



JANITOR'S NIGHTMARE—Plenty room for a cleanup of debris left after night session of Democratic national convention in Convention Hall, Chicago.

Illinois Governorship First Elective Office Held by New Demo Candidate for President

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is a biography of Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, the Democratic presidential nominee.

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Chicago — (U.P.) — Four years ago Adlai Ewing Stevenson had never run for a public office. Just last week he jokingly told a press conference "I would shoot myself" if nominated as the Democratic presidential nominee.

The Illinois governor tried for six months to slam the door on a draft-Stevenson movement. Ever since President Truman announced he would not be a candidate, attention focused on Stevenson as the possible Democratic nominee. But Stevenson repeatedly said he would not be a candidate.

Held Many Jobs

Until 1948, Stevenson was a Chicago lawyer. He had served as special counsel to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in 1933 and 1934. He had been a special assistant to Republican Secretary of Navy Frank Knox for three years and had been a top advisor to the United States delegation to the United Nations. But he had never held elective office.

Stevenson is 52 years old, slightly balding and is the father of three sons. Adlai III is 22 and two weeks ago joined the Marines. The other sons, Borden, 19, and John Fell, 16, are with him here.

Divorced by Wife

Three years ago Stevenson was divorced by the former Ellen Borden after 21 years of marriage. Mrs. Stevenson last month said she would vote Republican, adding "One party has been in power too long."

It was in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in the early days of the New Deal that he met Alger Hiss, convicted as a perjurer in testifying he had never been a Communist. During the first Hiss trial Stevenson gave a deposition that Hiss' reputation for integrity, loyalty and veracity was "good." Stevenson later defended his position by repeating that he only said that other people had said Hiss had a good reputation.

At a Washington political meeting Stevenson's name first came to the attention of Jake Arvey, Chicago Democratic boss. Arvey met Stevenson, liked what he saw—and Stevenson was persuaded to run for governor.

Wins by Big Margin

The Republican ran Dwight Green against Stevenson. It was the year "experts" said Dewey and the Republicans couldn't miss. Stevenson defeated Green by nearly 600,000 votes. Truman nosed out Dewey in Illinois by

Local Woman Friend Of Sparkman Family

Mrs. Samuel D. Earhart, 11 North Peach street, Medford, has a special interest in the naming of Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama as the Democratic nominee for vice president.

Mrs. Earhart is a long-time close friend of Senator and Mrs. Sparkman, and went to the University of Alabama at the same time they did. Mrs. Earhart moved here from Huntsville, Ala., where Sparkman practiced law before being elected to congress and later to the senate.

When she last saw the Sparkmans in Washington, D. C., not long ago, there was talk that he might be the "veep" nominee. Mrs. Earhart said, and at that time she promised to do all she could for his election in Oregon.

Mrs. Earhart said she has a great admiration for the senator. He worked his own way through the university, and he and his wife were active in church work with her. Mrs. Earhart said, and are "both fine people."

only 35,000 votes.

Stevenson went to work at once to take the Illinois State Patrol out of politics and put it under civil service. Heretofore, the patrol had been operated as a form of the spoils system.

While he was a strong party man, Stevenson often departed sharply from the course usually followed by politicians. The legislature, for instance, approved a boost in old age pensions. Stevenson believed the State could not afford it and vetoed the measure.

Fights Gamblers

Stevenson has waged a bitter fight against the gamblers in Illinois. State troopers have seized more than 1,400 slot machines in raids which Stevenson said he ordered only because local law enforcement broke down.

But there have been less favorable developments in the Stevenson administration, too.

There was the West Frankfort mine disaster in which 119 miners died. There was the disclosure that the state had lost \$10,000,000 in revenue to a ring using counterfeit cigarette tax stamps. There was the revelation that 2,000,000 pounds of horse-meat had been sold illegally in the state. Stevenson promptly fired the state superintendent of the division of foods and seven of his inspectors.

