

New York comes out for -- Harriman. (Today, the Democratic organization in the Empire State, announced that it is backing Averell Harriman for the Democratic nomination.) ~~(They claim that this is no favorite son proposition, just putting up a tentative candidate as a sort of stop gap. Not at all -- the New York Democrats insisting that the Harriman boom will be pressed on a national basis; -- and an all-out attempt to nominate the former Ambassador to Moscow who has been a close diplomatic advisor to two Presidents, Roosevelt and Truman.)~~

(The overture to this latest ^{act of} ~~account in~~ the political drama was played last night in New York City -- a testimonial dinner at one hundred dollars a plate, honoring Averell Harriman. Attended by top Democratic leaders from all over the country -- and the ^{praise} ~~praise~~ heaped on Harriman included a message from President Truman, who gave his blessing, although he said nothing about -- Harriman for President.)

That came out into the open today, the boom being launched officially at a meeting of county chairmen of the Democratic party -- forty-five of them. The proceedings began with State Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick presenting Senator Lehman to the gathering as the New York "favorite son". Which, in a gentle way, intimated -- Lehman for President. A sort of courtesy gesture, apparently, because the Senator then addressed the county chairman, disclaiming any presidential ambition, saying all he wanted was to serve out his term as Senator. Whereupon Lehman presented the name of Harriman, proposing the diplomat as New York's own selection, the Empire State to press for his nomination in Chicago. The County Chairmen^e agreed, their decision being called -- unanimous.

(A news conference was then ^{held} ~~called~~, and the announcement was made jointly by Chairman Fitzpatrick and Senator Lehman.)

~~All of which would seem to mean that~~ ^{So} Averell
Harriman will go to the Chicago convention backed,
~~at least,~~ by the New York delegation, the largest
of all. New York primary elections will be held
next week -- and the delegation selected will not be
pledged in favor of any one candidate. However, the
support of the State organization would seem to make
it certain that most of the delegates picked will
support Harriman, ^{-- far} the organization ^{is} in control.

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~~All of which is plenty of interesting~~
~~background.~~ Averell Harriman is the son of the
railroad builder, one of the dominant industrialists
in the early part of this century. The other evening,
I noted what I was told here in Salt Lake City --
that the name of Harriman might count for a lot here
in the West, where the elder Harriman performed
his exploits of railroad building. The son has kept
the family name in the news -- through headline
^{as head of the Union Pacific, and especially}
services ⁱⁿ foreign affairs, under Presidents
Roosevelt and Truman. ^{PP} The Truman retirement left

the race for the Democratic nomination wide open. Stevenson of Illinois withdrew, and Kefauver seemed to be running away with it. But now the powerful state of New York steps in - with Harriman, a legendary name.

FOLLOW POLITICS-HARRIMAN

A late dispatch from Washington says the pattern set by the New York Democrats will be followed in other states - which will name favorite son candidates. Colorado may offer Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chap. Connecticut - Senator Bryan McMahon; Massachusetts - Governor Paul Dever. Michigan - Governor Mennen Williams. As a general rule you've got to have somebody - and except for Kefauver, about the only thing the Democrats have is the favorite son, in one state or another.

TRUMAN

President Truman threatens a special session of Congress, if the legislators insist on cuts in money for ~~the~~ national defense. The House of Representatives slashed the funds for armament by six billion ~~more~~ dollars -- and the White House wants the Senate to restore that sum. If not, Congress will be called back after a summer vacation and kept in session until January first, when Harry Truman's term ~~as~~ President will end. Such is the threat made by the White House today.

STEEL

The government will give the steel workers a raise ~~xx~~ in pay next week -- unless the company and the union settle the dispute by that time.

So stated this afternoon by Secretary of Commerce Sawyer, who is in charge of the steel mills, under government control. He says the wage hike will be granted next Monday or Tuesday -- unless an agreement is reached.

