

Sen. Russell Claims Increased Strength For Demo Nomination

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard B. Russell served notice Friday he doesn't intend to be overshadowed in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination by Sen. Estes Kefauver's reputation as an anti-crime crusader.

The Georgian sprinkled a bit of cold water on the nationwide acclaim given the lanky Tennesseean who directed the Senate Crime Committee's televised crime hearings.

Presided Over Hearings
Appearing on the Columbia Broadcasting System's televised "Mark Evans Show" Thursday night, Russell noted that he had presided over the Senate hearings on President Truman's dismissal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Recalling that the MacArthur inquiry was held in perhaps "the most charged atmosphere of our times," Russell said:

"If I could have put my show on the road, it would have far exceeded any other investigation."

Fought Television
Russell said he had to fight against televising the MacArthur inquiry because a third of the data revealed during the closed-door hearing involved American military plans.

Russell predicted he will have "some additional strength come to me on the second and succeeding ballots" at the Democratic National Convention which opens in Chicago July 21. He said "I hope" to get the 616 votes required for nomination "somewhere between the fifth and eighth ballots."

GOP "Divided"
Kefauver took another crack at the Republicans when he told Massachusetts Democratic delegates in Boston that the current convention shows the GOP is "so hopelessly divided it cannot be

entrusted with handling the nation's affairs."

Kefauver said he is "willing to take on any opponent" nominated by the Republicans. He predicted he will get 300 votes on the first ballot and will be nominated "by the fifth or sixth ballot."

A source close to the party's liberal wing said he "knows" Mr. Truman has cooled toward Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois and is now supporting Averell Harriman for the presidential nomination.

Truman's Candidate
This source said Mr. Truman will vote for Harriman at the convention through his alternate. Although Mr. Truman has not publicly endorsed anyone as his successor, he has been widely reported to favor Stevenson. However, the governor has said repeatedly he is not an active candidate and never has announced definitely he would accept the nomination.

The source said Mr. Truman feels Stevenson's views on civil rights and some other "Fair Deal" measures are milder than those of Harriman. The President reiterated this week his uncompromising stand on these issues.

Conferences Held
Mr. Truman also conferred separately Thursday with former Democratic National Chairman William M. Boyle Jr. and Edwin W. Pauley, former treasurer of the National Committee. Boyle and Pauley agreed that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will be nominated by the Republicans, and Pauley said this means the Democrats would have to run their "first team."

Elliott Roosevelt, son of the late president, said during a vacation at Meeker, Colo., that he is "one of many registered Democrats" who would cross party lines to vote for Eisenhower.

Disturbance Charge Against Ray Dropped

Minneapolis — (U.P.) — Crooner Johnny Ray was free Friday after being arrested on a "disturbance" complaint at a Minneapolis hotel.

The young singer, who became the darling of the bobby socks set with his melancholy ballad, "Cry" was released late Thursday night after being questioned by police.

He was arrested by Detective Ray Williamson earlier in the evening at the Radisson hotel. Williamson told his superiors that a "disturbance" had broken out on the 7th floor of the hotel.

Gary Morton, master of ceremonies in Ray's troupe, also was picked up with the mournful singer. Officers said that, after an investigation, they decided not to place a charge against either performer.

Ray closed a week's engagement at a Minneapolis theater Thursday night and was expected to leave town soon.



NEWS FOR IKE—Senator William F. Knowland, right, head of the California delegation to the Republican National Convention, and General Dwight Eisenhower confer at a caucus of the California delegation in Chicago. "Ike" was told California will split 60 to 10 for him in the contest over Georgia delegates.

Second Highest Output Seen For American Farms in 1952

Washington — (U.P.) — With good luck and good weather, U. S. farmers will produce this year an all-crop volume second only to 1948 farm output.

In prospect are the second largest corn crop in history, the third largest wheat crop, a record rice crop and a larger-than-average oat crop. In the overall production picture, hopes for these big crops more than offset expectation of the smallest rye crop on record, and the smallest barley crop since 1936.

Corn Forecast Bright
The brightest spot in the Agriculture Department's first big monthly crop report of 1952 Thursday was the corn crop forecast.

Although total acreage planted to corn this year is less than last year, acreage was up in high-yielding corn belt states and pushed prospects for a 3,365,089,000 bushel crop. This is only 10,000,000 bushels less than called for in production goals.

