

Potential Democratic Candidates Eye Positions After Stevenson Declares

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Washington — (U.P.) — It's Adlai E. Stevenson against the field now in a long, hard race.



The several Democrats who also aspire to the presidential nomination next year must either fold or stop him. The man whom President Eisenhower licked in 1952 by a score of 442 electoral votes to 89 is the acknowledged front runner among the Democrats at this moment. But at this moment Stevenson is the only entry in the field.

Eight full months of political maneuvering lie ahead before the month of the major party nominating conventions. There are politicians who will concede readily that Stevenson has a long lead today but who predict trouble in the months to come if the other hopefuls join to stop him.

Stevenson's announcement in Chicago Tuesday that he would seek next year's Democratic presidential nomination long had been foreseen. Chief interest centered on the public reaction of key party figures to his open candidacy.

There was a remarkable lot of them who heard the news with friendly interest but without committing themselves to Stevenson's nomination. Former President Truman had no comment.

Gov. Averell Harriman of New

York, a dark horse, himself, jockeyed by Tammy boss Carmine Desapio said nothing which would prevent an all-out convention fight for his own nomination.

Tennessee's Sen. Estes Kefauver observed that Stevenson's "I will" opened to him the opportunity to contest a lot of presidential primaries. Kefauver's own presidential announcement is expected in December.

Stevenson said nothing of primaries Tuesday. But Chicago writers report he will enter at least four — Pennsylvania, Min-

nesota, California and Florida. That excludes New Hampshire where Kefauver earned his giant killing reputation in 1952 by defeating Mr. Truman in a presidential preference vote. Kefauver is sure next year to go back to New Hampshire which holds the first of score of primaries. The date is March 13.

Big Delegate Slate
Kefauver split Pennsylvania with Stevenson in 1952 and divided Florida with Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia. He scared all real opposition out of California and won the big dele-

gate slate. Kefauver wasn't on the Minnesota ballot but polled nearly 20,000 write in votes, a solid showing.

The various strategies now are evident. Kefauver to enter as many primaries as possible; Harriman to avoid all primary contests; Stevenson to enter a select few. Kefauver, for example might not want to challenge Stevenson in Minnesota next year, a March 20 primary. He was up again only a favorite son in 1952. Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

The Minnesota Democratic organization is now solidly pledged to Stevenson. But Kefauver well might decide to make it a contest in California on June 5. His

primary achievements made Kefauver top man in the first two ballots of the 1952 convention which finally switched to Stevenson on the third.

Stevenson's over-all strategy is as evident as his greatest problem. The strategy is to build up a quick, fire-ball pre-convention campaign calculated to bluff

all others out of the contest. His greatest problem is that of all who reach the top of a greased pole—which is, to stay there.

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War Maneuver 'Destruction' Receives Study

Fort Polk, La. — (U.P.) — High Air Force officers began today to evaluate the potential destruction in a future war gathered from first day maneuvers of Exercise Sagebrush.

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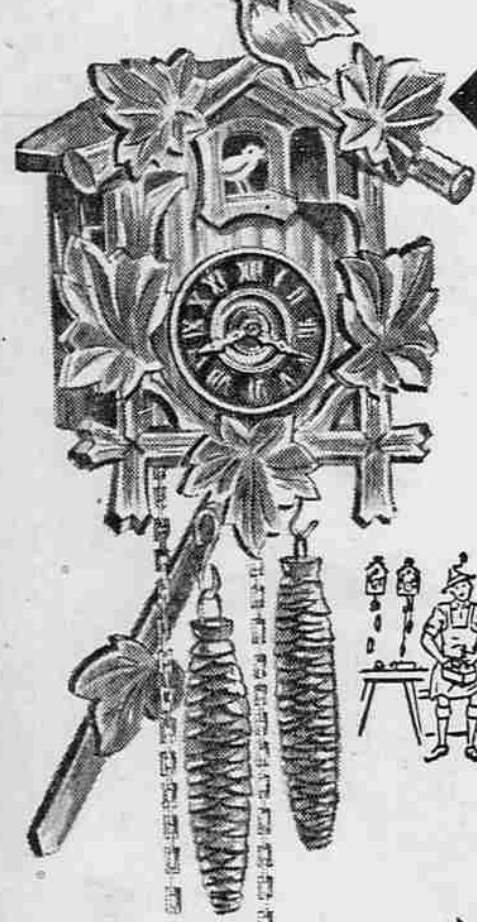
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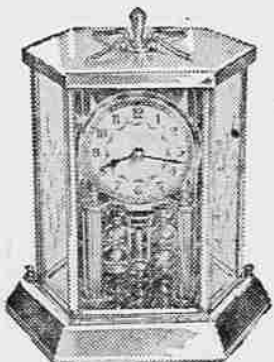
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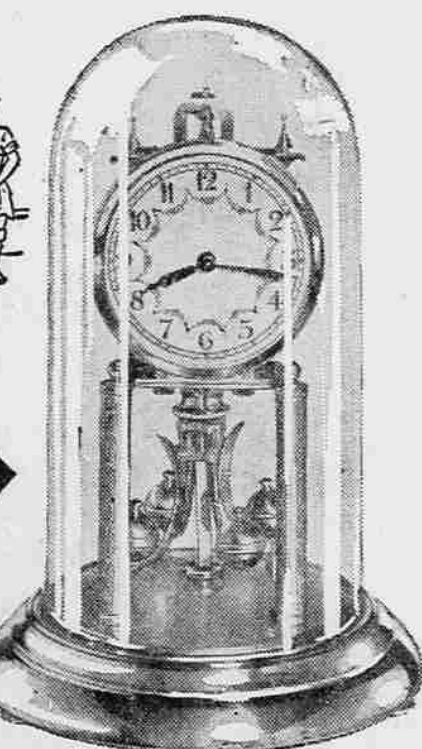


