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Weather

Partly cloudy, less humid tonight and Saturday.

Today's Chuckle

Sign on a reducing parlor. "Come on in. What have you got to lose?"

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Water Supply Adequate For 'Judicious' Use

Care for a sensible sprinkle of your lawn? A judicious bath? A moderate glass or two of water? Well, John F. Kingsley, Newburgh water superintendent, says residents can go right ahead, for the water supply this year is good and should remain so unless consumers become non-sensible, non-judicious and non-moderate in their water habits.

Suez Parley To Go On Minus Egypt

LONDON (UP)—The West will go ahead with next week's conference on internationalizing the Suez Canal despite Soviet objections and an apparent Egyptian boycott, official British sources said today.

Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd conferred today on the Soviet "acceptance" which some British sources said was an effort to turn the 24-nation conference into a "three ring international circus."

Eden was in constant contact with Washington and Paris on the Kremlin's reply to the Western invitation and the Soviet suggestion for postponing the conference, moving it to Cairo and enlarging it to include Communist countries and the Arab world.

Although Egypt has not replied to the Western invitation, there was little doubt Egyptian "resident Gamal Abdel Nasser would boycott the session and let the Soviet and Indian representatives in London state his case.

Informed sources in Cairo said he was postponing a trip to Moscow to remain in Egypt during the conference "in order to be in complete control of any developments." Egyptian diplomatic sources in Moscow said earlier he would be visiting the Kremlin next week.

No official British reply to Russia was expected until Eden consults his allies. But unofficial sources said Britain was firmly determined to go ahead with the original conference on the specific issue of placing the Suez under international control.

The official sources stressed that British and French military precautions were continuing. They said the halting of a big airlift of troops to the Mediterranean was postponed for 24 hours but not cancelled. The airlift was to have begun today.

Australian Premier Robert Menzies was flying in from New York to meet with Eden later today. He will represent his country at next Thursday's conference. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will leave Washington for London on Tuesday.

Foreign Office experts worked through the night studying Moscow's note on the conference. They said it was one of the most "trickily worded" communications received from Moscow in recent years.

The long-awaited Russian declaration on the Suez dispute left the highest British officials uncertain whether Moscow actually intends to take part in the London conference or is talking about an entirely different conference at a later date.

Note Causes Confusion The West was thrown into confusion by Moscow's assertion it will delegate its representative to this conference and Moscow's failure to say whether attendance depended on acceptance of its proposals.

They said any move to turn the 24-nation conference into a 46-nation meeting would automatically turn the conference into a three-ring circus. They said such an unwieldy meeting might drag on for months while Egypt consolidated its hold on the Suez Canal.

In Washington American officials were heartened today by the Russian decision to attend the London conference on the Suez Canal crisis.

Series of Complaints They dismissed as primarily propaganda a series of qualifications and complaints about the conference attached to the Russian acceptance. The United States had expected as much from the Soviets.

Authorities predicted the London meeting—to which 24 nations have been invited—will take place next Thursday as scheduled, even though the Russians suggested postponing it until the end of the month.

They also predicted rejection of Russia's proposal that the conference be enlarged to include Red satellites, Arab nations and Red China.

French Against Delay French spokesmen in Paris said Russia's bid to invite 22 more nations to the conference would get short shrift. They said they would refuse to delay the conference.

French commentators appeared unhappy but not surprised at the long Russian note but said "the Russians answer gives some idea of the position the Russians will take at the conference."

Spain officially accepted an invitation to the Thursday conference. That left only Egypt and Greece as nations which have not replied to the invitation. Greece earlier this week suggested the conference be enlarged and postponed but did not give a yes or no answer.

judicious and non-moderate in their water habits. And the adjectives are all his. In a report given to The News today, Mr. Kingsley said the level of city's two reservoirs was substantially above the level of the same time last year. In addition, probably because of the cooler weather which was experienced up until the last day or two, the consumption of water was reduced by an average of 250,000 gallons per day.

The superintendent said the present level of Washington Lake, 27 1/2 feet above the bottom of the intake, was a foot and a half over the level on the same day in 1955. Brown's Pond on Mt. Airy Rd. showed a 1956 reading of 15 1/2 feet as against 13 feet a year ago.

