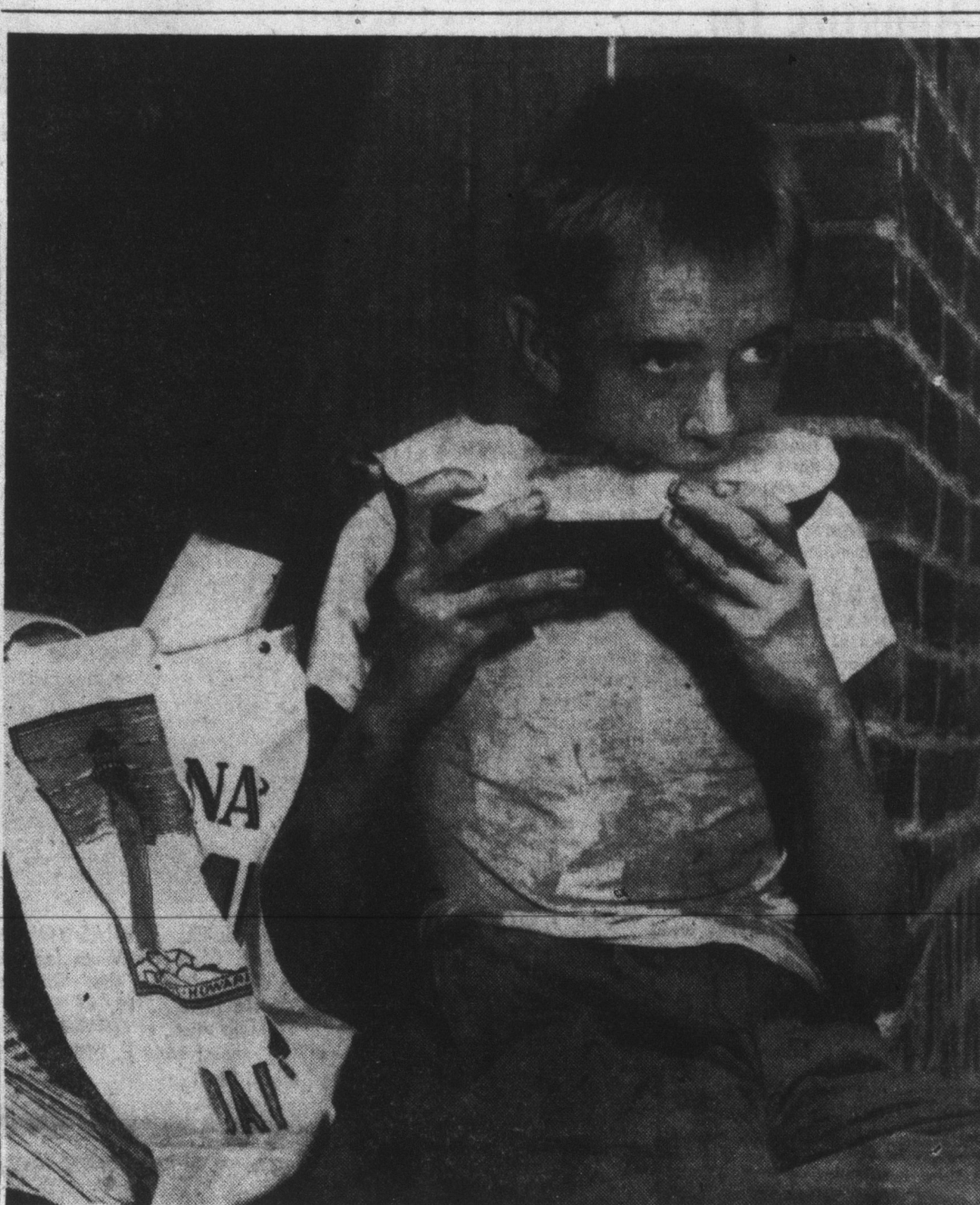
And again his surprise was a boy. It arrived exactly 31 years to the minute after the birth of his father, Charles Fenton, of 4729 Stratford Ave.

