

One-Time Minstrel Seeks Office With Henry A Wallace

BY CLYDE BLACKBURN (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (CP)—Three contrasting personalities are in the Nov. 2 contest for vice-president of the United States. The victor will occupy a comparatively obscure place but will be just a heart-beat from the highest office in the land. These are the candidates for the office which has been vacant since Harry S. Truman succeeded to the presidency when Franklin Roosevelt died April 12, 1945. Senator Alben Barkley, 67-year-old political veteran born in a log cabin at Paducah, Ky., Nov. 24, 1877, Democratic wheel-horse and member of every Congress since the 63rd in 1913. He is President Truman's running-mate.

Earl Warren, 57, handsome lawyer who has been governor of California since 1942 with support of both Republicans and Democrats. He is running with Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York to whom he lost the Republican nomination for president at the Philadelphia convention last June. Senator Glen H. Taylor, 44, native of Portland, Ore., and Democratic senator from Idaho since 1941, one-time singing cowboy and travelling minstrel. He is the running-mate of Henry Wallace, founder and presidential candidate of the Progressive party.

Mule-Back Campaign Barkley, heavy-set but youthful for his years, worked his way through school and college to become a lawyer and entered politics in 1906, conducting his first campaign — as candidate for prosecuting attorney — on mule back through the Kentucky Hills. He was elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives in 1913 and held his seat until 1927 when he was elected to the Senate. He has remained solidly entrenched there ever since. Barkley was majority Senate leader through the Roosevelt regime and up to the Republican Congressional victory in 1946. Then he became minority leader. He was "dear Alben" to Roosevelt through the tough "New Deal" period and broke with his leader only once: when he helped override the presidential veto of a war veterans' bonus bill. He resigned majority leadership but was quickly reinstated and soon made his peace with Roosevelt. Barkley is a deep-chested man with a powerful voice and eloquent tongue — an impressive old-style fighter — an impressive old-style fighter. He likes to tell stories and will sing "My Old Kentucky Home" or "Wagon Wheels" with too much persuasion, or play the mouth organ. He is a widower with three children, drives his own car, entertains often and lives moderately and temperately.

Self-Made Man Governor Warren is a giant of Scandinavian descent, a jovial mixer and pet of many California movie people. He is a trained orator and a man who, since early 1944, has been looked upon as "presidential timber." He was in humble circumstances in Los Angeles and in very much a "self-made man" when he was admitted to the California bar in 1914. He practised law and held various political posts from city attorney of Oakland up to district attorney for Alameda county. Warren has been married since 1928 and has six handsome children, three sons and three daughters. Glen Taylor, like his fellow-candidates, was born in humble circumstances and has had to work for his living since he was 12. He started out as a sheep herder.

Present Session Of U. N. At Paris Tough On Scribes

By Alan Harvey (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

PARIS, Oct. 13 (CP)—There are 1,800 correspondents covering the Paris session of the United Nations and it's a safe bet they'll remember the Palais de Chaillot for a long, long time. Most poignantly, they'll remember "Thrombosis Hill." That's the tag one reporter hung on the 155-count 'em-marble floor of the Palais de Chaillot in the second floor. There are elevators, too, but they're usually crowded and sometimes they don't work. So, if you want to watch a plenary session, or flush a delegate in an off moment, it's a two-day trip — down 25 yards to the press offices on the second floor. There are elevators, too, but they're usually crowded and sometimes they don't work. Most reporters say they prefer the cosy proximity of Hall and the press room at Lake Success. But the Palais has its points. Almost any room in the cool, spacious buildings is a room with a view — and what a view. Terraced lawns, placid ponds, cone-shaped hedges, flags of 88 countries — and finally the Eiffel Tower.