Feed Supply Up
The department said supplies of livestock feed grains this year will be "fairly large." The short barley crop and smaller-than-average carry-over stocks from previous year's crops, however, will keep the per animal unit supply below that in the three years 1948-50.

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Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood — (U.P.) — The most popular man in Hollywood today isn't a handsome actor or an income tax saver, but a quiet producer named Frank Ross.

The biggest actors in town dial his number every day, for he can hand out the most sought after role since "Gone With the Wind." After 10 years of trying, Ross finally is making "The Robe," from the perennial best-selling novel by Lloyd Douglas about a man who helped crucify Christ.

Stars Call
"I've had calls from almost every star," said Ross. "Some of them are incongruous for the part. I don't want to hurt them, and I don't know what to say."

"Usually an independent producer is just a guy with a script under his arm, trying to induce somebody to be interested in a property. But now everybody is coming to see me!"

Ross is enjoying his new fame, since for years, he grined, he was known as "the man who hadn't produced 'The Robe'."

Sold Screen Rights
Richard Halliday, Mary Martin's husband, told Ross about the book in 1942 when the two were moving Halliday's lawn. The book hadn't even been finished yet, but Douglas sold Ross the screen rights for \$100,000.

"After it became a best-seller, MGM wanted to buy it for a million dollars," Ross said. "Many times since I thought I should have my head examined, but I turned them down, because they wouldn't let me produce it. 'It wasn't that I thought I could make it better. But I just have a great, tremendous love for this thing.'"

Sent Questionnaires
It took Ross a "couple of years" to get the screenplay written. And this is the first movie of a best seller that the readers had something to say about. In 1944 he distributed 100,000 questionnaires with the book, asking which portions the readers would like to see filmed. The fans also suggested Cary Grant, Errol Flynn, Clark Gable and Gary Cooper for the leading role.

RKO then decided to back the movie, with Gregory Peck as the star. But Howard Hughes bought the studio and decided he didn't want to film "The Robe."

No Cleavage
"No cleavage," Ross sighed. Ross and Hughes sued each

Herbert Hoover Plans Visit in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — Herbert Hoover, a professional engineer before he became president of the United States, will visit Portland next month for the Northwest Engineering Centennial.

R. Evan Kennedy, general chairman of the event, said Hoover had written to assure northwest engineers he would attend on Aug. 9.

The one-day event will be held in the Multnomah hotel and the principal speaker has not yet been chosen, Kennedy said. The centennial will be sponsored by the professional engineers of Oregon and is expected to draw representatives of the field from all over the northwest.

Dead line Sunday Classified in at noon Saturdays

Bliss Heine Honored By Surprise Party

Bliss Heine, leader of Bliss Heine's Juniors, was honored at a surprise party celebrating his 60th birthday Wednesday, July 10, at Hawthorne Park.

A group of members of the drummer section of the booster club were in charge of the party. They were Bill Smith, Billie Foust, Paul Smith, Sharon Loefer, Bob Farra, Charlotte Unruh, Edwin Arnold, Bob Clancie, Fred Lyton, John Lyton, Donna Walker, Mirtle Travis, and Norman Ditsworth.

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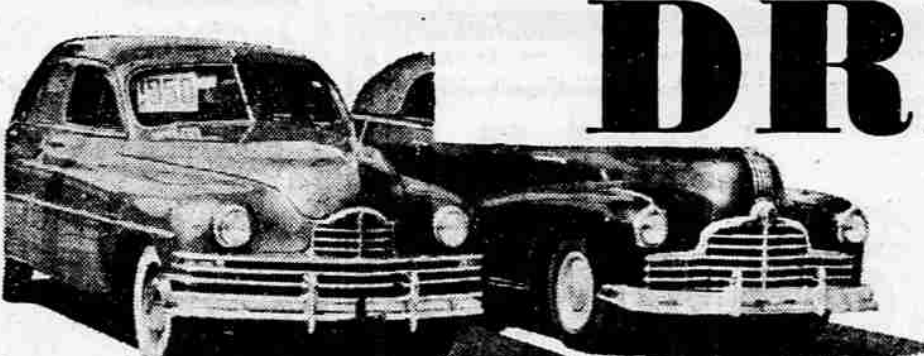
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