

Harriman Backer Runs Into Stevenson Boosters

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14 (AP)—A Tammany backer of New York Gov. Averell Harriman for the Democratic presidential nomination found a burst of campaigning for Adlai Stevenson today while sounding out West Coast preferences.

Carmine DeSapio, the Tammany leader, said he was not campaigning for Mr. Harriman, although he liked the Governor. He said he wanted to sound out the "grass roots."

Almost simultaneously four of the five top California Democrats urged Mr. Stevenson to seek the 1956 nomination and declared "this is the start of a movement that will sweep the West."

Mr. DeSapio also learned that a State-wide campaign was being started at Los Angeles in behalf of Senator Kefauver of Tennessee.

Stevenson Hits Support
Shortly afterwards the Democrat chairman in Oregon declared he was a firm backer of Mr. Stevenson and contended Tammany Hall and the Republican press were trying to swing the nomination to Gov. Harriman.

Howard Morgan, the Oregon chairman, expressed himself in a letter to the Portland Oregonian which editorially had reported a recent "organizational drift toward Harriman."

Mr. Desapio and Gov. Harriman's press secretary, Charles Van Devander, were quoted by the Oregonian as saying Mr. Morgan's opinions were "ridiculous."

California Attorney General Edmond G. (Pat) Brown said "we are in this thing until Stevenson wins or releases us." Mr. Brown is titular head of the State party. In the "Draft Stevenson" group with him are Paul Ziffren of Los Angeles, national committeeman; Elizabeth Snyder of Los Angeles, chairman of the State Central Committee, and Roger Kent of San Francisco.

4 Found Dead In Car Wreck

BALTIMORE, Oct. 14 (AP)—Four men were injured fatally and lay unnoticed in the wreckage for about four hours today after their car went out of control, down a 15-foot embankment, and through the foundation of an abandoned home.

The wreck was opposite Oaklawn Cemetery on Eastern avenue, just outside the east city limits.

Police tentatively identified the dead as Irvin Gunshor, 33; E. J. Mattola, 23; William J. Kenny, jr., 22; and William Robinson, age not immediately determined. All lived in Baltimore.

Oliver Fowler, 23, the only other occupant of the car, was taken to City Hospital with chest injuries.

Investigators said the car was headed west and failed to make a bad curve. It somersaulted down the embankment, tearing through heavy underbrush, and crashed through two sides of the old foundation.

Underbrush in the gully screened the wreckage from the street and the smashup was not discovered until after daybreak.

northern chairman for the State Central Committee.

None Openly Declared
Mrs. Clara Shipper of Berkeley, national committeewoman, said "Until I know who the candidates will be in the California Democrat primary, I am going to remain uncommitted."

Mr. Brown said he assured Mr. DeSapio there was "excellent secondary strength" in California for Gov. Harriman.

None of the three—Gov. Harriman, Senator Kefauver or Mr. Stevenson—has declared himself a candidate here yet.

All candidates must give their consent to appear on the California primary ballot.

Mr. Stevenson telegraphed Mr. Brown and other supporters that he was "deeply grateful . . . support like yours will insure a great victory for our party in 1956. You will have my decision soon."

He is expected to announce his plans at a national committee meeting in Chicago November 17-19.

Support for Senator Kefauver came from Tom Carrell, a Los Angeles businessman and treasurer of the 1952 Democratic delegation. Senator Kefauver won the 1952 California primary.

Million Line River As British Flotilla Visits Leningrad

LENINGRAD, Oct. 14 (AP)—British Navy tars are giving Leningrad its biggest thrill since the war.

The sailors are from a visiting flotilla which received a clamorous ovation yesterday as the six ships, headed by the aircraft carrier *Triumph*, entered the Neva River. At least a million Russians jammed the river banks to wave and cheer.

Sailors who went ashore had their own shore patrol of 20 picked seamen—the first foreigners ever to patrol Leningrad's streets. One group of Britons attending a circus were a bigger attraction than the performers.

At nightfall the British vessels were floodlit, and sailors still aboard burst into song. The Russians on the bank took up the tunes, with a festival of British and Russian songs ensuing.

