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PARTY SLATES

Contrast in Politicians

The appearance tonight of Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver on the same platform in McArthur court will offer students and townspeople a real contrast of personalities.

Stevenson, who might be president today if he'd had anyone but Dwight D. Eisenhower to run against in 1952, is a brilliant man and outstanding speaker with a natural wit. He has few equals on the rostrum. But these very qualities often work to his disadvantage. He is said to lack the warmth and personal appeal that attract the average citizen.

Kefauver is more the "folksy" type. He is in his element when out mingling with the crowd, shaking hands and just talking. The Tennessee senator is a maverick within the Democratic party, and lets everyone know it. And he has some shrewd campaign managers, too. So far the Kefauver forces have managed to keep Stevenson pretty much on the defensive.

The manner in which the upcoming meeting was arranged is a good example. Kefauver "just happened" to schedule a Eugene visit the same day as did Stevenson, and then issued a challenge to the latter to appear on the same platform with him. Stevenson's reluctance (or that of his campaign managers) to accept at first made some think he was afraid of faring second best in a face-to-face meeting.

We wonder what approach the two candidates will use Tuesday night in their talks. It is unlikely that they will attack each other, although this would be much more fitting than two discourses on the failure of American foreign policy. After all, they're not trying to beat the Republicans yet. They have to take care of each other first. (J.C.R.)

Strongest Contender

The race between Phil Hitchcock and Douglas McKay for the Republican senatorial nomination promises to be the hottest and most significant in the Oregon primary election Friday. George Altwater and Elmer Deetz have also filed for the nomination.

The Emerald will support Hitchcock. We believe he is entitled to the nomination for a wide variety of reasons.

First, we object to the circumstances under which McKay became a candidate. While the Republican national chairman, the special assistant to the President, and even the President himself, may have the influence to commission a candidate from Oregon, as citizens of this state, we object to their doing so.

Furthermore, we object to the method in which McKay's entrance was handled, with no contact, so far as he has been admitted, with party leaders in Oregon. The result was embarrassing to both McKay and State chairman Wendell Wyatt.

We commend Hitchcock for refusing to withdraw from the race in spite of the pressure placed on him. He was under no obligation to withdraw; Oregon Republicans are entitled to a choice of candidates.

Secondly, we believe the issues in the general election should be broader than charges of "giveaway" vs. charges of "turncoat." We've heard all that before. The Al Sarena case has faded out; we don't particularly want to hear about it all over again for the next six months, although its wisdom may be debated for some time.

The Eisenhower program is much broader than the policies of the department of interior. The rest of that program should also be discussed. We believe it will be only if Hitchcock opposes Wayne Morse in November. As the Salem Oregon Statesman

said in March, "If McKay is the nominee then the issue becomes one of vindicating McKay and the McKay policies as Secretary of the Interior." Nothing else will be heard.

Third, we believe Hitchcock is fully as qualified, although not as experienced as McKay. Hitchcock has demonstrated that his knowledge of problems and issues go beyond those of the department of interior. During his six months in the Oregon senate he worked on civil rights legislation, taxation problems, education, labor legislation and governmental reorganization.

Specifically, he sponsored fair employment practices and civil rights legislation, headed the committee that modernized Oregon's forestry laws, and was one of the leaders in the fight to increase the basic school fund in the state. He was a member of the committee that produced Oregon's "Little Hoover bill" and led the floor fight to reorganize the state government.

His knowledge of problems is shown by his television appearances, in which he answers questions telephoned in by his viewers.

Fourth, although the ability to beat another candidate does not necessarily guarantee the quality of an office-seeker, it is a factor which must be considered. Hitchcock's fresh approach to the problems of Oregon and the nation will make him a strong contender in November. We cannot say the same for McKay.

Mock Politics

Anyone who thinks politics can't be both colorful and interesting should have seen Oregon's mock Democratic national convention last week. Some students put some real effort into their preparations, and the results showed it.

The many appropriate costumes, the demonstrations, the wrangling over planks in the platform, the manipulating of votes for candidates — all added to the realism of the event. And some of the speechifying would have done credit to the most oratorical of politicians.

Special credit should go to those who planned and directed the proceedings. Theirs was no easy task. Arranging delegations, securing a speaker, formulating a platform and obtaining pertinent political information were among the jobs which constituted the behind-the-scenes activity.

But it seems that constructive efforts must always be at least partially nullified by the actions of an unthinking minority. We speak of those delegates who apparently felt that the Democratic party was founded on the bottle. Some of them were in no condition to remember the names of the candidates from one minute to the next, alone vote for them. If this be reality, then heaven help the Democratic party come convention time.