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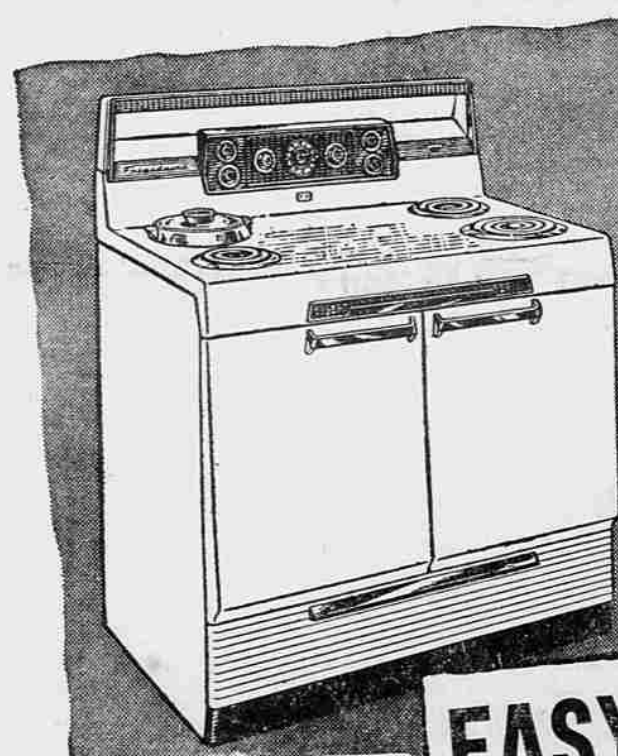
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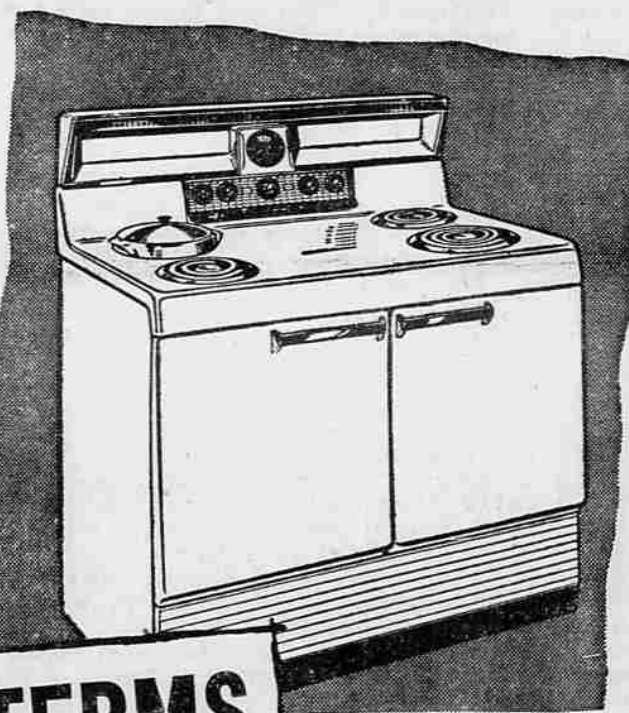
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