The visit is part of an exchange of courtesies. A Russian flotilla is visiting Britain's important base at Portsmouth.

Alderman Keeps Word on Economy

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. (AP)—When Alderman Seymour Gerson was elected on an economy platform, he apparently meant it.

Rather than vote for a \$100 appropriation for Morristown's annual clean-up, Gerson said at a board meeting that he would donate \$10 personally. Undaunted, the other city fathers voted to appropriate the other \$90, Gerson voting "no."

Mission School Hit

A Christian mission school in Chinglepet, India, is in trouble with the Madras government, being charged with appealing to foreign countries for financial aid. This, the education minister of Madras told the state assembly, is against the law. The school "had also made some remarks derogatory to the self respect of India," the minister reported.



CAPT. TOWNSEND IS BESIEGED—London.—Part of the crowd outside Clarence House closes in on RAF Group Capt. Peter Townsend, eager for news about his reported romance with Princess Margaret.—AP Wirephoto.

Virginia Vote Fraud Action A Local Matter, Almond Says

ROANOKE, Va., Oct. 14 (AP)—Attorney General J. Lindsay Almond, jr., said vote fraud charges in two Southwestern Virginia counties are "purely a matter of local law enforcement."

"To place responsibility on the Attorney General would necessitate his having a competent investigation staff," he said yesterday. "Also, there would have to be a change of policy shifting law enforcement from localities to State level."

Mr. Almond made the comments in answer to what he termed "some criticism in the press" because his office didn't act on the fraud charges. A Federal grand jury and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been studying charges of irregularities in the 1952 elections in Lee and Wise Counties.

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Four Die in Crash Of B-47 Bomber

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Oct. 14 (AP)—A six-jet B-47 bomber plowed into a hill and exploded last night killing the four men aboard, shortly after it had taken off on an instrument training flight from nearby March Air Force Base.

A Catholic priest from Buffalo was one of the four killed. Names of the three other victims were withheld preceding notification of next-of-kin.

The chancery of the Buffalo Diocese identified the priest as the Rev. Joseph M. Graeber, 32, who joined the Air Force as a chaplain in November, 1950.

Base Commander Col. Pinkham Smith estimated the sweeping bomber was traveling nearly 500 miles an hour when it hit. The explosion scattered flaming wreckage over a 2-mile area. Houses shook in Riverside, 8 miles away.

The Air Force announced the bomber was attached to the 32nd Bombardment Wing at March AFB.

Ex-Convict Sought After Assaults

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 14 (AP)—The three-State police hunt for ex-convict Ralph Reno continued today amid growing fears for the safety of his stepmother, Mrs. Stella Reno, 36.

Detective C. C. Forbes, after further talks with Reno's beaten and stabbed father, Andrew, 57, said there was strong reason to believe Mrs. Reno was assaulted, perhaps fatally, before her disappearance. She has not been seen since the elder Reno was attacked Wednesday.

The father said he was beaten and stabbed by the son, 27, and quoted the latter as saying: "I love you, dad, but I have to kill you. I've done something terrible. She has no clothes on. I'll get the gas chamber anyway." "My son has death in his eyes," the elder Reno told officers. "If you find him, shoot him down like a dog. If I knew where he was, I would shoot him myself."

Police in Arizona, Nevada and California have been alerted to watch for the son's black and white sedan bearing South Carolina plates. A car answering the general description was reported in Las Vegas, Nev., yesterday. Police say Reno is an ex-Oklahoma convict.

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Gov. Knight Is Evasive On Nixon's 'Electability'

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Oct. 14 (AP)—Gov. Goodwin Knight was quoted yesterday as saying he didn't believe either Senator Knowland, Republican of California, or Vice President Nixon could win as the 1956 Republican Presidential candidate.

The Republican Governor, a strong supporter of President Eisenhower but embroiled in a hot political fight with Nixon partisans, denied "flatly and without equivocation" that he ever questioned Senator Knowland's electability.

He did not reply directly to a request at a news conference to confirm he had said he opposes Mr. Nixon because "I just don't think Dick can win" if President Eisenhower doesn't run.

"I'm getting a little weary of being misinterpreted in this matter," he said.

