

Kefauver Sheds Coonskin Cap; Plans More Dignified Presidential Drive

Editor's note: This is the second of four dispatches on the 1956 Democratic presidential hopefuls.

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Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Estes Kefauver has shed his coonskin cap. With more dignity, if less sure-fire publicity, he is campaigning again for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Kefauver is 52. He was graduated by his Tennessee constituents in 1948 from the House to the United States Senate. He was re-elected in 1954.

The senator zoomed to national popularity months before the 1952 Democratic national convention on public interest aroused by his televised investigation of organized crime. He led the field on the first two convention ballots and would probably have been nominated but for the outraged opposition of his party leader.

Kefauver had offended by opposing and defeating President Truman in New Hampshire's 1952 presidential primary. It isn't done. But Kefauver did it. He took his TV show into Chicago, spotlighted a policeman whose bank balance seemed over-large and contributed thereby to the defeat of Democratic Sen. Scott Lucas.

Mr. Truman licked Kefauver with Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois four years ago. Mr. T. says he has no favorite this time, and Kefauver reports they have made up, if not kissed. Maybe so.

Smoke Clears
Kefauver for a while was beset on his home grounds when there was talk that Tennessee's national convention delegation would be pledged to Gov. Frank

Clement as a favorite son candidate. This would have seriously weakened Kefauver's position. But Clement announced yesterday he would not be a favorite son candidate and urged the state to send an "unbound, unpledged and unpressured" delegation to the convention.

The significant thing about Kefauver's candidacy this year is that he is forcing the pace. He announced his candidacy Dec. 15, shortly after Stevenson.

Kefauver Assured of Tennessee Support

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Estes Kefauver's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination has escaped some possible embarrassment in his own backyard.

Gov. Frank Clement of Tennessee announced yesterday he has withdrawn as a possible "favorite son" candidate for the presidential nomination.

He said Kefauver "is entitled to fair and full opportunity in his home state."

However, Clement urged his state to send an "unbound, unpledged and unpressured" delegation to the Democratic National convention. He is expected to control the delegation.

Kefauver Grateful
Kefauver said he is "grateful" for Gov. Clement's generous attitude.

"To have the full backing of the people of my state would certainly help in my campaign," he said.

Other political developments:

1. Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland pondered whether to enter the GOP primaries in New Hampshire and Florida. A Florida group opened a "Florida for Knowland" campaign. The senator said he will look over the New Hampshire political battlefield this week end. He would collide with President Eisenhower in both primaries.

2. Adlai E. Stevenson said he wishes Secretary of State John Foster Dulles "would practice what he preaches" about shaking confidence overseas. But, the Democratic candidate for the presidential nomination said instead Dulles is "boasting about his ability to brandish bombs and balance on the brink of war."

Eisenhower Group
3. The newly reactivated National Citizens for Eisenhower

Kefauver has signed up for primary election's in Florida, California, New Hampshire and Wisconsin. He is looking Minnesota over, although the farmer-labor Democratic organization there is stacked for Stevenson.

Man-To-Man Combat
But he will meet Stevenson in Florida and California in any event—a man-to-man combat of Kefauver's own choosing. So the chips are down in both states. Stevenson is the front-runner

and stands to suffer most from defeat. If Kefauver could beat Stevenson in both states, the chances of the man from Illinois would shrink substantially. Stevenson and Kefauver each publicly welcomed the other into the pre-convention campaign. The fact is, they are political poison to one another and each knows it. But for Kefauver, Stevenson might have passed up the primaries altogether. It seems that he would have liked it that way.

Another Investigation
The senator has another investigation going now—juvenile delinquency. He's chairman of a Senate judiciary committee. Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D-W. Va.), chairman of the full committee, deprived Kefauver of the plum he wanted. That was chairmanship of the subcommittee to investigate anti-trust and monopoly practices in big business. General Motors recently was on that griddle.

Kefauver rightly figured there would be much good publicity in that subcommittee chairmanship. Kilgore relented a bit. He deputized Kefauver to conduct the Dixon-Yates phase of the subcommittee's work. But the Tennessee has not found a substitute for his televised 1950-51 program of big and little punks.

