

CONVENTION CAPERS

Indians Whoop It Up For Chief Ave

By ED CREAIG
CHICAGO — Indian head-dresses. Funny hats. Guss you can say the Democratic national convention is really rolling now. Even before it starts.

Citizens of Chicago are hardened to the usual glance so they give a second glance to alack-eyed characters walking the streets (and the bars) wearing a headgear usually reserved for lodge inventors.

Which, in a sense, this is. If you ever doubted it, you should have been in the lobby of the Sheraton-Blackstone hotel yesterday when the Indians descended on former President Truman.

It was an odd experience. The hotel is an old-line, utterly respectable institution which grins its teeth every four years or so and admits hordes of politicians for political conventions. There is no anti-Indian policy. This is fine because of the elevator yesterday. Suddenly the elevator door opened and there were:

Three men with feathers sticking out of their hair, Red Indians, as it turned out, and they never did get to see Truman.

A soft-voiced, silvery haired man at the door of the presidential suite, old-time Truman friend Tom Evans, explained why.

"Mr. Truman is having lunch," he said. "At least, we are doing our best to get some lunch into him. All he had for breakfast was part of a couple of eggs. You know how it is—people kept interrupting him."

So the paladins from Pocatello went away and some wig-wag imitates from Tammany Hall, among other Redskin strongholds, took their place. Truman had a busy day.



Heap Big Medicine Being Conjured Up For Feathered Father. (AP)

Coy Harry Keeps Hopefuls Waiting For Endorsement

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
CHICAGO — Harry S. Truman said today he will "no more" his choice of a Democratic presidential nominee until a news conference this afternoon.

The former President, walking the usual breakfast walk, told reporters he had "made up my mind" on a choice, but then quickly added "it could be changed," and that he "might be reconvinced."

That added up to nothing but another attempt to keep politicians guessing in advance of his news conference, set for 3:30 p.m. EST.

Meanwhile, Adlai Stevenson supporters stepped up their pressure in an effort to persuade Truman to withhold an endorsement on Gov. Averell Harriman. But both Stevenson and Harriman supporters are on the prospective calling list leading up to the news conference.

The first appointment at 9 a.m. was with Gov. George Leader of Pa., and Matt McClosky, the Democratic party treasurer.

Responding to a reporter's remark that Truman's choice was limited to two men the former President said:

"You forget about Missouri's favorite son (Sen. Symington, D-Mo.). He's a good man."

Then, as though adding further to the confusion, Truman said he was "leaning" towards one man, but suggested reports attribute no significance to that remark.

Mrs. Truman and daughter Margaret were still absent when Truman returned to the Blackstone Hotel. So he had breakfast in the

hotel grill with a couple of bodyguards.

One of Stevenson's strategists, a close friend of Truman's, retold his own conviction that the former President would back Harriman unless he could be persuaded to step beyond support for the No. 1.

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Still others, including Oscar Chapman, former Truman secretary of interior, were expected to join the procession before Truman makes the major announcement of the pre-convention maneuvering.

Stevenson himself expressed belief in response to a question last night, that Truman would remain neutral. At the same time he said he thinks he can capture the nomination at next week's convention, with or without Truman's support.

So did James E. Finnegan, Stevenson's campaign manager.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and not quite so hot today, tonight and Sunday with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunder-showers.

Low this morning — 70
Low tomorrow morning — 70
High today — 95
High yesterday — 100
High tomorrow — 95
Sunrise today 5:40 a.m.; sunset today 7:16 p.m.

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Florida Businessman Buys 'A Little Bit O' Ireland'

KILLARNEY, County Kerry, Ireland — The beautiful lakes of Killarney, hailed in many a minstrel's ballad, have been sold to an American—but one who vows he has true respect for the traditions of Erin.

J. Stewart Robertson, Boca Raton, Fla., purchased the famed Irish scenic spot owned by the Kenmare family under a grant issued by Queen Elizabeth I some 400 years ago. Trustees for the late 7th earl handled the transaction.

The late earl's granddaughter, Mrs. Beatrice Grosvenor, put the lakes up for sale when she found the British wanted \$186,000 interest-free FOREMOST Milk Products your favorite store.—Adv.

GI Shot, Wife Seized

By Mystery Gunman

Platform Body Told Negroes May Defect

Strong Rights Plank Is Urged

By EDWIN B. HAKKINSON
CHICAGO — A Negro witness told Democratic platform writers today that many Northern Negro voters will leave the party this fall unless it adopts a strong civil rights plank.

