

Stassen Firm In Move to Dump Nixon

Urges Open Minds; Herter Accepts Bid To Nominate Nixon

Washington — (INS) — Harold E. Stassen refused today to back down from his "dump Nixon" position and urged fellow Republicans to keep their minds open until President Eisenhower speaks out for himself on the issue.

The White House official said he believes Mr. Eisenhower "would be pleased" to have Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts as his 1956 running mate instead of Vicepresident Richard M. Nixon.

Stassen asserted, on the NBC-TV program "Today," that he did not feel Herter's agreement to place Nixon's name in nomination at the GOP convention had left him "holding the bag." He said he hoped Nixon would nominate Herter if party feeling showed that to be a wise move.

The President's disarmament aide, reiterating that he did not expect to be fired because of his anti-Nixon action, intimated that Mr. Eisenhower had raised no objection when he informed the President last Friday of the course he intended to pursue in urging that Nixon step aside in Herter's favor.

STASSEN SAID: "In four years, I never knowingly did a thing the President didn't want me to do." But he said this did not mean that the President "acquiesced" in the action.

Despite the contention of Senate Republicans that Nixon's renomination has been nailed down by Stassen's coldly-received attempt to dislodge him, the ex-Minnesota governor declared:

"It is not too late to correct an avoidable handicap in presenting President Eisenhower's leadership to the country."

Stassen insisted that in urging Nixon to step aside he did not act as a "lone wolf." He said he expected those who share his convictions to speak out at times of their own choosing.

He emphasized that if Mr. Eisenhower makes it clear that he wants Nixon as his running mate, "the whole party will go along, so will I."

MEANWHILE, Herter officially buried Stassen's "Herter-for-Vice-President" boom.

The Massachusetts chief executive definitely eliminated himself as a vice presidential candidate, as proposed by President Eisenhower's "peace Secretary," by issuing a statement that he will nominate Vice President Richard M. Nixon at the Republican National Convention in San Francisco in August.

In the statement, Herter lauded Nixon, calling him "My friend Dick."

Man Killed, 4 Injured in Tow Plunge

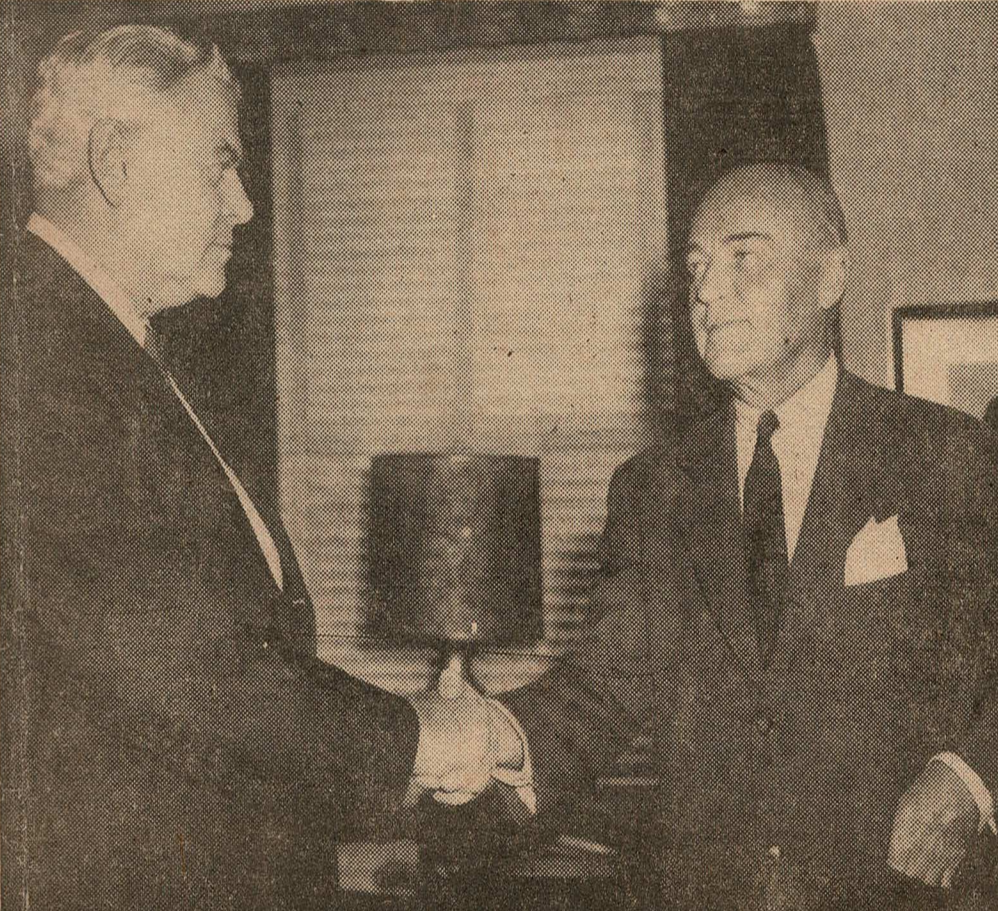
Gilford, N. H. — (AP) — A sightseer plunged to death today and seven persons were injured when a cable snapped as it carried tourists up Rowe Mountain.

Dead was William Kirby, about 35, of 70 Lawrence St., Salem, Mass.

