

New, Different Stevenson To Seek Democratic Presidential Nomination in Bolder Campaign

Editor's Note: This is one of four dispatches written by the United Press Washington bureau chief and top political writer, giving a close-up profile on the Democratic presidential hopeful.

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Washington — (U.P.) — Adlai E. Stevenson is slugging this year for the Democratic presidential nomination which he all but brushed aside in 1952. As of today he is far ahead of the pack — and running hard.

The 1956 model Stevenson is a different man and somewhat different candidate, now aged 55 years.

The crew-cut crew in the Brooks Brothers outfits which distinguished his Springfield, Ill., campaign headquarters four years ago are loyal, still. But they are less evident. He has strong support in the Americans for Democratic Action, the hard core of FDR's New Deal.

Political Savvy
A delicate disdain for the rough and tumble of politics which some sensed in the Stevenson camp in 1952 is less discernible now. Headquarters has been shifted to big and boisterous Chicago where politics is rough and ready. And the man himself seems to have picked up a lot of political savvy since 1952.

The political pros are taking over the Stevenson campaign. His campaign manager is James Finnegan, a graduate of Philadelphia's well adjusted Democratic organization. Finnegan was a factor in Gov. George M. Leader's successful 1954 Pennsylvania campaign.

Stevenson is the man to beat with the Democratic convention more than six months away. Two men, especially, are out to beat him and there are some dark horses. The two are Gov. Averell Harriman of New York and Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee. Harriman, coy, has not formally announced his "active" candidacy. Kefauver is in officially and he may be a real factor in the pre-convention scramble.

Prosperity and Pace
Stevenson announced his candidacy Nov. 15 on a platform of a saner and safer world — prosperity and peace. By now he has agreed to enter presidential primary contests in California, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota and Pennsylvania. He will meet Kefauver head-on in California and Florida, perhaps in Minnesota.

A primary defeat would be disabling although not necessarily deadly to his candidacy. Stevenson's managers already claim more informally pledged delegates than the simple majority necessary to nominate.

Stevenson is a left-of-center candidate much in the Roosevelt-Truman tradition, but with a qualification. The 1956 model Stevenson evidently has sensed something new in the political atmosphere. He has pegged his campaign on "moderation" — a word fresh in recent Democratic presidential politics.

Attacks Foreign Policy
But Stevenson will substantially conform to big labor's party line in his political pronouncements, as any man must to obtain the Democratic nomination. He will go about as far as labor desires toward amending or repealing the Taft-Hartley act.

Stevenson's pre-convention campaign has built up to a rip-saw attack on Eisenhower foreign policy. By mid-January Stevenson was demanding the scalp of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles — or that President Eisenhower repudiate Dulles' "brink of war" statements. The belief that foreign policy would not be a big 1956 campaign issue bamboozled few at any time, practically none now.

Stevenson is a graceful speaker with a knack for whiplash humor. His opponents call him an "egghead." Some friends and foes, alike, believe his stuff is too subtle for the common man. The word around is that Stevenson's handlers suggest that he ease away from the wisecracks, bright though they may be. Habits, however, are hard to break.

Polled High Vote
The comparative seclusion of the TV studio and the chartered airplane were basic in Stevenson's 1952 campaign mechanics. But the 1956 Stevenson is likely to do more sweating with the crowds.

He is divorced, which could be a factor against him. But that didn't seem to hurt much in 1952 when he polled 27,314,992 votes — a record for a loser and a total exceeded only by two winners, FDR and Mr. Eisenhower himself.

Former President Truman obtained Stevenson's nomination four years ago. The candidate seemed not to count Mr. Truman a prime campaign asset. The President seemed miffed. This time Mr. Truman has the public guessing about his 1956 true love.

Stevenson's platform has developed so far:
Foreign Policy
He accused the administration of too much threat, bluff and bluster. He described as most perilous our relations with other countries, from Iceland to Japan. On Dulles' brink-of-war remarks, he said: "I am shocked that the

secretary of state is willing to play Russian roulette with the life of the nation." He will deal in personalities.

National Security
He believes the United States has lost its military lead to Russia in the past three years. He proposes a drive for real disarmament instead of what he termed an uneasy balance of weapons, or of terror.

Taxes
Stevenson agreed with Mr. Eisenhower that government revenue must not be diminished now. But he proposed "some sort of relief" for low income groups, possibly to be made up by repeal

of the small exemption now granted on dividends.

Farm
Stevenson is for the 90 per cent of parity farm subsidy; approves the Republican soil bank idea but fears the administration program will not be effective in time to relieve the cost-price squeeze in farmers.