However, while the reservoir levels were healthier than 1955, Mr. Kingsley cautioned, it was still requested that residents make use of water in a sensible, judicious and moderate way. Such use, he said, would keep the water levels up to a safe reading.

Wara of Abuses As for sprinkling of lawns, curtailed last year by a reduction in the city's supply of water, Mr. Kingsley said he saw no present need for any restriction. He indicated that leaving sprinklers and hoses on overnight would be considered an abuse and might, before long, make it necessary to impose a curtailment.

Another aspect of the water problem the superintendent explained, was the problem of keeping daily consumption within range of the ability of the filter plant to treat the water. Even though the reservoirs might contain an abundance of water, it is possible that a serious drought or hot spell might produce a demand on the system so sudden the filtration rate would not meet it.

This problem, like the problem of quantity, has not been experienced this year.

Another reason for a good water supply in Summer, 1956, Mr. Kingsley said, was that rainfall thus far in 1956 was running considerably more than in 1955.

Readings to date have given a total rainfall of 21.8 inches. This compares with 20.2 at the same time last year and 22.12 on the average for the period since 1951.

Using the measurement of current year against five-year average, Mr. Kingsley found that 1956 had a deficiency of only three-tenths of an inch while dry 1955 had a deficiency of two full inches.

In summarizing the situation, Mr. Kingsley said the city was "in very good shape for ordinary, normal use."

Parking Lot Demolition Bids Asked

Bids for demolition of seven buildings to make room for an additional 130 cars in the Washington St. Parking Lot were requested today by City Manager William H. Kennedy.

Quotations for the project, leading to a doubling of the present lot capacity, will be received at 10 a.m. Aug. 17.

The buildings, four of them brick and four of frame construction, are all on Ann St. to the west of the existing lot. Demolition of the former Atlas Roofing Co. building on Washington St., also to the west of the present lot, has already been started.

Included in the bid request today was 32 Lander St., a property owned by the city from the Broadway Business Assn. for the purpose of making an entrance to the new Johnston St. Lot. A building on the property will be removed as part of the contract for the other seven structures.

Ann St. properties listed in the notice from the city manager were Nos. 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137 and 137A. Two additional Ann St. properties will ultimately be torn down, but as of the moment the city has not obtained title to them.

Specifications for the project are filed with the city engineer in City Hall and may be viewed there by prospective bidders. Cash or certified check in the amount of \$500 must accompany any quotation.

At the Conventions Pictures Galore

The News will have an almost unlimited source of pictures on which to draw for its coverage of the Republican and Democratic National Conventions this month through its United Press Facsimile wire service.

United Press Newspictures expects to shoot 20,000 negatives during both meetings—the Democrats at Chicago, starting Aug. 13, and the Republicans at San Francisco, Aug. 20.



AMBULANCE WRECK — The force of collision between a Horton Memorial Hospital ambulance from Middletown and a truck pushed in the front end of the ambulance. One intern in the ambulance was killed and three persons seriously injured at the Route 17 crash north of Middletown last night. (Photo by Carmody)

A Waiting Game Even Truman Won't Stop Stevenson, Backers Claim

By THOMAS P. NELSON United Press Staff Correspondent CHICAGO (UP)—Adlai E. Stevenson's camp contended today that even an endorsement from Gov. Averell Harriman by former President Truman wouldn't necessarily hurt their convention favorite's chances.

The Stevenson aides argue that the Southern delegates, who are cold to Harriman's civil rights views, would join the Stevenson bandwagon if Mr. Truman gave Harriman his political blessing. Stevenson and his strategists played a waiting game today un-

til Mr. Truman announces whom he favors for the Democratic presidential nomination. Truman's Support Unkown They admitted they don't know which way Mr. Truman will throw his support.

Mr. Truman's decision could be crucial. He indicated he will break his silence and neutrality this week end. An endorsement of Stevenson virtually gives him the nomination, according to most strategists. Stevenson claims 530 convention votes of the 686 he needed for nomination. The Stevenson sources said the

delegates who might be influenced toward Harriman by a declaration from Mr. Truman already have come out for Harriman, on the basis of rumors that Mr. Truman has been near his corner. Another guess heard often from Stevenson backers was that Mr. Truman might find a loophole and not endorse anyone before the convention. His continued neutral position would satisfy Stevenson supporters.