The general confusion, or almost complete bedlam, which prevailed at first certainly slowed down the proceedings. The keynote speaker could hardly be blamed for losing his enthusiasm when he reached the rostrum. Perhaps the affair did last too long, but this wasn't because of poor organization or direction. It's not easy to expedite a program when 48 groups are holding simultaneous group conventions.

This was not the worst result of the sophomoric behavior of some of the delegates, however. Two windows were smashed, a door was torn loose and a number of chairs were broken. When having fun must entail property damage, then the "fun" isn't worth it.

The University's second mock national convention was a success from some standpoints, but a few managed to undermine the hard work of the many. (J.C.R.)

Democrats to Attempt To Capture Oregon

By Paul W. Harvey
Of the Associated Press

SALEM (AP) — Having taken over the registration leads by a margin of 392,128 to 378,778, the Democrats are making an all-out effort to capture control of Oregon's state government.

The Democratic Party controlled the state in territorial days, but lost out at the start of the Civil War. It hasn't run the state since then, although it has captured an office now and then.

Democrats elected Richard L. Neuberger as U.S. Senator two years ago. He was the first Democratic Oregon senator in 40 years. The handwriting was on the wall then; the Democrats had become a party that could face up to the Republicans.

In Friday's primary, Democrats will nominate a full state ticket in an effort to wrest control from the GOP in the fall. Party leaders feel they are in a strong position.

While the presidential and U.S. senatorial races take the spotlight, there are some spirited contests for other offices. Here is a summary of these races:

Governor—Gov. Elmo Smith, John Day Republican who succeeded the late Gov. Paul Patterson last January 31, is a cinch to win the renomination over Earl L. Dickson, Albany grocer. State Sen. Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart Democrat, will get the Democratic nomination, as his opponent, ex-State Sen. Lew Wallace, has withdrawn.

Congress, First District — Rep. Walter Norblad, Stayton Republican, is expected to win renomination over R. F. Cook, Silverton turkey grower. The Democratic race is between Jason Lee, Salem lawyer, and Don H. Metheny, Brooks farmer.

Congress, Second District — Rep. Sam Coon, Baker Republican, is unopposed for renomination. Al Ullman, Baker real estate man, who lost to Coon two years ago, is favored for the Democratic nomination over A. E. Glidewell, Hermiston accountant.

Congress, Third District — Rep. Edith Green, first elected two years ago, has no opposition for the Democratic nomination in this Multnomah County district. But there is a four-way clash for the Republican nomination among Phil J. Roth, lawyer and former state representative; Elizabeth Carson Sailer, housewife and party worker; Peter W. Welch, county

pre-World War I congressman surveyor; and A. W. Lafferty, who has made many attempts to get elected again.

Congress, Fourth District — Rep. Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg, is unopposed for Republican renomination. The Democratic contestants are Charles O. Porter, Eugene lawyer, whom Ellsworth beat two years ago; and David O. Shaw, Gold Beach lawyer who ran in 1950.

Secretary of State—The Republican candidates are William E. Healy who resigned as assistant secretary of state to make the race; and State Sen. Mark Hatfield, Willamette University professor. State Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie publisher and Democratic national committeeman, has no opposition. The office now is held by Republican Earl T. Newbry, who is ineligible to seek a third term.

State Treasurer — Sig Unander, Republican state treasurer, has no opposition for the Republican renomination. For the Democratic nomination, the two contestants are Wiley W. Smith, Multnomah County assessor, and Al M. Richardson, former state prison food manager.

Attorney General — Atty. Gen. Robert V. Thornton, Democrat, and State Sen. Carl Francis, Dayton Republican, are unopposed for their party nomination.

Supreme Court—Chief Justice Harold J. Warner, and Justices Walter L. Tooez and Earl C. Latourette have no opposition for re-election. Justice Hall S. Lusk, member of the court for 18 years, is opposed but is heavily favored over L. B. Sandblast, Portland lawyer.

Republican National Committeeman—Robert T. Mautz, Portland lawyer, and State Sen. John Merrifield, Portland insurance man, are in what appears to be a close race.

Republican National Committeewoman — Mrs. Collis Moore, Moro housewife, has no opposition.

Democratic National Committeeman C. Girard Davidson, assistant secretary of the interior under President Truman, and State Rep. Pat Dooley, who would be in line for speaker of the state House of Representatives if the Democrats won control, seeks this post. Both are Portland attorneys.

Democratic National Committeewoman—Two party workers, both Portland housewives, seek the job. They are Virginia Grant and Mrs. Gladys Last.



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