He has some advantage in the possibility that the party bosses may not be as stubbornly opposed to him now as four years ago. If there was an unbossed

Reserve Commissions Available In Army
Direct appointments of reserve commissioned officers as research psychologists in the Army adjutant general's corps are planned, headquarters for the Oregon military district announced recently.

Reserve Army appointments of lieutenant or captain will be made for assignment as research psychologists to fill vacancies in the Army reserve mobilization personnel research group. Applicants must have at least a masters degree in psychology or a doctor's degree with emphasis on quantitative methods and personnel psychology.

NO FUN FOR FUN
Portland—(U.P.)—Chin Hing Fun, 50, yesterday was sentenced to 7½ years in prison by Federal Judge Gus J. Solomon for sale of narcotics. Fun also was fined \$300.

After the Hawaiian islands had established themselves as a republic, they voluntarily had their domain annexed to the United States in the status of a territorial possession in 1898.

There are at least 150 species of the maple tree.

candidate who was the people's choice at the 1952 Democratic convention, Kefauver was the man. He had boisterous rank and file support, especially among younger Democrats. However, if the party leaders are not actively organizing against him this year, neither are they

Government Ends Anti-Trust Suit Against AT&T

Washington—(U.P.)—The government has announced settlement of an anti-trust suit against the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and its subsidiary, Western Electric Corp.

The agreement sharply curtails activities of the two companies in the communications field.

Under the consent judgment, the two firms agree to make "all patents" available to American applicants with no limit as to when and how they may be used.

Trade Said Monopolized
The government had accused the two firms in January, 1949, of having "unlawfully restrained and monopolized trade and commerce in the manufacture, distribution, sale and installation of telephone equipment."

The consent judgment was filed in federal court at Newark, N.J.

It listed "approximately 8600 existing patents" under which licensing and sublicensing rights were exchanged between the two firms and General Electric Co., Radio Corporation of America, and Westinghouse Electric Corp. All of them will be licensed "royalty free" to all applicants.

Foreign Policy
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in love with the tall man from Tennessee.

Can Match Campaign Smile
Kefauver is a big man, fit for pro basketball. He isn't handsome but he almost can match Ike's campaign smile. Women always are aware of it when Kefauver enters a room. He likes people close up, doesn't flinch at patting an infant, damp or dry. The senator has a lot more of the common touch than do his principal opponents, Stevenson and New York's Gov. Averell Harriman. They are city folks. Kefauver plays the country boy role and does it well.

Outstanding Citizen
He's a New Deal-Fair Deal candidate, as who isn't, barring those Democrats who couldn't be nominated anyway? He is solicitous about Mr. Eisenhower's health, an attitude generally prevalent among Democrats, most of whom sympathetically insist it would be inhuman to ask Ike to run again.

Kefauver recently described the President as "an outstanding citizen of the world." He said the Republican party was "an awful load for him to pull along."

Here are some of his points of view:

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been "starving TVA to death" for three years and now is trying to "bleed it to death, too." Mr. Eisenhower had proposed that TVA meet most of its 'future needs by bond issues upon which of course, TVA would have to pay interest.

Farm Promises Said Broken
The day after announcing his candidacy, Kefauver told a gathering of Maryland Democratic leaders that Republican "broken promises to farmers" are among "the many issues the Democrats must take to the people." Kefauver is a high subsidy man. He objects to Mr. Eisenhower's program on grounds that (1) it would provide no immediate relief as would a return to 90 per cent of parity payments and (2) a "more basic objection" that the program is based on a "philosophy of scarcity" instead of surplus to be used for the general welfare at home and abroad.

Labor Campaign Issue
He says the Democrats must make a major campaign issue of the Republican party's "ruthless broken promise to labor on the Taft-Hartley act."

The relationship among industry, labor and agriculture "has become dangerously unbalanced" by reason of the administration's "big business first philosophy." We should have a country "in which young people will be able to go into business without being pushed around by monopolies and cartels."

Additional FHA Loans Available In County

Farmers in Josephine and Jackson counties may apply for additional loans for financing 1956 operating expenses. William N. Young Jr., local agent for the Farmers Home administration, has announced.

Loans may be used to pay a wide variety of farm and home operating expenses, including purchase of fertilizer, tractor fuel, livestock feed and seed, Young said. Loans will be made to operators of smaller than family-type farms, he said.

Applications may be filed at Young's office in the Manchel building, Grants Pass.

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