Stevenson grew up in Bloomington, Ill., and once worked on the Bloomington Pantagraph, which he now partly owns.

His family has been prominent in politics for 100 years. His grandfather was vice president

President's Wife Happy

That HST Out of Running

Chicago — (U.P.) — Bess Truman was about the happiest woman in Convention Hall Saturday when her husband introduced Adlai E. Stevenson as the Democratic presidential nominee.

She may have had her doubts before. But now she was sure. Harry S. Truman would not run to succeed himself in the White House. After January 20 she can return to Independence, Mo.

As the President addressed cheering Democrats Bess sat in a box and beamed. Once or twice she looked over at Perle Mesta, the minister to Luxembourg, and nodded her head.

from 1893 to 1897 under President Grover Cleveland. His father once was Illinois secretary of state.

Gov. Stevenson's Reluctance Shown In Many Statements

Chicago — (U.P.) — The history of Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson's reluctance to be the Democratic presidential nominee:

March 20—"This is the season of our political cycle when men see dreams and see visions—mostly of the White House. Well, sir, I'm not one of them. I want to run for governor of Illinois—and that's all."

April 16—"I have repeatedly said that I was a candidate for the governor of Illinois and had no other ambitions. . . I could not accept the nomination for any other office this summer."

May 1—"I wish to make it emphatically clear that my name is not on your (the Oregon) primary ballot at my request or with my knowledge or consent. All I can do is request that there be no campaign in my behalf and that Oregon voters disregard my name on the ballot."

May 3—"We'll await the improbable arrival of that (a convention draft) situation. Has there ever been such a thing as a draft?"

May 13—"The more I see of this awful mess, the more I want to be president less."

May 26—"To say right now that I would refuse a draft would be belittling the office of president." That would be "presumptuous, arrogant and conceited."

July 20—"I have not the fitness, mentally, temperamentally, or physically to be president."

July 21—"Who leads us is less important than what leads us."

July 22—"Referring newsmen to the Biblical quotation 'O My Father, if it be Thy will let this cup pass from Me: Nevertheless not as I will but as Thou wilt.'"

July 26—"I accept your nomination."

The word magazine originally meant storehouse.

Stevenson Statements Show Views on Issues

(Editor's note: Since Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson did not campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, his views on major issues have not been as widely publicized as those of more active candidates. The following quotations, gleaned from Stevenson's speeches and news conference statements show where he stands.)

Chicago — (U.P.) — Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee, is on record with these statements on major issues:

Foreign Policy — "The hard fact of Soviet Communist imperialism presents a real danger to the free world now and for an indeterminate period to come. The Democratic party should continue to stress . . . the necessity for mobilizing our strength, both military and economic, in support of the free nations of the world; the importance of continued working toward the international organization and maintenance of peace through the United Nations; the value of regional organizations of strength such as NATO . . . and the stepping up of the kind of technical help provided under the Point Four program."

Korea — "I think there is good reason to believe that the resolute action of the UN in Korea not only gained time in the East but saved NATO in the West."

China — "I am opposed to the admission of Red China into the UN . . ."

Civil Rights — "In Illinois, I have tried earnestly to effect the adoption of a fair employment practices law with powers of enforcement. I feel very strongly that this is the first responsibility of the states themselves. If the states are unwilling or unable, then I presume there is no alternative to having the federal government do so."

Corruption — "One corrupt public official is too many. If there is Democratic dirt, let's clean it up and turn the flash-

Nominee's Ex-Wife Sends Best Wishes

Chicago — (U.P.) — Adlai E. Stevenson's divorced wife congratulated him Saturday as the best man the Democrats could have picked but she said she herself will vote for Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower in November.

The 44-year-old Mrs. Ellen Borden Stevenson, who divorced the Illinois governor and Democratic presidential nominee in 1949 and has no plans to rewed him, heard much of the convention on radio and was so sure her ex-husband would win she sent him her congratulatory message ahead of time.

