

WEATHER FORECAST

Sunny, pleasant today, high, 80. Cloudy, warmer tomorrow, chance of afternoon or evening showers. (Full report, Page A-2.)

Hourly Temperatures

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\$205 Million Budget Request Set for District

Estimates Due Friday Under New System Of Department Bids

By HECTOR McLEAN

The District Budget Office this week is expected to urge the Commissioners to plan on spending approximately \$205 million during the next fiscal year which begins July 1.

The recommendation is slated to be made public Friday as the city launches itself on a new system of preparing its budget for the coming year.

For years it has been customary about this time of year for the District to announce the amounts which the various city departments have wanted to spend. Some of these departmental "estimates," veteran observers comment, have traditionally asked for "the moon as well as the kitchen sink."

Hearings Scorned

After publication of the estimates, the Commissioners have held public hearings which the Board of Trade has long insisted were meaningless.

The board's argument was that the public was given no indication of how much money the District would have to finance the departmental requests, and that the Commissioners still faced the chore of cutting the requests to fit the available revenues.

What was left after the city heads got through was sent to the Federal Budget Bureau for submission to Congress as part of the President's annual budget message each January.

Trying New Approach

What will be released for publication—starting Friday—will be the department by department recommendations of the Budget Office to the Commissioners. The original departmental requests, which were submitted to the Budget Office in memorandum form only, kicked out of conferences between department heads and Budget Office staff officials which resulted in trimming of the requests and preparation of the budget proposals to be published this week. The original requests are to be made available to the press for comparison with the budgeted product.

Publication of the Budget Office recommendations is to continue through the week of September 3, after which 300 copies of the compiled proposals will be distributed to District civic organizations for study.

A public hearing will be held some three weeks later, after which the Commissioners are to give special hearings to any department heads who demand them and complete a final "marking up" of the budget in relation to the latest official estimates of District revenue from the Federal Budget Bureau.

More Funds Wanted

Appropriations for the current fiscal year, which ends next June 30, 1957, are \$198.6 million, with allowance for only \$29 million as income from the annual Federal payment toward the cost of running the Capital's municipal government.

Next year, the city heads will ask for at least the \$223 million authorized under a tax increase bill last year and promised to tailor their requests to Congress to conform. This would produce revenues enough to finance at least \$204.6 million of spending in fiscal 1958.

The young rescuer was Mark Hogarth, colored, of the 100 block of D Street S.E., who heard the mother of four calling for her missing child.

The mother, Mrs. James Merica, 316 First Street S.E., said one of her children apparently started the fire on the back porch after setting a flame from the pilot light of the kitchen stove.

Wife of a painter who was away from home at the time, Mrs. Merica said she was upstairs when she heard her eldest, James, 10, yell, "Mama, there's a fire on the back porch."

"I tried to put it out," Mrs. Merica said, "but by the time I got the water bucket filled, the flames were too high. I picked up Diane, her 9-month-old youngest, and ran out of the house calling for help."

James, 10, and Steve, 4, ran up behind her. Mrs. Merica said she thought Sharon, 2, was with them but when she looked around for the little girl, she couldn't find her.

When Mark ran into the house and started up the stairs to the second floor, where Mrs. Merica thought Sharon must be, he found her lying up the stairs, found to be dead. He picked her up and carried her to safety.

Seventeen Battalion Chief W. J. Washington reported "extensive" damage to 314, 316 and 318 First Street.

Fourteen pieces of equipment were damaged.

Firemen battled the flames for 45 minutes before they were able to bring the fire under control.

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GERMANY'S FUTURE

Will Coming Elections Weaken NATO Links?

By RICHARD FRYKLUND
European Correspondent of The Star

BONN.—The German political season has opened with an even louder bang than at convention time in the United States.

There is intense interest here—interest to see if the German election will start a movement away from military ties with the West and toward closer association with the Communist world. Specifically, with the elections lead to German abandonment of her NATO commitments and an attempt to trade neutrality for return of her Eastern territories by Russia?

There is general confidence among American representatives here that the answer is "no," that with or without America's champion, Chancellor Adenauer, no German government in the foreseeable future will try to back out of NATO.

But there are strong feelings among many Germans and non-professional foreign observers that any government that takes over after Mr. Adenauer's retirement, their 80 years old, will lead Germany out of NATO and into, at best, neutralism, or, at worst, alignment with an old ally, Russia.

Those who say Germany certainly will renegotiate the treaties that bind her to NATO believe—whether they think the move is a good one or not—that there is an inevitable logic about it. West Germany badly wants unity with East Germany. Only Russia has the power to grant such unity. Therefore a deal will have to be made with Russia.

Since Russia does not like NATO, these persons reason, the first step toward a deal would have to be abandonment of NATO commitments.

But those who say Germany will stand fast on our side also

This is the first of five articles on the political situation in West Germany, one of the most vital of America's European allies.

base their views on inexorable logic and faith.

The logic: Russia has the West German Republic in a box. The Kremlin refuses even to talk about a deal, telling West Germany to talk with the East German government if she wants unity. Since no conceivable West German government would negotiate with the Red puppets, the West Germans really have no place to go. So they will become a military bastion of the West as planned.

The faith: Germans are of necessity conservative and responsible citizens in this post-war world. They will always realize it is in their basic interest to stand firm with the West in opposition to immoral communism.

Unless that faith turns out to be well-founded, there appears to be little comfort today for backers of the expressed American foreign policy in Germany.

For if Germany does pull out of NATO, then there goes what was to become the largest, farthest forward military contribution to the Grand Alliance.