Stevenson Moves Today Stevenson was expected to move today from his farm home near suburban Libertyville, Ill., to the convention headquarters hotel in Chicago. His campaign manager, James A. Finegan, already was installed in the \$180 a day suite on the 23rd floor of the hotel.

All week, Stevenson has kept himself out of the limelight, with some exceptions. Monday night he was coaxed into a television interview in which he expressed a stronger view on civil rights than he had before—an interview and a statement which they did not consider.

He emerged from his shell again Thursday to welcome Mr. Truman from Kansas City and confer briefly with him. Then he vanished from public view again, to work in private.

Truman Under Pressure On Convention Choice

CHICAGO (UP)—Former President Truman was under heavy pressure from old associates today to support Gov. Averell Harriman for the Democratic presidential nomination, but early arriving delegates saw him giving the nod to Adlai E. Stevenson.

Whichever way he goes, Mr. Truman injected an element of suspense into plans for next week's Democratic national convention by promising an endorsement by the end of a week.

The weight of opinion among delegates already here had it that Mr. Truman would endorse Stevenson, but many had a pro-Stevenson bias.

Hoops Harriman Agents In the face of this opinion, a stream of Harriman agents moved in and out of the Truman suite in the Sheraton-Blackstone hotel. Harriman was due in Chicago today and was expected to pay his respects soon afterward to the man he served in a number of jobs.

Carmine Desapio, Tammany chief and quarterback of the Harriman campaign, also was expected to see Mr. Truman today. Mr. Truman arrived here Thursday and was welcomed by Stevenson at the railroad station. But almost every place he turned later in the day, there was a Harriman supporter in view. Samuel I. Rosenman, former counsel to Mr. Truman and a Harriman worker, was staying a few doors from the ex-President and moved freely in and out of the Truman suite.

Harriman Backers Encouraged Supporters of Harriman, the underdog contender, heard with glee that Mr. Truman told a news conference Thursday he was "not a bandwagon fellow." The Stevenson bandwagon has been picking up a lot of passengers in the past two months.

There was no hint that Mr. Truman had given either the Stevenson or Harriman a camps any word of his intentions.

But the mere fact that he had promised an endorsement caused nervousness among Stevenson supporters and buoyed the hopes of the Harriman organization.

Long regarded as privately pro-Harriman, it was reported before Mr. Truman's arrival that he had decided not to back the Steven-

son stand. But no announcement was expected on the eve of the convention.

Split Still Possible Stevenson backers reasoned that Mr. Truman would risk defeat and a deep split in the party if he endorsed Harriman. They also felt that his appearance before the platform committee Thursday showed him in a mood for moderation, which is the tone of the Stevenson campaign, not Harriman's.

The ex-President went before the committee to urge a strong civil rights plank, slam the Eisenhower administration and give party spirits a lift by assuring the Democrats they can win next November.

"I don't think the present administration knows anything about what they are doing on anything," he said.

Although he made clear that he favored a strong civil rights plank, he refrained from any specific recommendation. He spoke with favor of the Supreme Court decisions against segregated schools but did not urge an explicit endorsement of the plan.

Slays Wife, Then Himself

SPENCER (UP)—State police said Albert Lauta, 50, shot and killed his wife, Laura, and then fatally wounded himself at her parents' home here Thursday night.

Troopers were unable to establish a motive for the action. They said it appeared the couple had been on amicable terms up to the shooting.

According to an account pieced together from Mrs. Cynthia Collins, 80, who became almost incoherent after witnessing the shooting, Lauta arrived at the Collins home in this Tioga County village to visit his wife who had been taking care of her elderly parents.

Troopers said he asked to see his wife, took her on the front porch, pushed her to the floor and shot her in the back with a .38 caliber automatic. He then walked a few feet into the front yard and turned the weapon on himself.

To Weigh Use Of Camp Drum

CAMP DRUM (UP)—Secretary of the Army Wilber Brucker says his observations during a tour of this military post will be weighed in considering permanent status for the installation.

North county legislators have long been trying to interest the Army in making the post a permanent base. It is now used only as a summer training camp for National Guard and Army Reserve units.

Brucker, after a brief inspection Thursday, termed the camp "a \$100 million investment" that would require a complete review and study by appropriate agencies, including the Army Chief of Staff.

