

Kefauver Given Fair Chance To Win Democratic Presidential Nomination

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 Washington—U.P.—Sen. Estes Kefauver's chance of winning the 1956 Democratic presidential nomination is no more than fair, despite which he is the man to watch next year.



For one solid reason: Kefauver is a serious obstacle in the path of Adlai E. Stevenson.

Sitting back cool, comfortable and with an ace in the hole is Gov. Averell Harriman of New York. The fates of these three men, who are so unlike, are tied securely together; the political Davy Crockett from Tennessee, the polished, easy-mannered man from Illinois, and Harriman, who would be the richest president since George Washington.

Stevenson's Decision Approaches

The season is approaching when Stevenson must say yes or no to the question whether he will run again. Democrats will not draft Stevenson again.

That's where Kefauver's coin can be right in the center of the ring. The senator is a deadly primary opponent. He licked President Truman in New Hampshire's kickoff primary in March, 1952.

Kefauver went on to win primaries in Wisconsin, Nebraska, Illinois, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, South Dakota and California. Some of these were mere courtesy votes which did not bind delegations. He split Ohio and Florida.

Lost at Convention

The Tennessee senator probably had the largest public following of any Democrat when the national convention assembled in Chicago in 1952. Kefauver was well ahead on the first two ballots, then the professionals, led by Mr. Truman, did him in. Stevenson was the winner.

Kefauver will go into the pri-



ESTES KEFAUVER
 Serious Obstacle

maries again if he moves at all next year, and that puts it up to Stevenson to enter and meet him. A series of primary losses to Kefauver would be enough to bench Stevenson for life.

Then would come the \$64,000 question. Would Mr. Truman and the other party leaders whom Kefauver has offended accept him this time?

Bear Creek Offices Nearing Completion

More than 40,000 square feet of new office space at Bear Creek orchards is expected to be occupied by Oct. 1, officials of the company said today.

David Holmes, co-partner in the company, said finishing touches were started in the one-week. The general office building was constructed by the "tilt-up" method — concrete walls poured and dried horizontally, then raised into position.

At the north end of the new structure will be executive offices. The building will include new display rooms.

The outside of the general office building will be finished later, Holmes said, after the interior is prepared for occupancy.

Leslie Poole of Portland is engineer and Smith-Phillips company, also of Portland, is the general contractor.

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Mysterious Balloons in Midwest Continue To Puzzle Officials

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Midwest officials are up in the air over three mystery balloons that appeared and disappeared Sunday at high altitudes. The silly summer season, which began several months ago when hoses were reported burrowing into the ground, drew to an equally silly end as nobody claimed any of the balloons.

One of the huge floaters hovered over the Chicago Loop at an altitude of nearly 100,000 feet for a short time and then began to drift out over Lake Michigan, where it was seen no more.

"All we know is that it's a balloon and it's friendly," officers of the 22nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery in Chicago said. But they didn't explain how they knew it was friendly.

Other Balloons Sighted

Other balloons were sighted over Wisconsin and Central Ohio.

A fourth balloon, believed to have been set aloft for experimental cosmic ray research, was shot down near Fowler, Ind., by an Air Force plane using a so-called "electrical impulse" gun.

In Washington, Air Force officials refused to explain such weapons, but a Chicago research scientist said they may be remote control devices for letting gas out of balloons.

Reports from Fowler said the balloon was launched six days ago from Lowry Air Force Base at Denver, Colo., but officials at Lowry said it didn't belong to them.

Manufacturer Says Not His

Maybe, they said, it belonged to Winzen Research, Inc., of Minneapolis, Minn. But Otto Winzen, president of the firm, said nope, he didn't launch that one. At least he didn't think so.

Winzen doubted that it could have been the one he launched Sept. 1 at International Falls, Minn., which "refused to come down" and was last seen Thursday floating lazily out over New Brunswick and toward the Atlantic ocean.

In Central Ohio, another mystery balloon was sighted drifting on an east-northeast course just north of Columbus. Sheriff's police at Columbus said they were told the balloon was sent up by weather experts. But the Columbus Weather Bureau denied any knowledge of such balloons. They said maybe the Air Force knows something about it. The Air Force said to see the Weather Bureau.

McKay Says Deputies Own No Power Stock

Washington—U.P.—Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay has advised a House Government Operations Subcommittee that his top deputies connected with power development projects do not own any electric utility stocks.

Rep. Earl Chudoff (D-Pa.), chairman of the subcommittee which has been holding hearings on Interior Department activities in the sale of electric power from federal dams, had inquired particularly about any holdings by McKay, Undersecretary Clarence A. Davis, Assistant Secretary Fred D. Aandahl, Department Solicitor J. Reul Armstrong and Edmund T. Fritz, Associate Solicitor of Reclamation and Power.

Shorn Wool, Mohair Support Prices Told

Washington—U.P.—The Agriculture Department has announced it will support prices of shorn wool at 62 cents a pound and Mohair at 70 cents a pound in the marketing year beginning April 1, 1956.

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Officials said no changes were made because it is too early to determine the effect of the new support program which took effect this spring.

The program was designed to raise national wool production from 233,000,000 pounds in 1954 to 300,000,000 pounds annually. The 1955 wool clip has been estimated officially at 228,000,000 pounds.

The 1956 wool price is equal to 106 per cent of the "fair earning power" parity level. The Mohair price is 92 per cent of parity.

28-Year-Old Meets Father for First Time

A 28-year-old North Carolina telephone installer met his father for the first time in his life here at 11 a.m. Sunday. Larry A. Jarrett, a Western Electric telephone employee, from Asheville, N. C., arrived in Medford with his step-parents Saturday.

Jarrett was introduced to his true father, Carl M. Reed, 52, of Camp White, Sunday morning. Reed has been at the veterans' domiciliary since November, 1954.

The younger man planned to leave for his eastern home today. The pair did not wish to give any details of their long separation.

Roseburg—U.P.—Gary L. Inreberner, 19, of Roseburg, was killed yesterday when his fiberglass car crashed into a power pole and burned on Highway 99 north of here.

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