

Demo Sees Ike's Position Stronger in '56 Than Now

By ROWLAND EVANS JR. WASHINGTON (AP)—Democratic Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota said Sunday President Eisenhower "may well be in a stronger political position in 1956 than he is today."

Humphrey said he sees "no prospect that economic gains now being reported by administration officials will change for the worse. And Eisenhower, he said, stands to gain politically from the Big Four Summit talks that get underway July 18 at Geneva.

Nevertheless, Humphrey said the Democratic party has a "fighting chance" to recapture the White House from the Republicans next year.

Continued upswings, as evidenced in figures showing a record 64 million Americans employed during June, "very frankly will be all to the political advantage of the Republican party," Humphrey said in an interview.

But Democratic victories in key governor races last year, he said, together with such issues as public power, farm prices and regional unemployment will all help the Democrats next year, no matter who is their presidential candidate.

Humphrey, regarded by his colleagues as a leader of Senate "liberal" forces, credited the Eisenhower Administration with having finally set in motion "one

of the loosest credit structures in our history."

And "that is essential in the kind of expanding economy we now have," he said.

Republicans generally saw the new employment figures as further strengthening their political hold on the White House. They conceded privately, however, that Eisenhower's decision on whether to seek a second term could change the political picture overnight.

There has been no word on the president's plans.

Second Grade Logic Simple

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—As one of his second grade projects, Doug Goines made a card for his mother and proudly presented it.

It was addressed to "The best mother in the world," also referred to as "The king of mothers."

Mother decided to let "woald" go, but she couldn't resist asking why he called her "king."

It was simple enough, except for grownups. "Couldn't spell 'queen,'" said Doug.

Rare Blood Disease Kills Montana Boy

BUTTE, Mont. (AP)—Afibrinogenemia, a blood disease so rare it has been reported only 23 times in modern medical history, killed a Butte boy. The attending physician said the boy lived only 18 hours.

About two hours after birth he began to bleed from the folds of his skin and from all the body openings. Despite use of a blood coagulate rushed to Butte by state patrolmen from Great Falls, 156 miles away, he died. He was the first son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan, Butte.

Expert Finds Lost Checks

BOSTON (AP)—Catholic Archbishop Richard J. Cushing says he can "find money any place."

And he proved it when John H. Dobbins was having difficulty locating two \$1,000 checks on the podium during a scholarship dinner.

The unruffled Dobbins joked and chatted with the audience while he and two associates sought the missing checks.

Finally, Archbishop Cushing leaned over the rostrum and found the checks which had slipped under it.

Quipped the prelate—who has raised millions for diocesan activities: "You should have asked me in the first place. I can find money any place."

Irate Girl Friend Tears Up Vehicle

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP)—Police learned the power of a woman scorned, but they won't tell her name. Her boy friend won't prosecute.

Someone reported a hit-and-run accident. A young woman was lying in the street. Questioning disclosed it wasn't a hit-and-run case, exactly.

She had followed her boy friend, who drove another young woman home in his convertible. While he was saying good night to the other woman, No. 1 picked up rocks and smashed the lights, windows and instrument panel of his car. As he returned, she grabbed the convertible top and began ripping away. He drove off while she was still ripping. She was knocked down.

Turncoat GI 'Older', Wife Feels

(Story also on page 1) OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—"He looks so much older."

Those were the words of Mrs. Jewell Bell Sunday as she viewed Associated Press photos of her husband and two other Americans which were radioed from Hong Kong.

"But I can just see him in my mind as he walked across that bridge from Red China," she added with a smile.

The 21-year-old wife of former Army Cpl. Otho G. Bell was at a nearby farm helping relatives prepare for strawberry picking when she first saw the picture.

The Bell's 4-year-old daughter, Paula, who has never seen her father, was unable to recognize Bell in the group.

Mrs. Bell first learned of the release of her husband late Saturday night. She took the news quietly, telling reporters she had had so many disappointments con-

cerning her husband's possible return the past four years that she wasn't going to build up her hopes.

"I'll believe it when I see him," she commented.

Mrs. Bell plans to take two days off from her job at a nearby military installation so that she and Paula can fly to meet Bell when he returns to the United States.

The quiet-spoken young woman said she has no illusions about

her family's future. She has said previously she expects her husband will have to face trial and possible sentence.

"After that, I can begin to plan—but not until."

Mrs. Bell expressed her love and confidence in her husband, adding:

"He made a mistake, about the biggest mistake anyone could make. I'm sure he's ready to take any punishment that may be handed out."

Ham-Like Hands Used for Painting

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Detective Sgt. Claude Hendricks weighs 265 pounds and has hands like hams. But he's just as facile with a tiny paint brush and delicate figures as he is with a pistol.

Hendricks makes money painting figurines and recommends it as a sure fire way to take your mind off your troubles.

"Your thoughts don't have to wander when you're trying to apply color to a tiny set of lips on a 12-inch bit of plaster," he explains.

A fellow detective, who had dabbled at making figurines, introduced Hendricks to the art.

Three months ago he opened a retail store in partnership with John B. Outz. Hendricks does his sideline painting in his spare time. Outz does the moulding

Coonskin Cap Really His Own

COTTAGE HILLS, Ill. (AP)—Lacking money for a coonskin cap, Jerry Powell, 10, had his dad give him a special hair cut.

Following Jerry's instructions for a Davy Crockett cut, Powell provided a shaved head with a curled forelock left sprouting

above the forehead, and a bristle of hair on the back of the head in the approximate shape of a coon-tail.

Jerry says he likes it better than a coonskin cap because, "I don't have to take it off when I go to bed at night."

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