Harriman Arrives in Chicago

By KIRTLAND I. KING United Press Staff Correspondent CHICAGO (UP)—Gov. Averell Harriman of New York arrived today to take personal charge of his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. He said he was confident he would be successful.

Harriman parried questions of reporters about any expression of support from former President Harry Truman. "You'll have to ask Mr. Truman," he said.

But he added "any time my name is associated with President Truman, I am very proud."

Harriman declined to say anything about the civil rights stand taken by Adlai Stevenson, his chief rival for the nomination, saying he had made it a "ground rule many years ago not to attack any Democratic candidate."

"I am standing on the principles I believe in and the principles that brought victory to the party in the past, and that is why I am confident I will be nominated," he said.

Among the followers who greeted him was a group of Illinois delegates to the Democratic national convention.

One of them was Paul Powell, former speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, who predicted that Harriman would get from 10 to 14 votes from Illinois on the first ballot.

Powell said they were supporting Harriman because they were "Roosevelt - Truman Democrats" and he thought that Harriman best represented their political philosophy. Conrad Wirth of Joliet, Ill., said he was for Harriman because "the people don't want Stevenson."

Harriman said he was picking up delegates formerly pledged to Sen. Estes Kefauver "right and left" and had felt "right along" that he would be the candidate. His backers also attribute an increase in Harriman strength to Mr. Truman's remark that he "is not a bandwagon fellow."

PROCLAMATION BRINGS RAIN STAMFORD, Tex. (UP)—Mayor W. B. Robinson said today towns and cities dried up by the great Southwest drought might do what Stamford did if they really want rain. The City Council met last Friday and proclaimed Thursday a "rainy day." Sure enough, it rained some .02 of an inch.

Ambulance Crash Kills Physician

MIDDLETOWN—A doctor was killed and four persons were injured, when Horton Memorial Hospital's new \$10,000 Cadillac ambulance crashed into a truck on Rt. 17 near Fair Oaks last night.

Dr. Antonio Verrachio, 32, resident intern at Horton since July 1 of this year, became Orange County's 30th accident fatality in 1956. Dr. Verrachio was riding in the ambulance with Joseph Cole, 25, of 85 Menagen Ave., and Rudolph W. Bee, 31, of 16 Linden Ave., both Middletown.

Cole, the driver, suffered multiple lacerations, possible concussion and a kidney injury. Bee, the attendant, received arm and stomach injuries. He is a pre-medical student at the University of Pennsylvania.

The truck driver, James Pont, 34, of Haddonfield, N.J., was hospitalized for a shoulder injury and burns, while his assistant, James Bull, 33, of Camden, N.J., was treated for contusions and abrasions, and released.

Road Blocked The crash occurred at 7:30 last night as the Horton ambulance sped towards Wurtsboro where a man had suffered a heart attack in the bus station there. Headed north on Rt. 17, the ambulance came over the brow of a hill to find its path blocked by the truck. It also passed north but making a left turn to cross the mall to a service station on the opposite side of the divided highway.

The ambulance struck the truck just to the rear of the driver's cab, the impact spinning the heavy truck around and flipping it over on its back, heading in the opposite direction.

The truck was owned by the Super Tire Engineering Co. of Camden, N.J., and had been headed for Gilgen's Garage when the crash occurred.

Ambulance from Middletown Sanitarium and Goshen Hospital took the injured from the scene, and the heart attack victim, whose name was not learned, was rushed to Horton Hospital in another ambulance from the Sanitarium.

Flashed on the scene by the ambulance was Dr. Solomon Katz of Middletown, a passerby.

The accident is being investigated by District Attorney Abraham S. Isaacs, Sgt. Ernest Goodspeed, Trooper Albert Piccinini and Sgt. Clarence Sullivan, of the State Police. Coroner Kenneth March has withheld a verdict pending the outcome of the investigation.

Second in Area Dr. Verrachio was a native of Aubervilliers, France, receiving his Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Rome in 1952. He is survived by his father, Benjamin Verrachio, of Campobasso, Italy.

On Friday, July 13, the ambulance of Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie was involved in a crash which took the life of Mrs. Josephine Puccio, 58, of Highland. She was being taken to Vassar from the scene of a 9W crash when the ambulance collided head-on with another car near the approach to the Mid-Hudson Bridge. Mrs. Puccio died of injuries suffered in the second crash. State Police said.

