

State-Level Fight Overshadows Presidential Derby in Illinois

By OVID A. MARTIN
CHICAGO (AP)—The Eisenhower-Stevenson presidential race holds secondary interest in an Illinois election campaign centered largely on a battle for control of the state government, now held by the Republicans.

This is so even though Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic presidential candidate, is a former governor of the state. The big issue is the theft of \$12 million dollars in state funds by Republican State Auditor Orville E. Hodge, now in prison.

Democrats are making the most of this case in an attempt to blast William G. Stratton from the governorship, which he is seeking for a second term.

Stratton says that after the shortages were discovered he acted promptly to get Hodge out of office, off the GOI ticket for reelection and into prison. Assets turned over to the state by the Hodge family, the governor says, are expected to equal the thefts.

In Republican downstate Illinois this reporter found quite a few GOP voters who said they planned to support President Eisenhower but to cast their ballots for Richard B. Austin, the Democratic candidate for governor, because of the Hodge wranglings.

Austin, who is relatively unknown outside the Chicago area, is a Cook County Superior Court judge.

Both Republican and Democratic leaders are speculating on how the Hodge scandal may affect voting for the presidency. They generally agree that Eisenhower will run ahead of most other Republicans.

Four years ago Eisenhower won over Stevenson here by about 450,000 votes out of a total of 4,481,000. Stevenson carried only four counties and the city of Chicago.

Morton Hollingsworth, of Joliet, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, predicted Eisenhower will win by as large a majority as in 1952. He said he based this forecast on the facts that the Republicans are more united than they were four years ago, that the farm situation in this state is good and also because the Democrats have the same candidate.

"Illinois voters know Stevenson for what he is—a phony," he added. Hollingsworth said that four years ago, Illinois was strong for the late Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio for the presidential nomination. When Taft didn't get it, many Republicans "sat on their hands" last time, he said, and added: "But we are united behind Eisenhower."

Small Theater Said 'Doomed'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The general manager of the second largest theater circuit in the United States predicts a third of the nation's 19,000 movie theaters will be closed within three years.

Most will be of the "small neighborhood variety," Frank H. Rickerson, head of National Theaters Corp., told newsmen.

"We're in a transition period," he said. "There's no doubt that television has had a deadening effect on the movie industry. We're going in for push, big theaters as the keystone to a new building program."

ANY EXTREME IN CAMPAIGN
SAGINAW, Mich. (UP)—Adlai Stevenson said here Wednesday "there is no limit to which the Republicans won't go."

He said he received a letter from an 11-year-old Saginaw schoolgirl which said: "I want to know if it is true you would give us two more months of school and the would take away a month."

Scientist Corrects Adlai H-Statement

Says Insignificant Dose of 'Poison' Added to Air

WASHINGTON (AP)—A former medical research chief for the Atomic Energy Commission says nuclear tests have produced only an "insignificant" amount of a substance Adlai Stevenson terms "the most dreadful poison."

The commission made public late yesterday a telegram from Dr. Shields Warren, head of its division of biology and medicine from early AEC days until mid-1952, in which Warren said some statements Stevenson made regarding strontium-90 "should be corrected."

In connection with Stevenson's call for this country to take the lead in working toward an end of hydrogen bomb tests, Dr. Warren said in a telegram to AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss:

"To permit us to fall behind (the) Russians is disastrous; to wait for them to catch up to us is stupid."

Dr. Warren, now scientific director of the Cancer Research Institute of New England Deaconess Hospital, dealt primarily with strontium-90, one of the substances found in the fall-out of nuclear weapons.

Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee, had said Monday night that continued tests distribute around the world strontium-90 which, he said, "in sufficient concentration... can cause bone cancer and dangerously affect the reproductive processes."

Stevenson said he was not asserting that present levels of radioactivity are dangerous because "scientists do not know exactly how dangerous the threat is." But he said continued tests will increase the threat.

Dr. Warren said that from a genetic standpoint "radioactive fall-out including strontium-90 has given only small dose to date, as compared with dose from naturally occurring and hence unavoidable background radiation."

"If weapons testing continues at present rate for 30 years," he continued, "genetic dose (would be) still insignificant."

Scholars Spending 22 Years in Recreating Bible in Old Greek

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ATLANTA, Ga. (UP)—Biblical scholars are trying to recreate the New Testament in the very words of the first devout men who recorded it nearly 2,000 years ago.

The task is staggering. Seven years already have gone into the work. Perhaps another 15 years and \$500,000 will be needed when the results are printed in a dead language which only a few hundred scholars will read.

But Dr. Merrill M. Parvis, a crew-cut professor of theology, believes a new translation of the New Testament will eventually come from the International Greek New Testament Project he directs from two small basement rooms at Emory University here.

Scholars, working at Emory and Oxford, England, journey with microfilm to libraries, museums and remote monasteries on Mt. Sinai, listing every variation of every word in every known manuscript written in the first thousand years in Greek, they expect to find one million variation in the 182,283 words of the present New Testament.

"The New Testament was not considered the basis for a religion at first," Parvis said. "Many years elapsed and many changes were made before it was accepted as scripture and preserved."

Thirty thousand hours of work have turned up 20,000 variations, mainly typographical and similar minor errors, in the Gospel of St. Luke alone.

"But the meaning itself is very rarely changed," Parvis said. "The facts come almost untouched down the centuries."

Parvis said his group was not attempting a new translation.

"It will probably be another generation of scholars that does that," he said. "But a new translation can't help but be the outcome. From our work there will be enough material to permit a better reconstruction of the text than we have now."

The finished work—800 pages on St. Luke alone—will have one or two lines of text, followed by one or more pages of footnotes on those lines—all written in "post-classical Greek."

Funds have come from such diverse sources as the Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations, the Methodist Church and a Roman Catholic cardinal who donates \$1,000 a year.

The biggest gift, Parvis said, will come from the Clarendon Press of Oxford, England, which will print the nine-volume work at a cost of about \$250,000. The press can't expect much return on 500 copies, but Parvis said, "time doesn't matter. Recently they sold the last copy of a book they printed in the middle of the 18th century."

"Sudd" is a mass vegetable obstruction of plants and grass which form peaty blocks. These sometimes block navigation in the Nile River.

Mexico Grabs 2 Oregon Men On Dope Count

ENSENADA, Mexico (AP)—An attempt to sell a 1953 model automobile for \$150 led to the arrest of two Oregon men on charges of auto theft and illegal possession of narcotics, police said Wednesday.

Mexican authorities arrested the pair Tuesday and identified them as Marvin William Kirk, 23, Eugene, and Allen Dale Sheppard, 21, Portland. Officers said they found a small packet of marijuana in the car.

Police in San Diego traced the license number of the automobile and said Eugene police had issued a warrant for Kirk's arrest. The car had been rented to Kirk in Eugene last month, police said.

LONG WAIT PAYS OFF
CLIFTON, N.J. (UP)—For years Roy Samuelson, 21, of nearby Saddle Brook, has been hunting deer unsuccessfully. Wednesday night he killed one — with his automobile. Driving on a busy highway, he accidentally struck an eight-point, 150-pound deer.



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