Travelers Awarded Channel 3 by FCC

Settlement Seen Near In 25-Day Steel Strike

Future Rests In Decision On VHF Bid



CHIEF NEGOTIATORS in steel strike, David McDonald (left), president of the United Steel Workers of America, and John A. Stevens of U. S. Steel exchange greetings as they meet in New York to discuss new contract terms — [AP Photo.]

New York — (AP) — Settlement of the 25-day-old steel strike appeared imminent today.

Industry leaders reportedly came up with a new contract offer in talks with heads of the USA (United Steelworkers of America) yesterday.

Both sides in a joint statement said they were "making progress."

After a two-hour session today, the steel industry's chief negotiator, John A. Stephens, vicepresident of the U. S. Steel, said:

"We have not yet reached an agreement. We are continuing to make progress."

David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers of America, standing beside Stephens, nodded his head.

The union has summoned its 170-member Wage Policy Committee to a meeting tomorrow. This committee has the power

to approve a new agreement for the union's 650,000 striking members.

Also there were reports that some steel companies have made preliminary plans to start resuming operations Friday.

Union chiefs and negotiators for the "Big Three" steel companies — U. S. Steel, Republic and Bethlehem — started new talks yesterday after earlier discussions collapsed here and in Pittsburgh.

THE UNION struck mills across the nation on July 1, halting nearly 90 per cent of the country's steel production. More than 100,000 workers in industries dependent on steel have been laid off.

Negotiators declined to spell out the details of yesterday's talks. But it was believed industry presented an offer sharply revised from previous proposals.

The industry reportedly offered to settle for a three-year

contract providing for a 20-cent-an-hour package increase for the first year. The earlier industry proposal called for a four-year, four-month contract with a 17 1/2-cent-an-hour package boost in the first year.

The union objected to the length of the proposed contract and placed the value of the increase at 14 cents.

Of this 17 1/2 cents an hour offer, 7.3 cents represents a wage hike.

The steelworkers' prestrike wages averaged \$2.46 an hour.

THE UNION never has made its wage demands public. Its past contracts usually have been for two years with a wage reopener after one year.

Even if the strike ends this week, it will take a week or more for darkened mills to climb back to full production. And industry leaders have said there is bound to be a rise in steel prices after any settlement.

WILLIAM A. GARRETT
From The Times Bureau
Washington — VFH television Channel 3 was awarded conditionally today to the Travelers Broadcasting Service.

The Federal Communications Commission stayed Traveler's rights to construct a station until the commission has decided whether to make Hartford an all VHF and UHF area. A proposal for all UHF operations in the area now is pending.

The commission found that Hartford will be "better served" by Travelers than would be by the Hartford Telecasting Company.

Preference was expressed for telecasting on some counts by the commission, but it was found that Traveler's good points "clearly outweighed" those of its opponent in the channel fight.

FCC FOUND Travelers preferable on its "meritorious record of past performance, the experience of its principals, and the local residence and civic participation of these principals."

Such qualities, the commission noted, are a "reliable indication" that the proposed policies of an applicant for a station license will be effectuated.

The commission spoke of the "irresponsible charges" brought against Travelers during three months of hearings in the Channel 3 case. It said such charges reflect adversely on an applicant, declaring:

"It cannot be stated too strongly that the purpose of commission hearing procedures is to assert the truth of the facts considered."

"THE HEARING procedures must not be used for the harassment of an opposing applicant by pressing groundless charges of a serious nature."

The commission concluded that neither applicant in the Hartford case sustained its major charges.

Telecasting was given preference for the diversity of its business interests, and also on the basis of its abstention from ownership or control of mass media of communications.

IN MAY 1955 after extensive hearing an FCC examiner awarded Channel 3 to Travelers. The next step was the filing of exceptions and then arguments before FCC by the two parties.

The first round in the long drawn-out Channel 3 contest came more than eight years ago on Sept. 12, 1947, when Travelers filed for the channel.

The Hartford Telecasting company became a contender on June 30, 1952.

Almost 15 months later the Connecticut Broadcasting Company, operating WDRC, withdrew after agreeing to merge with Travelers, if it won the channel.

The FCC ordered hearings on Sept. 30, 1953, and a few days later assigned Examiner Litvin to hear the dispute.

A HEARING conference opened Oct. 30, 1953, and exhibits were swapped by the contestants two weeks later. The real hearings began on

McKeon Hid Vodka Bottle After March, Witness Says

Parris Island, S. C. — (AP) — A bespectacled Marine guard said today S/Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon tried to hide a vodka bottle after the death march of Platoon 71.

In a voice cracking with nervousness, Pfc. Fred A. Magruder told the McKeon court-martial that the vodka bottle was recovered from behind a toilet bowl.

McKeon is the 31-year-old drill instructor from Worcester, Mass., who led a 74-man recruit platoon on a night discip-

ing of Apr. 8, a Sunday, and that "he raised a bottle to his lips" just before setting out on the hike.

Magruder, who is from Jackson, Miss., testified he had been told to stand guard over McKeon.

"It was while I was guarding Sergeant McKeon," he said hesitantly, "I noticed Sergeant McKeon darting into the head (toilet)."

"I followed him," Magruder recounted, "and saw him place something behind the toilet."

can you say when two of your men have been eaten (sic) up" as he sat shivering in his room after the fatal march.

Lyons was the 20th survivor of the march "to teach them discipline" to testify.

Earlier, a slender, Argentina-born survivor of Platoon 71's death march, Pvt. Hector Osvaldo Serantes, said his buddies entered the waters that night "making funny things."

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