He replied, "Oh, no," when asked if Mr. Nixon lacked any of three prerequisites he enumerated for a Republican presidential nominee—integrity, stability and electability.

Charles Cleveland, political editor of the Chicago Daily News, said: "The facts are that I interviewed him (Knight) and he said everything he was quoted as saying in the story."

The Governor, in that interview, reiterated his plans to head California's delegation to the Republican National Convention next August if Mr. Eisenhower withdraws as a candidate, even if it means a primary election battle against a Nixon slate.

"If the President asks me," the story quoted him in regard to Mr. Nixon, "I'll tell him just what I'm telling you. I'll tell him that he may like the boy, but we just can't elect him."

Colder to Nixon
Gov. Knight was quoted as saying Mr. Nixon "can't win votes from the other side," that "labor will spend more money and manpower to beat him than any other candidate."

Gov. Knight, increasingly cool toward Mr. Nixon, has shown nothing but friendliness for Senator Knowland. Gov. Knight and Senator Knowland teamed in the past to fight off pro-Nixon attempts to gain State party control.

The Governor, emphatic about Senator Knowland, said: "Flatly and without equivocation, never at any time or place have I said I didn't think Senator Knowland couldn't win."

"On the contrary, Senator Knowland has a tremendous following in the State and throughout the country and is a highly respected Republican leader."

Actor Dean Martin And Wife Separate

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 14 (AP)—Dean Martin and his second wife have separated.

Mr. Martin, partner of comedian Jerry Lewis, said yesterday the couple plan immediate action toward a legal separation but no divorce is contemplated.

His wife, the former Jeanne Biegers of Miami, Fla., a one-time cover girl and Orange Bowl queen, has taken a house at Palm Springs with the couple's children, Dino, 4, and Ricci, 2.

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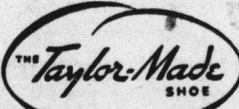
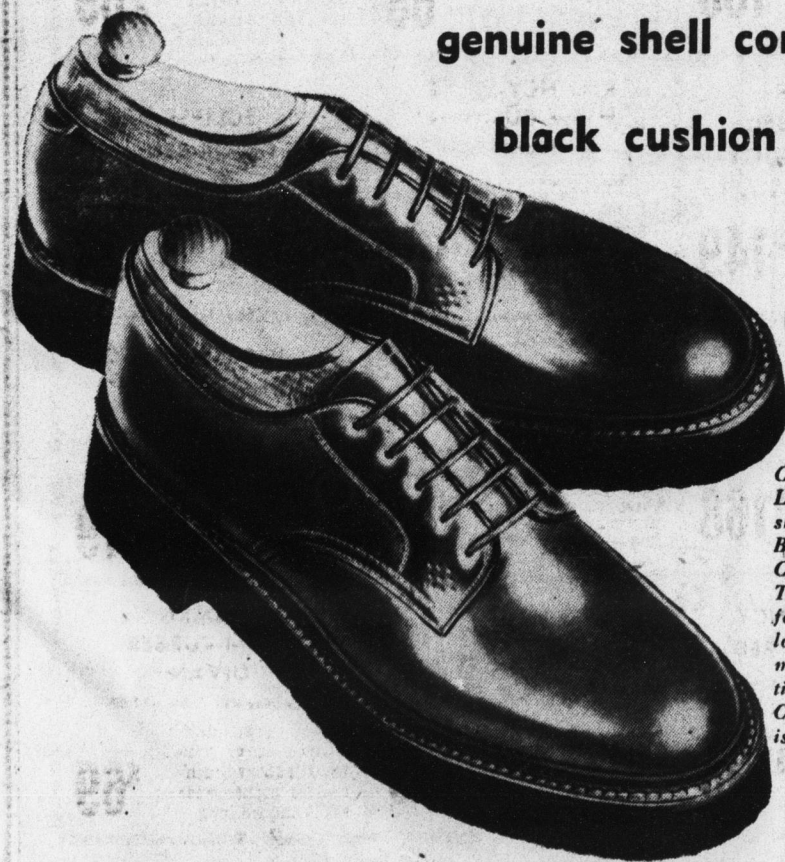
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