Or if she stays in through inability to discuss terms with the

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Stevenson Sets 34-State Trip With Kefauver

Nominee Seeks to Pin 'Boss-Dictated' Label On Vice President

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
Associated Press Staff Writer

LIBERTYVILLE, Ill., Aug. 25 (AP)—Adlai Stevenson sought to pin a "boss-dictated" label on Vice President Nixon today as he and Senator Estes Kefauver completed plans on a pre-campaign trip next week for face-to-face conferences with Democratic leaders of 34 States.

Their revised schedule was enlarged to include an address before the American Legion convention at Los Angeles Wednesday, September 5, and three new previously unannounced regional meetings at the grass-roots level.

Standing in front of his home with his vice presidential running mate whom he had flown in with in a small plane from Chicago's Midway Airport earlier in the day, Mr. Stevenson told reporters:

"I don't know whether President Eisenhower wanted Nixon as his running mate again. There's been a lot of guessing on this—but certainly the Republican bosses wanted him on the ticket and he was put on."

Cites Contrast

"In Senator Kefauver's case, it was just the opposite and he was chosen in a fair and open convention."

"I have reason to know something of Senator Kefauver's talents as a campaigner and I am happy to know he will be using them exclusively against Eisenhower and Nixon, and I am sure he will give them something to remember him by."

Mr. Stevenson and Senator Kefauver will take off from Chicago at 9 a.m. Washington time Monday for Santa Fe, N. Mex., for the first of a series of regional meetings. State and local leaders have been asked to bring written memos to these conferences to guide the candidates on all of the local issues they should stress in seeking votes.

The Santa Fe session, presided

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Byrd Hits Eisenhower On Civil Rights Plan

Speech Seen Hint He'll OK Party Ticket

By TOM BURKE
Star Staff Correspondent

BERRYVILLE, Va., Aug. 25.—President Eisenhower was denounced today as sponsor of "the most iniquitous civil rights program" by Senator Byrd in a speech that may be the tipoff to Virginia Democrats that the Democratic presidential ticket might be acceptable to Virginia.

"I fought the civil rights program of the Roosevelt administration. I fought the civil rights program of former President Truman," Senator Byrd said.

"But the civil rights proposals of Mr. Eisenhower are the most iniquitous that have ever been proposed to the country."

Senator Byrd's refusal four years ago to support the Democratic presidential ticket was credited with leading Virginia into the Republican column and aided the landslide victory for President Eisenhower.

Denounced "Trumanism"

In mid-October, 1952, he leased State-wide radio time to denounce "Trumanism" and the Stevenson candidacy. This year, some of Senator Byrd's close political friends have predicted he would support the national ticket, following the pattern set by Southern leaders who are skirting an open break with the national party as the best way to help re-elect a Democratic Congress.

A reporter's question as to whether Senator Byrd will support the Stevenson-Kefauver presidential ticket this November was deftly turned aside by Senator Byrd who said he had tried to make his position "very clear" in his speech.

Pressed for comment on the Democratic presidential ticket, Senator Byrd said, "I will only repeat what I said several days ago—that I completely support the action of the Virginia delegates at the national convention." The Virginia delegation voted for former Gov. John S. Battle.

Stevenson Backers Strengthened However, the attack on President Eisenhower by name, in two places in a speech before a gathering of about 2,000 apple growers in the Byrd orchards here, can be expected to strengthen the hand of Stevenson supporters throughout the State.

No other political speeches were presented during the outing, but the top leaders of the Democratic party in Virginia were among those present.

Virginia Attorney General J. Lindsay Almond was one of the few present who was willing to say publicly that he will support the Democratic presidential ticket. Others holding political office said privately they were willing to support the ticket but were not prepared to make a public statement at this time.

Senator Byrd told the audi-

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Dulles Counsels Stanley Segregation Plan Egypt on Suez

Urges Contribution Toward Solution

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Staff Writer

Secretary of State Dulles, returning from the Suez conference in London, called on Egyptian last night to "make its own indispensable contribution" to a peaceful solution of the crisis over the future of the Suez Canal.

Recalling that 18 of the 22 nations in the London conference had agreed on a proposal for future operation of the canal, to assure free use by all nations, Mr. Dulles said in a statement:

"We hope that the government of Egypt will respect the opinions thus soberly but firmly expressed and responsibly make its own indispensable contribution to the peaceful solution of the crisis which is enjoined by the principles and purposes of the United Nations."

Mr. Dulles arranged to talk by telephone with President Eisenhower, who is on the West Coast, after landing here at 6:15 p.m. EDT. The Secretary also said he would, of course, report to the President personally when his entire staff, teachers and other Washington early this week.

Meanwhile, in diplomatic quarters here, Soviet leaders were seen to be "in a critical mood," they said.

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Integration Moves

By a Star Staff Correspondent

RICHMOND, Aug. 25.—Arlington State Senator Charles R. Fenwick and Delegate Harrison Mann launched a strong counterattack today on Gov. Stanley's "no-integration" program as legislators awaited the opening of a fateful special session on Monday.

Another opponent, State Senator Armistead Boothe of Alexandria, also urged adoption of a pupil assignment plan, now rejected by the Governor and a majority of the Gray Commission. Senator Boothe said his pupil assignment plan, also sponsored by Republican Senator Ted Dalton, of Radford, "will enable Virginia to conquer the school problem, rather than allow the school problem to conquer Virginia."

The Governor has been reported raising acceptance of his proposals among legislators in other areas.

The fight was brewing behind the Governor's plan the full weight of Virginia's Democratic organization.

The Arlington legislators said that "unless Arlington continues to support its public school system, bearing its entire cost, teachers and other school personnel would have to seek jobs elsewhere." This would be a critical blow to the school system, they said.

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