Education
He described the administration's new program as an example of campaign year political expediency, recalling that proposed direct federal grants have been jacked up since last year from \$65,000,000 a year for three years to \$250,000,000 a year for five years. Even so, he considers this grossly inadequate.

Internal Security
Stevenson finds the government more the persecutor than the defender of the innocent. He told the American Jewish Congress in Chicago that "the excesses we have endured of late are not necessary in order to keep dangerous people out of government."

'Big Business' Government
With eight of 10 cabinet members and three-fourths of the government's top appointed officials recruited from big business, Stevenson said the people have become "customers, susceptible to the huckstering advertiser arts of salesmen for special interests."

Prosperity
"We climbed together from

the trough of depression which we Democrats had inherited from the Republicans. And, today, most Americans dwell upon the plateau of prosperity which the Republicans inherited from us."

Civil Rights
No new commission is necessary, as the President proposed to determine whether Negroes are being denied their rights, as citizens, Stevenson argued. He said the Justice Department has ample authority to obtain the facts.

Argentine Expedition Will Remove Statues

Mendoza, Argentina—(U.P.)—An Argentine army expedition dug in today for a final assault to the summit of 22,976-foot Mt. Aconcagua to bring down the statues of Juan and Eva Peron.

Mt. Aconcagua in the Andes is the tallest mountain in the western Hemisphere.

The statues of Peron and his wife were carried to the summit of Aconcagua in the 1953-54 season. A statue of the Virgin of Fatima also was set up on the summit by a group of clerical mountain climbers.



SHE'S IN THE MONEY — Actress Marla English, turned 21, is sure glad the law included in her studio contract a clause forcing part of her earnings into savings bonds. She's holding \$4900 in U. S. bonds which have been held for her by the Los Angeles county clerk.

Rain Insurance Sales Bring Charge of Fraud
Munich, Germany—(U.P.)—Authorities have charged Hans Daburger with fraud for combining his two occupations for illegal profit. Daburger runs a camping ground and sells rain insurance for an insurance firm which pays off if rain ruins a policyholders vacation. He is charged with selling rain insurance to persons camping on his ground, and then, for a kickback, reporting to the insurance company that it rained on their vacation.

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'Frozen' Youngster Continues To Gain; Police Seek Clues

Marshalltown, Ia.—(U.P.)—Police hoped today to solve the mystery of a 2-year-old "frozen" girl who survived a criminal attack and a 60.8-degree body temperature.

Meanwhile, the little Negro girl was making medical history at Evangelical hospital here. She was practically frozen to death when police found her with her unconscious grandmother in an icy-cold, blood-spattered cottage Saturday. Her temperature registered 30 degrees below normal, believed to be a record for a human who survived.

But little Vickie Davis is making a near-miraculous recovery. Her temperature went to 103, returned to normal, and doctors reported she is apparently out of danger.

The child was even able to sing a verse from "Davy Crockett" for her parents Monday. Meanwhile, the 48-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Mary Davis, came out of shock late Monday and furnished new leads to police.

Police Chief Delos Dooley said afterwards, "We were stymied before, but now we feel pretty good."

Marshalltown authorities to see if there is any connection between the attack on Vickie and the kidnap-murder of a Sioux City, Ia., girl last summer.

Fire Went Out
The attack on Vickie and her grandmother apparently took place late Friday night. Later, a fire in the gas stove in the cottage went out or was turned down and the Marshalltown temperature fell to 24 degrees below zero.

Police entered the cottage Saturday morning and found Vickie, clad only in a nightgown, on the floor. Both arms were frozen up to her shoulders, her legs were frozen up to her thighs, and the left side of her face was also frozen.

Highway traffic was crippled in Tennessee and police reported a rash of minor accidents.

The snows changed to rains farther south, hitting hardest at central and northern Florida. Tallahassee was pounded by two inches of rain and Tampa measured an inch and three quarters last night.

Elsewhere, warm air brought a welcome end to sub-zero temperatures in the plains. Temperatures jumped as much as 30 degrees in Minnesota and the Dakotas, but Wisconsin was still in the deep freeze with Grantsburg registering 18 below zero early today.

Russian Antarctic Expedition Has Trouble
London — (U.P.) — The Soviet Antarctic expedition has run into considerable unforeseen difficulties in setting up camp on the polar continent, Moscow Radio said Monday.

The broadcast said the summer sun was "having a marked effect on the state of the ice" making the task of unloading the ships "more difficult."

Memphis Buried In Heavy Snow
By UNITED PRESS
The southland's first big snow storm of the season buried Memphis under the heaviest snows in eight years today.

The snow storm moved out of Arkansas, across Tennessee, and into central North Carolina. Tennessee was blanketed by a two to six-inch snow cover and Elizabeth City, N.C., measured four inches.



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