He suggested an eleventh ~~xx~~ hour meeting, and the companies and unions have agreed. They'll go into session tomorrow, seeking a settlement -- which would end government control ^{(altogether.} ~~altogether.~~

ATOMIC

A dispatch from Las Vegas pictures that Nevada City as a ~~sort of~~ caravansarai for swarms of officials, ^{also press,} ~~news reporters,~~ radio and television men. All -- in preparation for the ^{next} ~~first~~ ~~public~~ atomic explosion. Of course the "public" will not be let in -- but the ~~an~~ Atomic Energy Commission is making every effort to ~~gig~~ give the atomic test the widest possible circulation through all the channels of news.

The big problem is -- TV. ^{CBS is} ~~They are~~ setting up to televise -- via Los Angeles. Which is one hundred and forty miles away -- a long distance for relaying a telecast. If it ~~all~~ works out, the atomic television show would be sent out from Los Angeles over all the TV networks. ^{of course} The whole thing will be easier for radio broadcasting -- full facilities for ^{radio} ~~news~~ ~~programs~~ having been set up at Las Vegas, ~~which right~~ ~~now, is the mecca for the cohorts of news.~~

^{AP} I, myself, am in Salt Lake City tonight ~~and~~ ~~will be taking~~ ~~and~~ the weekend trail with ^{for} ~~route~~ Las Vegas, ^{and then,} ~~for the~~

I hope, on to Frenchman's Flat. My son, Lowell, Jr., went to Bikini and reported for us on that one. Now it may be my turn. At any rate our next news round-up will be from the atomic scene.

The Atomic Energy Commission announces that this one is scheduled for Tuesday, between nine and ten A.M. , Pacific Coast Time, between twelve and one noon, in the East.

SUB LEAD FLOODS

(At Omaha the crest of the flood began to recede late today.) The level of the water, about thirty and a half feet, above the flood stage, stopped rising. Then, after remaining stationary for hours, started slipping down. Which means the end of the great Missouri flood -- so far as Omaha and Council Bluffs are concerned.

Further downstream, the crest, as it moves on, is bringing the deluge. But these are sections which have been evacuated -- low lying lands sure to be flooded. They are taking the brunt of the deluge tonight -- no large city imperiled. It remains to be seen what will happen further down the river, especially where the Missouri joins the Mississippi at Kansas City -- the ~~Mississippi~~ Mississippi having also, a record breaking flood. That will be news for next week.

At the Omaha, Council Bluffs bottleneck, the saving of the situation is to be credited to a legion of workers -- thousands ~~telling etc.~~ →

toiling night and day to strengthen the walls. At the University of Nebraska nearly all classes were suspended -- and male students tramped to the levees ~~at~~ Omaha and Council Bluffs as reinforcements.

Also -- a contingent from Boys Town, the famous community for homeless youth founded by the late Father Flanigan. Ninety teen-agers from Boys Town joined the army fighting the flood.

The battle is not yet over, [^]engineers warning that as long as the crest goes on pouring through the bottleneck, the stupendous pressure against the dykes will continue, ~~With~~ -- danger of a breakthrough. But, as of tonight, optimism runs high, and the latest word is that the flood level is dropping at Omaha.

KOREA-AIR

In the Korea^Nsky, Colonel Harrison Thyng of Barnstead, New Hampshire, had a close call, not from enemy gunnery but from the result of his own shooting. In a battle between jet planes today, the F-86 pilot from New Hampshire shot down one Mig and damaged another. But he nearly shot himself down -- in a way. Colonel Thyng was flying near the Yalu River when he spotted a couple of Mig's trying to sneak down out of their Manchurian sanctuary. He started after them, and things sure happened.

"I was going at terrific speed," the Colonel relates, "when I reached them and started firing about eight hundred feet away. My bullets were splashing all over one of them, as I continued closing. At about fifty feet," the Colonel goes on, "I broke off to avoid a collision and as I pulled over, his canopy came off and hit my wing."

Could be sure death, getting hit by a flying chunk of an enemy jet -- shooting along like a ponderous missile. But the Colonel's Saber jet kept going on.

