

Democratic Senator Feels 'Ike' Choice for President

Personal and popular admiration for Gen. Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower was indicated by Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D.-Ill.) while on campus Tuesday.

Douglas said he felt that Americans, Republicans and Democrats alike, "in their hearts want Gen. Eisenhower for the Presidency." This statement was made during a

radio interview with Sen. Wayne L. Morse (R.-Ore.) who said he shared that view.

After an afternoon informal coffee hour the former economics professor told a spontaneous group of students who gathered around him on his very favorable impression of Eisenhower's testimony on behalf of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, though it was Thanksgiving morning at the time and the general's wife was ill with pneumonia.

Politicians vs. the People.

Asked by Glen Stadler of KERG, who conducted the radio interview, who he thought would be the 1952 Republican nominee for President, Douglas said, "The question is whether the professional politicians or the people will win in choosing the Republican candidate for president."

The people want Eisenhower, he said, but the "professional politicians" in the Republican party will support Robert Taft, Senator from Ohio, "because they don't feel they can put Eisenhower in their pockets." They oppose the general, he asserted, if they can do so "without being found out."

Asked the presidential nominee question regarding the Democratic party, Morse answered, "have a feeling Truman will not run—and I hope not—because another four years of Truman would cause serious disunity in the country."

Republicans, Too

"I could mention some Republican leaders whose election would have the same effect," Morse added, "but I won't do so out of party loyalty."

Both men said they would not be a candidate for their own party's nomination, Douglas' refusal reiterating what he had told a press

conference prior to the recording. At that conference the Illinois Democrat also said, "President Truman dislikes me intensely."

Commenting later on the president, he said of Truman, "He has been a pretty good president, but his great weakness is that he's not discriminating in choosing friends."

Measures to Combat McCarthyism

The coffee hour later that day produced discussion on important national issues of the day. Asked about ethics in Congress—namely McCarthyism—Douglas said McCarthy-type charges always remain ahead of any subsequent corrections. He recommended that unfavorable charges against persons be made simultaneously with defense of those persons by attorneys and/or witnesses in scheduled hearing.

He said he did not want Congressional immunity to be eliminated, feeling such action would muzzle Congressmen who have legitimate charges to make.

Other points brought out by Douglas' answers to questions in the coffee hour were that one cause of corruption in government today is the long reign of the Democratic party—he agreed with his questioner that "power tends to corrupt," as Lord Acton said, but he said he wanted to know "what kind of new broom we are getting."

Dislikes National Party Discipline

National discipline of parties is not good, since it would infringe on individual initiative in Congress—and he especially objected because he is "a maverick."

There is a dearth of political leaders today mainly because Franklin D. Roosevelt overshadowed his contemporaries to the extent that few attempted to become leaders or to get the necessary training.

He approved Truman's decision to send Gen. Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vatican state in Rome, but he doesn't think that, as some claim, Catholic leaders in America should have to register as agents of a foreign state, because he doesn't want a Catholic-Protestant split.

Favors Our Two-Party System

In the press conference Douglas stated that he once favored a labor party, but now would hate to see class lines grow up in American political parties. Since a labor party would lead to socialism and internal bitterness, he said, it is better to have both liberal and conservative elements in each party.

The white-haired freshman senator said he doesn't think we will get an armistice in Korea, although we have weakened the Communist troops. We have successfully met their attack, he said, without committing ourselves fully as they wanted us to do in order to permit a diversionary Red movement in Europe.

Douglas moved from the press meeting to the interview with Morse, and there discussed economic, international relations, and political problems with Oregon's junior senator.

IFC Policy to Give Fraternity Authority

The Inter-Fraternity council amended its constitution last Thursday night to give freshman men more individual responsibility during the coming Jan. 7 to 11 rush week.

One amendment allows rushees to schedule six rushing dates on their own and then complete the rush cards under fraternity influence. The other amendment allows rushees to break succeeding rush-

ing dates after one date with a house.

This year's freshmen will fill out half of their twelve date card the afternoon of Jan. 7 without any fraternity influence and limiting each house to a maximum of two dates. When they let the fraternities complete their card that evening, each house is entitled to two dates.

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