John T. Blue Jr. of Washington, D. C., director of the American Council on Human Rights, said Northern Negro voters "want to stay in the Democratic party but if asked to continuously postpone what is simple justice, there will be great defections."

He was one of the first of 30 witnesses listed for the final day of public hearings before actual platform drafting gets underway.

Party leaders were trying to keep North-South differences over civil rights from boiling over in a convention floor dispute.

Former Rep. Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, a member of the drafting committee, asked Blue how two years of integration had worked out in the public schools of the nation's capital, where Negro and white pupils are about equal in numbers.

"It's been a qualified success," Blue said, adding that integration had not been completed. He said the few conflicts among pupils of different races had not stemmed from the racial differences.

FEDERAL ACTION

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., a Negro leader in the dispute over segregated public transportation in Montgomery, Ala., urged Democrats to provide "strong federal action in the area of civil rights."

The Negro minister said "elements in the South have risen up in defiance" of the Supreme Court ruling against segregation in the public schools.

"Methods of defiance range from the economic reprisals of the deep South to the tragic reign of bombings, beatings and mob rule," he said. And added:

"The state of affairs in the South has come to such a point that the only agency to which we can turn is the federal government."

King is president of the Montgomery Improvement Assn., which staged the long boycott by Negro riders against use of segregated buses.

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FATHER WITH FAITH is Timothy Baker who visits his son Timothy Baker, 8, daily at a Tampa, Fla. hospital. Doctors say the boy, who has not moved nor spoken since his heart stopped beating for five minutes during an operation nearly six years ago, will never improve. But the father is convinced through faith in God that "my son will walk out of the hospital some day." (AP Wirephoto)

Two Smithfield Youths Are Found

SMITHFIELD — Two youngsters got lost in a jungle, smoked infested woods last night, resulting in a search by about 300 persons.

But young Ed Boyette III and Donald Wallace, both about 13, found their way out of the forest safe and sound this morning.

They heard the sound of bull dozers roaring as the search party made ready to open a path through the dense undergrowth.

MANY SEARCHERS

Dep. Sheriff Woodrow Massengill said deputies, police, highway patrolmen, National Guardsmen and scores of other persons took part in the search, which began about 8:30 last night.

He said the two boys had been harrasing tobacco and took a short cut through the woods when they set out for their homes about 7 p.m.

The search continued through the night until around 3 a.m. when it was called off until daylight. Two helicopters and two bulldozers were ready to go into action when the search was resumed this morning. But the boys heard the bulldozer motors and made their way out of the woods.

COULDN'T HEAR

The boys said they "hollered and whistled until they couldn't hear," Massengill related, but the searchers couldn't hear them.

Massengill described the area as a "rough, low-ground wilderness" along Swift Creek. "It was so thick I got lost myself," he added.

Unable to find their way out, he said, the boys spent the night on a sand bar.

LAURINBURG — Authorities here today awaited an FBI report before taking further action in the knife slaying of an overseas soldier's wife.

The unidentified body of the 19-year-old blonde victim, Mrs. Ida Mae Treadaway, of East Rockingham, was recovered from Rob- ertley Lake near Rockingham Monday night. She had been missing since Friday night of last week. An autopsy showed she had been stabbed eight times.

A man and a woman are being held without charge and will bond in the Rockingham jail in connection with the case. Scotland County Sheriff Jesse Gibson said earlier he would file first-degree murder charges against Kenny Watson, 61, a Sandhills farmer, and Mrs. Bernice Quick Chandler, 38, of East Rockingham.

HAVE BEEN HELD

The couple has been held since the reporting that the victim was beaten by the strangers. The beer bottle can be lighter than the gun and it is that report that officers are awaiting.

Several bloodstained items of clothing were found in the woods where Mrs. Treadaway reportedly was beaten by the strangers. The beer bottle can be lighter than the gun and it is that report that officers are awaiting.

Conn. Police Hunt For Missing Woman

NORTH BRANFORD, Conn.—(AP)—A wounded Air Force sergeant told state police, they said today, that a stranger man invaded his home last night, shot him, and abducted his wife after announcing he was going to kill her.

A veteran state policeman, one of many searching today for the missing wife, described the case as the most fantastic in his experience.

The wounded airman is T. Sgt. Albert W. Drepperd, 26, who is studying Japanese.