When his wife, Virginia, went to the hospital yesterday Mr. Fenton, city air freight agent for Trans World Airlines, told her, "You've got an hour and 15 minutes."

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.

## 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 Vernon Romine, 14, of 1010 W. Maryland St., takes a break from delivering papers to enjoy a slice.

## Police Hunt Husband for Questioning

Knife Found Sticking In Woman's Side

By HEZE CLARK  
A 32-year-old bride of eight days was found stabbed to death with a butcher knife in the bedroom of her home here today.

Mrs. Gladys Mae Phillips was found entangled in the blood-splattered bedspread in a rooming house at 526 Fletcher Ave. The knife was sticking in her right side.

Police broadcast an alert for her heavy-set husband, Milton Phillips, who left the rooming house several hours before the body was found.

Although the blood-smeared bed showed signs of a terrific struggle, two other roomers in the house told police they did not hear any commotion.

A neighbor, Mrs. Alberta Fleming, 530 Fletcher Ave., told police she saw the Phillips couple battling on the sidewalk in front of the house sometime after midnight.

Two hours later, Mrs. Fleming said, she heard screams from the rooming house. She saw the bathroom light go on and a few minutes later Mr. Phillips drove away in the car, she reported.

Thought Victim Asleep  
The body was found by the victim's sister, Mrs. Ruth Norris, 974 Elm St., when she came to visit at 10 a. m. today.

She said she rang the bell several times without response and then was admitted by Pvt. John Paul Whitley, a GI on furlough, who was staying at the house owned by his brother-in-law.

"When I went into the bedroom, I thought Gladys was still asleep," Mrs. Norris said.

"Her foot was sticking out from under the bedspread, so I reached out and tickled her foot to wake her up."

"Then I saw that blood on the bed."

Pvt. Whitley, who was standing in the hall, heard Mrs. Norris say, "Maybly, she's dead."

He then entered the room and pulled back the bedspread to uncover the body. He immediately called police.

Patrolmen Raymond Cooper and William Withers responded. Officer Cooper reached down to feel for the pulse, but he found Mrs. Phillips' wrist slashed. They then found many other stab wounds and the knife sticking in the side.

Dr. Robert J. Rohn, deputy coroner, said Mrs. Phillips died of "multiple stab wounds in the back."

"Made a Mistake"  
Mrs. Norris said her sister yesterday indicated the marriage after a whirlwind courtship of three weeks was not working out well.

"I guess I made a mistake," she quoted her sister as saying. The gay brunette had started working at RCA just after their marriage in Jeffersonville on July 11.

She had an 11-year-old daughter by a previous marriage which ended in divorce here two years ago. Her first husband now is supposed to be in Burkesville, Ky., police were told.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES  
6 a. m. . . . . 77 10 a. m. . . . 82  
7 a. m. . . . . 77 11 a. m. . . . 86  
8 a. m. . . . . 77 12 (noon) . . . 86  
9 a. m. . . . . 80 1 p. m. . . . . 86  
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## 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 128 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, labeled the GOP "a sectional party."

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

Still Push Schrieker

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

State Highway Commissioner Jap Jones ordered "Schrieker-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 half a 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.

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

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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 (UP)—The Democratic National Committee voted today to seat the "regular" anti-Truman delegates 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 group recommended temporary seating of two anti-Truman Southern delegations today but a Kefauver-Harriman coalition

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 roster.

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 veteran 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."

Fight Already On

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

"loyalist" or antiadministration delegations from Texas and Mississippi. A bolt-breeding floor fight is in prospect.

Youthful Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota sparked the left-wing drive by denouncing Govs. Allan Shivers of Texas and Hugh White of 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 up with Sen. Humphrey in the move against the governors.

Sen. Humphrey and his allies among organized labor and in the Americans for Democratic Action wing of the party were rapidly coming 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.

Barkley Talked Up

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

One highly placed Democrat, who is actively booming another candidate, told the United Press Gov. Stevenson "certainly" could have the nomination by the second or third ballot if he would merely announce his willingness to accept it. But Gov. Stevenson arrived here yesterday with the statement that he will do all he can to "discourage" his supporters from putting his name in nomination.