Message Delivered Early

In fact she had it delivered to him around midnight Thursday. Stevenson, who insisted to the end he didn't want the nomination, must have been pretty sure too that he was going to get it. He fired right back with his reply. "That's grand. Many thanks," he said.

Mrs. Stevenson made public her note early today after Stevenson won the Democratic nomination on the third ballot.

This was the message she sent him:

"Dear Adlai — Congratulations to the Democratic party for choosing the finest available Democrat for president. I know you will do your best for the American people. All good wishes to you personally. Ellen Borden Stevenson."



GOV. ADLAI STEVENSON Heads Democratic Slate

light into every dark corner."

Taft-Hartley Law — "Some features of the law seem to me to advance the cause of good labor relations, and other features, in my opinion, do not. I think the Democratic platform should recommend modifications."

Social Welfare — "Government, through its public assistance and social welfare programs, should seek to enhance but not supplant the duty of the individual and of the family to provide for their own health and welfare."

Health Insurance — "If the insurance principle could be brought to bear on these catastrophic illnesses it would largely eliminate the specter of terror from the average home. I am sure the common objective can largely be realized without the destruction of the doctors' professional independence."

Stevenson Given Nod Without Costing Cent

Chicago — (U.P.) — "It's the first campaign I ever saw won without spending any money," said Chicago Democratic Boss J. M. Arvey, one of the prime movers in the draft Stevenson campaign.

"As God is my witness, we didn't spend a dime."

ASKED WRONG MAN

Omaha — (U.P.) — A 14-year-old boy found himself in custody of juvenile authorities after he had asked the wrong man to give him his auto a push. It was a state safety patrolman. W. R. Piercy, who discovered the car had been stolen.

Oregon Democrats Unanimously Okay Party's Nominee

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon Democrats of varying shades of opinion were unanimous Saturday in expressing their belief that the Democratic party had picked an outstanding presidential candidate in Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois.

Former Gov. Oswald West said he looked upon Stevenson "as one of the ablest men in the party and if he gives us assurance that he will get rid of that bunch of thieves back there, I will support the ticket — otherwise not."

Best Traditions

State Sen. Richard Neuberger said he believed Stevenson represented the best Democratic tradition of Jefferson and Wilson.

"He's an intellectual with the common touch, and this will be sure success," Neuberger said.

Lew Wallace, former Democratic candidate for governor, said he had been for Sen. Estes Kefauver because "the people of Oregon voted for him," but that in his personal judgment Stevenson "is the best qualified man for president outside of President Truman."

McKay Likes Ike

At Salem, Gov. Douglas McKay, who headed Oregon's delegation at the Republican national convention, expressed "high regard" for Stevenson but said he was still convinced there would be a "complete change of administration in Washington."

"I still like Eisenhower," McKay said.

State's Delegation Gets Kefauver Thanks

Chicago — (U.P.) — William L. Josslin, Oregon chairman of the Oregon Kefauver-for-president organization, Saturday thanked the members of the state delegation to the Democratic convention for their support of the Tennessee senator.

"The Oregon members did what the Oregon Democrats told them to do in the primary and I particularly want to commend Sheriff Terry Shunk for the manner in which he conducted the activities of the delegation," said Josslin who was alternate for Joseph Carson Jr., who never reached the convention.

Members of Congress may not wear hats during sessions.



RUSSELL BACKERS PARADE — Here's demonstration for Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia following the placing of his name in nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago Thursday.

Spokane, Wash. — (U.P.) — The city council has voted to set aside \$25 a month for the rehabilitation of alcoholics. The money will come from a rental fee charged Alcoholics Anonymous for the use of a city-owned building.

Woonsocket, R.I. — (U.P.) — Evelio Tiels, an 18-year-old Cuban, delivered the valedictorian address in French, Spanish and English at Mt. St. Charles Academy's commencement exercises.

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