"I levelled off" says he, "and there was the other Mig, right in front of me. I gave ~~him~~ him a burst that wrecked his fuselage, ^{— and then I} ~~and~~ headed for home."

The first Mig - shot down. The second one -- damaged. ~~Shot down, too, in all probability.~~
~~but they don't count them destroyed unless it is~~
~~definitely certain.~~

PLANE

There is bitter tragic irony in the plane crash near Los Angeles today -- twenty-eight lives lost. An unscheduled airliner flew from New York to the coast, and was within brief minutes of its destination, when it crashed in the hills that ring Los Angeles.

shooting, reaching up the plane, and setting off several fires. Prison authorities say the prisoners will be held out, until they get tired and they will surrender. This outbreak at Newby was, apparently, in connection with a revolt at the state prison in Irwin where -- sixty-eight convicts have been held out for 10 or 12 days. They seized four prison employees as hostages and of whom they released last night, unharmed. Their food supply is believed to be exhausted and they will have to surrender -- after a struggle against the dismissal of the prison warden.

The latest -- the revolt at Irwin is over.

The convicts surrendered.

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey has another convict revolt -- at a second prison farm. Near the town of Rahway, more than two hundred inmates grabbed nine guards, holding them as hostages^{s,} and today^{they} were barricaded in a two story dormitory building. The hostages were unharmed at last reports -- the convicts yelling and shouting, smashing up the place, and setting nuisance ~~fires~~ fires. Prison authorities say the ~~policy~~ ^{policy} will be--to wait them out, until they get tired and hungry. This outbreak at Rahway was, apparently, in sympathy with a revolt at the state prison in Trenton where -- sixty-eight convicts have been holding out for four days. They^{let} seized four prison employees as hostages one of whom they ~~released~~ released last night, unharmed. Their^{'s} food supply is believed to be exhausted, and they'll have to surrender -- after a stubborn demand for the dismissal of the prison warden.

The latest -- the revolt at Trenton is over, the convicts surrendering.

MIAMI

Miami gives us a strange story of what went wrong with a police trap -- an ambush to make arrests in a crime case that rates as one of the oddest.

Clever crooks faked a kidnapping. They put up a job which made it appear - they had abducted the six year old son of a Miami jeweler. What they did was to send a fake message to a school the boy attended - calling him to his mother at a hospital twenty miles away. The lad was gone long enough for the blackmailers to pretend it was a kidnap -- and demand a ransom from the father. Who, in a panic, agreed to hand over more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars in jewels and cash -- right away. But he also notified the police, and a trap was set.

The ransom was to be deposited in a locker at a bus station -- the key to the locker to be hidden in a telephone booth -- where the phoney kidnapers would pick it up. A detective was then stationed to watch the telephone booth -- which he did vigilently.

But by a twist of chance, that booth was out of commission -- because of the work of painters. So the jeweler, going to place the key, couldn't get in. He was baffled, and placed the key in an adjoining booth, which -- was out of the line of vision of the detective on guard.

When the crooks arrived, they were smart enough to make the right guess. Unable to get into the appointed booth they tried to next one, and found the key - while the detective watched the wrong booth.

OKLAHOMA

A sort of Civil War is on at Oklahoma City -- police arresting police.

It's all a bit confusing, because of the peculiar political geography of Oklahoma City. Inside that southwestern metropolis there are two other municipalities, ~~we~~ each with a mayor and a town government of its own. Nobody can tell where one begins and the other leaves off. One of these towns-within-a-town, is called -- The Village. Which now has declared war. It seems that the police of another section invaded The Village, ^{and} seized a local citizen who was watering his lawn. Dragged him to an Oklahoma City police court, and compelled him to pay up on three parking tickets.

This was the latest of a series of invasions, ~~the~~ and Mayor Chaif of The Village ordered his police force - to arrest any cop from the outside.

The police of Oklahoma City are growling threats of retaliation - in this affair of - cop lock up cop. *now from Utah, back to N.Y. - to Nelson.*