British Veto Russian Plan On Suez Talks

By EDDY GILMORE
LONDON 4.—Britain today rejected Soviet suggestions that 22 more nations be brought into the Suez Canal conference and that the meeting be postponed from next Thursday to the last of the month.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the reply was being delivered in Moscow today by British Ambassador Sir William Hayter. British, French and American diplomats conferred here before the British reply was decided upon.

The Soviet Union on Thursday accepted, with a hedge of qualifications, an invitation to the 24-nation conference but proposed that Red China, other Communist states, several neutrals and all the Arab states from Morocco to Iraq be invited, that the opening date be shifted to Cairo, Moscow also declared the conference, as it is being set up, was not qualified to settle the future of Suez.

SOFT PEDALED

Meanwhile, talk of force in the Middle East was being soft pedaled in Paris and London, and diplomats of both Egypt and the Western powers worked behind the scenes to line up support for their sides.

Taking their cue from Moscow, Soviet satellites also began demanding that they be included in the London conference. The demands were voiced by Warsaw radio and by the official press of Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

Despite rejection of Moscow's suggestion, the British reply assumed that Russia will be represented at the conference. Conference officials said preparations even included the stocking of a

Police who set up road blocks and combed the woods in this area said they had found no trace of Mrs. Drepperd 12 hours after receiving her husband's report.

Soon after the night an officer said, 23 state policemen were dispatched to this area from other barracks to relieve men who had been working through the night. An officer said, "We haven't turned up a thing."

Police said Drepperd described the intruder as speaking with "a heavy Russian accent."

This was the airman's story: He and his wife had settled down to watch the Browns-All-Stars football game on TV at 9:30 p.m. when a man rang the doorbell and identified himself as a state policeman.

"LOUSY AMERICANS"

Admitted to the house, he drew toilet, berated Drepperd and his wife as "lousy Americans" and said he was not a state policeman but a Russian flyer who had been forced down.

Drepperd said the man then shot him, and he knew nothing more until he regained consciousness and saw his neighbors for help.

He said his wife was clad only in shorts, a light shirt waist and sandals.

Drepperd's home is only a short distance from the sandpit in Durham where John H. Davis Jr., 21, Durham, was shot to death in an unsolved slaying two weeks ago. He was parked in a car with his 19-year-old fiancée, Carol Brooks of Hixson, who was shot in the arm.

FBI Report Is Awaited

—What's Inside—

Tap Of Opinion Provides Answer Flow On Fluorides

KEEPING PACE with current news, The Inquiring Reporter went out and opened the tap to see if people in Charlotte agree that fluorides should be kept in the water. What the people gurgled in return is recorded on Page 7B.

PEOPLE WILL write books. They write them for many reasons, not the least of which is to be read. From fact to fantasy, A rating to raspberries, the latest of the literary finds are noted on Page 6B.

Betsy Roars Into Leeward

MIAMI, Fla. — Hurricane Betsy swept into the Leeward Islands from the open Atlantic today, with winds estimated at 130 miles an hour near her center.

The islands are the first land the two-day-old hurricane has hit. The storm was an estimated 1,400 miles southeast of Miami and some 400 miles southeast of Puerto Rico.

The San Juan Weather Bureau predicted the storm would pass 90 to 100 miles south of Ponce, Puerto Rico, about 8 a.m. Sunday.

Beer Bottle Barrage Bops Big Bad Bandit

LOS ANGELES — The beer bottle can be lighter than the gun, the woman proprietor of a liquor store has shown.

Mrs. Gladys Hayward said she routed a gunman who tied to hold up her store yesterday by bombarding him with quart bottles of beer. Although none of her B-bombs found its mark, she said, she thoroughly discouraged the bandit and he fled empty-handed.



WHILE HIS UNCLE NAPPED, 10-year-old Gary Dean Carter "borrowed" his car and took his sister Brenda June, 8, for a 50-mile-per-hour ride down one of Kansas City's main thoroughfares yesterday. Gary is shown demonstrating how he drove the car which was finally halted by a motorist who noticed its erratic course and blocked it at a traffic light. (AP Wirephoto)

Evening Prayer

Eternal Father, Thou hast showered on us the blessings of life. Help us today and every day to express our gratitude by using the gifts which Thou hast given us. Open our eyes to the possibilities which this God-given power and enable us to make fullest use of our talents. In the name of Jesus Christ, Thy greatest gift to men. Amen.