Talks "Through Hat" at U. N. Legal Meeting



Attorney-general Sir Hartley Shawcross of Britain, irked at what he felt to be unnecessary delay in the U. N. legal committee's draft convention which is being held at Paris on genocide, began to talk through a hat — a woman's hat, with a straight face, said: "I have very strong and clear views about this. I am not the hat alone. We may make the hat too big and cumbersome. It may muffle the clear view in which the convention on genocide ought to speak." Right, a model displays the newest fashion in women's hats.

er. His father was a preacher who travelled through the West, and the children were musical. After his hand at many range jobs, young Taylor organized theatrical groups and travelled through the West as a singing cowboy. During the Second World War he was a steel-metal worker. Taylor joined forces with Wallace when the latter started organizing his third party and was Wallace's choice as running mate. He is a good-looking man with pale face, fine features, dark eyes and curly hair. He speaks sure in his Washington as his wife Dora, his son Aron (Dora spelled backward) and another son Paul Jon.

HUNGRY CHAMELEONS GOBBLE COCKROACHES LONDON, Oct. 13 (CP)—Twelve "giants" are causing a stir in the reptile house at the London Zoo. They are chameleons insectivorous food available are the cockroaches which run about the reptile house cages. One inch long and brown in color, the cockroaches are being hunted on a big scale; keepers are even turning cages upside down in the search. SAINT JOHN, N. B. — (CP)—A total of 418 persons applied for high school classes at the vocational school here this season, it was announced recently.

Vast Shale Beds Hold Big Reserve Of Synthetic Oil

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 13 (AP)—Synthetic oil is here — and a full-fledged industry, drawing its raw product from billions of tons of shale underlying the mountains of the west, is ready to be born. The only thing that keeps the United States from tapping a 200,000,000-barrel reserve of synthetic crude is the need for it. This may emerge any day in a rearming world.

For 20 years or more, oil scientists have sought a commercially-feasible method of exploiting the vast shale beds of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. But like the manufacture of atomic energy, shale processing involves a tremendous cooling problem. Atomic scientists solved their problem by locating the "Manhattan project" at Pasco, where the Columbia River could be used to reduce temperatures. Western shale beds, however, occur in veins, similar to coal deposits, at altitudes of 7,000 feet or higher. They are far from major sources of water. A radically new principle had to be devised to produce synthetic oil from oil shale. Only an engineer would understand the details, but essentially the new principle is this: A huge vat "cooks" the shale at high temperature. The resulting vapors, instead of being allowed to escape, are used to heat new batches of shale as they enter the vat. Through this double-use of heat energy, temperatures are kept at a minimum. The shale oil emerges cool enough to be fed directly into a pipeline without further cooling.

Given Long Test This is not theory. The process has been tested over a long period at nearby Wilmington, Calif., by the Union Oil Company. A small pilot plant there is fed by hand at a capacity of three tons a day, turning out two barrels of oil daily. A larger plant, capable of turning out synthetic oil in commercial quantities, will be erected at the company in Colorado, where shale is available in great amounts. The oil in shale is not petroleum. It is a waxy substance deposited by microscopic bugs in prehistoric marshes. Upheavals in the earth's crust formed mountains and lifted the shale beds to their present elevation. Although it is not petroleum, several of the products derived from petroleum, including gasoline, can be derived from shale oil. Shale oil today can be produced at about twice the cost of natural oil. Rising petroleum costs are expected to close this gap partially. In an emergency, government subsidy might absorb the rest of the difference.

Rese H. Taylor, Union Oil's president, calls shale oil "one of our most interesting prospects for the future." Citing a United States bureau of mines estimate that there is enough recoverable shale oil in western Colorado to provide 200,000,000 barrels of crude oil, Taylor says: "When you realize that the total known United States reserves of crude oil petroleum today amount to only 225,000,000 barrels, you can get an idea what this may mean."

In addition to most, there is another obstacle to development of a synthetic oil industry — a shortage of steel. Some experts argue that steel necessary to set up new shale plants could be put to better use in additional facilities for refining natural oil. Others take the view that any major source of oil is worth developing.

Daring Bush Pilots Helped Settle North

EDMONTON, Oct. 13 (CP)—A flimsy plane, looking as if it was held together by chicken-wire, circled the hazardous-looking area and finally landed on a narrow cinder strip beside a railway track. The passenger, an R. C. M. P. constable, hopped out and eventually arrested a fleeing criminal on a westbound train at Edson, Alta. The pilot, W. R. (Wop) May, made a bouncy take-off from the cinders and headed back to Edmonton.

