

Sen. Kefauver Cites Florida 'Smear' Tactic

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP)—Sen. Estes Kefauver says what he calls a "smear campaign" may be shaping up against him in Florida.

The Tennessee senator told audiences Wednesday at several towns in northwest Florida that he had heard a rumor to the effect that he had said recently he would favor the use of federal troops to enforce integration in public schools.

Both Kefauver and Adlai Stevenson are seeking Florida's support in their campaigns for the nomination at the democratic national convention which will be chosen in the state's presidential preference primary May 29.

Kefauver said he wanted to keep the Florida primary contest on a "truthful level," and added: "I assume that my opponent—despite his intemperate remarks after his initial defeats in the primaries this year—would also rather keep the campaign on a truthful level."

"However, since he would be the direct beneficiary of any smear campaign on me, he must shoulder his part of the responsibility."

Kefauver said he would oppose the use of federal troops in the matter of integration.

In California, where Stevenson was campaigning, his campaign manager Roger Tubby said Wednesday night "the governor does not know what Senator Kefauver is referring to. Tubby also said that Stevenson "would not participate in spreading false rumors about the senator."

Mental Ills Treated With Social Group

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Navy psychiatrist says a method of using social pressure can be helpful in the treatment of mental disease.

Cmdr. Harry A. Wilmer of the U.S. Naval Hospital at Oakland, Calif., said Wednesday the patients were formed into groups of not more than 24 persons. The groups themselves constituted the social system which kept each of its members from "getting out of line," he said.

Nearly 1,000 Navy men and Marines took part in the process, he told the California Medical Assn. Some of the men were insane. Others were suffering from milder forms of mental disorder or emotional disturbance.

Each man was told on entering the 34-bed ward there would be no solitary confinement, no strait jackets or "irons," and that he would be treated with politeness and sympathy and would be expected to behave.

Dr. Wilmer said men with records of murder and other forms of violence, including insane tantrums, kept themselves under control because the group as a whole expected them to do so.

Patients accustomed to getting sleeping pills voluntarily renounced them when they saw that others in the group were doing without them, he said.

Grief-Stricken Widow Kills Self After Mate Dies

VIENNA (AP)—Grief-stricken Mrs. Richard Sallaba committed suicide Thursday a few hours after her opera singer husband died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Police said the 46-year-old woman opened the gas jets in her apartment during the night. Neighbors smelled the gas this morning and called the fire department, but Mrs. Sallaba could not be revived.

Sallaba, 51, was a well known Viennese singer.

Grocery Clerks Authorize Strike

PORTLAND (AP)—Grocery clerks reported Wednesday their union negotiators have been authorized to call a strike if contract agreement is not reached soon with employers, who include most independents and the store chains.

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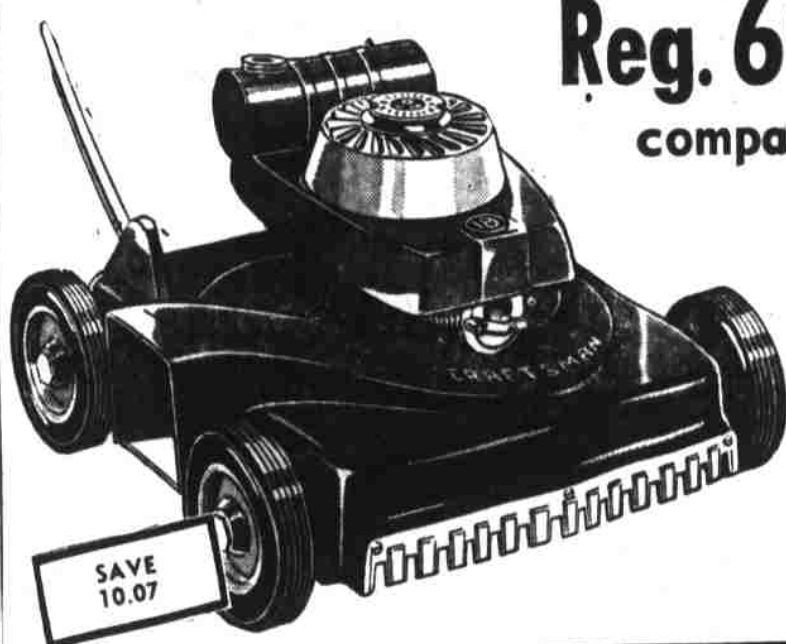
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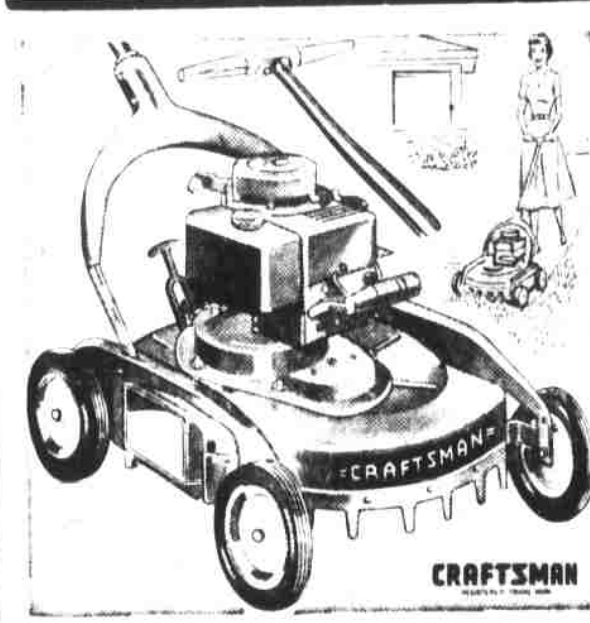
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