Hodge May Ask For Sentence

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (UP)—Deputy State Auditor Orville Hodge may plead guilty today and ask for an immediate jail sentence.

But state's attorney George Coutrakon said he would oppose any such move.

Coutrakon said he wants a "stiff sentence" for Hodge, accused of conducting a million-dollar raid on the state treasury.

In Chicago Thursday, Hodge, his wife and his son pledged to turn over \$520,000 worth of assets in partial restitution for his fraud.

Illinois Attorney General Lathrop Castle disclosed the offer of payment and commented that it would "pretty well clean Hodge out."

Coutrakon said Hodge's lawyer, Arthur M. Fitzgerald, came to him late Thursday and asked about the minimum sentence the disgraced politician might get.

Fitzgerald then told Coutrakon that Hodge might go before Circuit Judge L. F. Willhite today and change his plea to guilty.

He already has pleaded innocent to 46 indictments charging forgery, confidence game and embezzlement through phony checks issued by his office during his 3 1/2 years as state auditor.

If convicted on all 46, he could be sentenced to a maximum of 690 years. Hodge also faces similar federal indictments to which he has pleaded innocent.

Today's News Civic Spirit Lacking?

A newcomer has written a controversial piece on Newburgh's community attitude. He says civic spirit is lacking. (Story on Page 5)

Gasoline is cheaper in the Middle Hope area. (Story on Page 5)

Democrats are scheduled to start balloting next Thursday on their choice for the presidential nomination. (Story on Page 8)

Doulin Hits Stassen Opposition to Nixon

With a stiff condemnation of the Nixon nomination would come on the first ballot.

"Nixon, like many other good Republicans who have dared oppose the Communist Party, has drawn the fire of left-wingers." As the platform, Mr. Doulin said he was content to let the steering committee in San Francisco fashion a Republican program. He expressed certainty that a satisfactory program would be written.

Mr. Doulin was vehement in his castigation of Stassen.

"He should be asked to resign" the chairman said. "He is trying to disrupt the party and has given aid and comfort to the communists."

Nixon, he added, had been the "most active vice-president" we ever had. He felt the Californian had earned the right to another term as second in command of the administration.

Hills Dewey, too Mr. Doulin also cast a barb at former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. It was his hope, he said, that Dewey's name would not be put forth as a possible candidate for U.S. Senator to Sen. Herbert H. Lehman. A Dewey candidacy, the chairman felt, would only "open old wounds in the party."

Rather, it was indicated, Mr. Doulin would favor either Attorney General Jacob J. A. S. Raymond or Raymond McGovern, former state comptroller, both of whom have been mentioned prominently as opponents for Sen. Lehman.

On the Stassen situation, the Newburgh leader predicted that he "and a small group of plinks" would not get very far and that

Offers Advice: Keep Busy SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Former President Herbert Hoover turned 82 today with a word of advice for fellow oldsters: Keep busy.

"Otherwise you will degenerate into talking to everybody about your pains and pills and income tax," he said.

The white-haired, rosy-skinned elder statesman who practiced what he preached had a hard day in his busy workday to attend to a dinner in his honor given by a small group of old friends.

"I expect there'll be a cake," he said. "I said I'd come if I didn't have to make a speech."

Nixon, Dewey Huddle In Washington Hotel

WASHINGTON (UP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon and former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York held a behind-the-scenes conference Thursday night in a hotel room three blocks from the White House.

Dewey said he and the vice president and "others" present "talked about a lot of things" including politics. But he declined to say whether they discussed Harold E. Stassen's "dump Nixon" campaign.

Dewey was one of the first major GOP leaders to proclaim continued backing for Nixon after Stassen announced his drive to replace him on the GOP ticket with Gov. Christian A. Berter of Massachusetts. Stassen scheduled a news conference today—his second in two days—to discuss his drive's progress.

The former New York governor—a leading GOP strategist and twice the GOP's unsuccessful presidential candidate—said he had dinner in his room at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel with Nixon and a "very small group of friends." Mr. Stassen said he did not believe anyone from the White House staff was present. He declined further comment. "We had a very pleasant discussion," Dewey said. (Picture on Page 8)