Now director of northern research for Canadian Pacific Airlines, Capt. May was one of the most celebrated of the intrepid group of bush pilots who played a major role in opening up Alberta's hinterland in the '20s and '30s. Perhaps his most famous flight was a mercy mission to Fort Vermilion, Alta., in the heart of the Peace River country, with a load of serum to fight a diphtheria epidemic in the settlement.

Dangerous Cargo With Vic Horner of Edmonton, he took off from here, with charcoal burners keeping the serum warm. The flickering burners near-

Zealand now is planning the creation of bases in her island possessions to the north. New Zealand is also giving attention to the co-ordination of defensive measures with Fiji, which is a British Crown Colony about 1,200 miles north of New Zealand. During the war New Zealand forces garrisoned Fiji for a considerable period until the island was taken over by the United States, and the New Zealand forces, as well as British native units trained and led by New Zealand officers, moved into an active role against the Japanese in the Solomons.

It is expected that New Zealand will again maintain an army, air

ly set the plane on fire, but they got through with the life-saving serum. Grant McConachie, now the president of C.P. Airlines, once visited on a tiny pasture near Fort Vermilion to bring out two badly-burned trappers who had been injured in a gas explosion. A tree tipped the belly of his plane from end to end on his take-off but the pilot got his passengers home safely.

Another pilot — Cecil McNeal — rescued two horses from quicksand in northern Saskatchewan. He lassoed the animals, fastened the ropes off, dragging out the horses. Mapping and surveying, running innumerable errands for northern settlers and taking anyone anywhere, have graduated to executive jobs on the big airlines. Others are still flying into the bush. But all of them hold a special place in the hearts of the homesteaders and trappers whom they befriended when their was the only link between the north and civilization.

Democrat Hopes Democrats have their hopes pinned on four states in particular: Oklahoma, West Virginia, Kentucky and Wyoming. They have a fighting chance to gain seats in other states as well. In Oklahoma, the veteran oil millionaire, Republican senator E. H. Moore, is retiring from politics. The Democrats have put up a strong candidate in former governor Robert S. Kerr, and the

in Fiji. The Chiefs of Staff of the force and probably naval units New Zealand services have visited Fiji to discuss the matter with the local authorities at the invitation of the British government and in full consultation with Australia.

Backers Think Dewey Will Win; Not Sure Of Republican Congress

By Clyde Blackburn

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (CP)—Optimistic backers of Republican candidate Thomas E. Dewey are confident he will be elected president Nov. 2 — but they are not sure that he will have a friendly Congress at his side. There is a real possibility that Democrats may snatch back control of the Senate which they lost in the 1946 congressional elections. That would put Dewey, if he wins, in much the same predicament that President Truman has been enduring the last two years. A gain of only four seats would give the Democrats a majority in the 96-seat Senate, and they are fighting hard for those seats. The present standing is 51 Republicans to 45 Democrats. Senators are elected for six years and one-third of the seats are contested every two years. Of the 32 seats vacated this year, 18 are held by Republicans and 14 by Democrats. But of the latter, only four are outside the solid south where Democratic congressmen are likely to win.

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state has always been strongly Democratic. West Virginia is normally Democratic and its Republican senator, Chapman Revercomb, is strongly opposed by former senator Matthew Neely. Another former governor, Lister Hunt, is the Democratic challenger in Wyoming against Senator E. V. Robertson. Kentucky's Republican senator, John S. Cooper, is opposed by Virgil Chapman and Kentucky usually goes Democratic.

Candidates Help Presidential and vice-presidential candidates of each major party have been making special efforts to aid their men in these critical states. The Democrats also say they hope to beat young Senator Joseph Ball, Minnesota Republican. He opposed Dewey's nomination as Party's candidate in 1944, when Dewey lost to Franklin Roosevelt, and has been at odds with his party a number of times since. They are also making a strong fight to win an Illinois seat from Republican Senator C. Wayland Brooks, putting up a popular young war veteran and former university professor, Paul Douglas.

PRINTERS GET WAGE BOOST TORONTO, Oct. 12 (CP)—Jop printers in Toronto today were granted a 10-cent hourly wage increase to \$147 1-2, following negotiations conducted by the International Typographical Union (A.F.L.).

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