

# Most Democrat Favorite Sons Expected To Eventually Support Stevenson

## Candidate of 1952 Expected To Tell Plans Next Week

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said today he expects most of the "favorite son" candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination to throw their support eventually to Adlai E. Stevenson.

Stevenson, the 1952 nominee who lost to President Eisenhower, is expected to announce his candidacy for the 1956 nomination from Chicago next week.

"I think a majority of the favorite sons will be for Stevenson when all is said and done," said Humphrey, who already has declared for the former Illinois governor. "In my opinion, Stevenson is away out in front and I would expect him to increase his commanding lead."

**Stevenson Invited**  
"Favorite son" candidates are put forward by their own state delegations both to honor the candidates and to avoid committing delegations at national nominating conventions until the outlook crystallizes. A favorite son could emerge as victor from

a deadlocked convention. Among Democrats who are being discussed as possible favorite son candidates are Gov. Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey, Gov. Frank J. Lausche of Ohio, Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas and Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan.

Humphrey and other Minnesota Democratic leaders already have invited Stevenson to enter the Minnesota presidential primary next March 20. Stevenson is expected to agree. "I wouldn't expect there would be any opposition," Humphrey said. Other political developments:

### Hall Criticizes Congress

1. Republican National chairman Leonard W. Hall charged that the Democratic-controlled 84th Congress "has been a miserable failure so far" and has "roadblocked" President Eisenhower's domestic program. He made the statement in the current issue of "Straight From

The Shoulder," official publication of the GOP National Committee.

2. Sen. Humphrey countered with a statement that the Democrats did block a "bonds for boulevards" highway program and a school building program that would have provided for consultation "with bond brokers

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The 27-year-old brunette, identified as Mrs. Mary Falcon, had a fight with the boys' mother and threatened to "get even one way or the other" a month before the boys died, police said. Rule Violation Costs Job

Mrs. Falcon, also known by the aliases of Mrs. James Hart and Mary Jackson, had been receiving \$12 a week free lodgings for collecting rent at the rooming house where the two brothers lived. But she lost her job, police said, when the landlady discovered there were more than two children in the victims' family, a violation of the owners' rules.

The boys, William Jr., 7, and Lawrence Baughman, 6, lived with their parents and five other children. Their father was an unemployed dock worker who had been ill for some time. Lived on Handouts

The Baughmans, according to neighbors, had lived solely on the handouts from nuns, which consisted of \$7 worth of grocery donations per week for about three weeks before the boys died. The neighbors told police the children were always begging for food and scavenging scraps from garbage cans.

At the time the boys died at Charity hospital Oct. 13, authorities first attributed their deaths to malnutrition but the coroner later ruled their deaths were caused by a rat poison.

In the suspect's apartment police found poison tablets, used for killing rats and insects, and in her purse she carried newspaper clippings about the boys' deaths.

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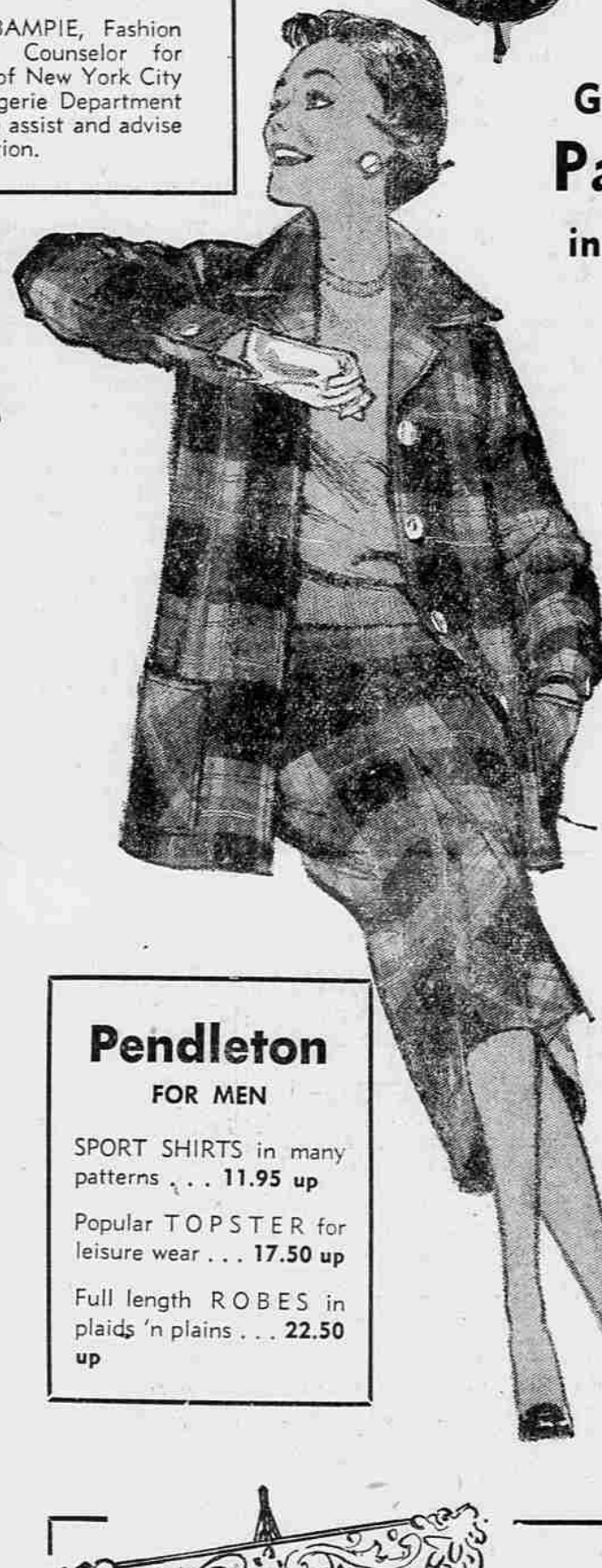
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