

High Official Feels All Three Demo Candidates Will Lose Out

Kefauver Expected To Stop Stevenson Early in Campaign

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 Washington — (U.P.) — A credible witness holding high office in the Eisenhower administration reports that he was offered a bet of 10 to one that none of the three most widely discussed Democrats would be nominated for president this year.

The three are Adlai E. Stevenson, Sen. Estes Kefauver and Gov. Averell Harriman. He took the bet, putting up one dollar to collect \$10 if all three strike out.

The other bettor argued it this way: Kefauver is likely to wound Stevenson's chances fatally in one or more of the presidential primary contests in which they will oppose each other. They will meet in New Hampshire March 13, Minnesota March 20, Florida May 8 and California June 5.

Having disposed of Stevenson in the primaries, the bettor continued, Kefauver would be knocked off, in turn, by the combined opposition of the Stevenson element, southern conservatives and the old guard. The Democratic old guard is mostly Harry S. Truman, Independence, Mo.

Harriman in Line
 The form chart at that point suggests that New York's Gov. Harriman, with Carmine De Sapio up, would gallop around the convention track for an easy win. That is the strategy of the Harriman organization as charted by De Sapio, the new look boss of modern Tammany Hall.

On the record, Tammany appears to have changed just about everything except its name. The last Tammany boss of any consequence prior to De Sapio was Charles F. Murphy who's been dead some 30 years. Most of them were lean and hungry years for the Tammany Tiger.

Tammany is eating high off the payroll again with a solid Democrat as mayor of New York. He is Robert F. Wagner Jr., son of the late senator who was for many years a sachem of Tammany Hall. And Tammany has a nutritious joint interest in the state government through close association with Harriman's election as governor in 1954.

The bettor who put up \$10-to-1 against any of the three front runners making it this year is convinced that Harriman also will be cut down in the nominating convention. This bettor argues that the Tammany tag will be a serious disadvantage, despite evidence that De Sapio is a reform boss.

Tammany was founded by Aaron Burr and is almost as old as national elections. But it became evil and corrupt beyond belief in its middle age, marked through most of the first quarter of this century as a hard boiled and suspect political machine. Tammany's reputation nationwide is bad. De Sapio's reform must continue long to improve it.

That is rated as a strike on Harriman's candidacy. Two more strikes could be fired past Harriman by southern Democratic pitchers. Harriman was

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Balloon-Borne Device Used in Study of Smog

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — A balloon-borne, "diamond-studded" device is science's latest gimmick to study smog.

The device, known as a meteorograph, was developed by Don T. Hilleary, University of California meteorologist.

The heart of the instrument, carried aloft by balloons, is a tiny railway car drawn by a clock mechanism at an inch-an-hour pace. A smoked glass plate is carried by the car to plot data against time. Three mechanisms in the instrument register temperature pressure and humidity while a recording arm with a diamond point etches the responses.

A 100 per cent New-Fair Deal presidential candidate four years ago and presumably is so minded now.

Thereby, Harriman is in close alliance with labor leaders who are not loved by conservative Democratic politicians. More important, Harriman is an unusually vigorous supporter of the programs of minority groups, especially racial integration considerably beyond the school room. The South might accommodate itself to Stevenson who has been talking of political "moderation" and balk at Harriman or, for that matter, Kefauver.

Anyway, that is the way it is argued by a man who backs his judgment with long money odds.

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Legal National Lottery in U.S. Not Expected To Become Reality

Washington — (U.P.) — It looks like a sure-thing bet that you'll never see a legal national lottery in the United States.

1. The legislative obstacles, federal and state, are great.
 2. Congress has refused several times in recent decades even to consider lottery legislation.
 3. America has had lotteries — and has outlawed them as a social evil.
- Still — it's an equally safe bet that the pro-lottery people will keep trying. They say:
- This is the gamblingest country in the world. But it is one of the few in which the government doesn't take its cut.
- In a dispatch Dec. 27, the United Press summarized the arguments for legal lotteries. What are the arguments against?
- 'Insidious Menace'**
 The National Council of

Churches of Christ, representing the Protestants of America, has denounced gambling as "an insidious menace both to personal character and social morality."

According to the National Catholic Welfare Council, the Catholic church in the United States has not taken a national stand on the subject.

What is at stake in the lottery pros and cons? For one thing, many billions of dollars. The academy study estimated that the gambling turnover in 1949 was \$15,000,000,000.

The senate committee estimated it at \$20,000,000,000 in 1951. Rep. Paul A. Fino (R-N), author of a pending lottery bill, put it recently at \$30,000,000,000.

Nice Figures
 These are huge figures and obviously can't be proved. Compare them with a provable figure, the 1955 tax on individual income. It was \$34,000,000,000. Fine and other lottery advocates say people will gamble, come what may.

The other side says legislation of gambling never has driven out the racketeers and crooks. They also deny that the federal take would be enough to have any appreciable effect on the modern budget. They do agree that there is such a thing as the "gambling urge," the "lure of something-for-nothing."

But they say that is not the point. James J. Carol, a St. Louis bookmaker, asserted that gambling satisfies "a biological urge." Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), chairman of the Senate Crime committee, retorted:

"The sex urge is a stronger urge; and not a person would advocate the repeal of laws against rape."

Search Fails To Find Cougar Near Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — A thorough combing of the west Portland hills has failed to turn up any trace of a cougar spotted in the area Sunday.

Patrolman Loren Parcher of the state police game enforcement division said he would look again today, but thought the animal was probably long gone.

Two experienced cougar hunters — Mart Melgard and Gerald Warnock of Portland — failed to spot the swift cat yesterday, but saw tracks that indicated a mother cougar and her kitten might have been in the area.

They agreed with Parcher, however, that the animal or animals were probably far away by now.

DINNER SPEAKER
 Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — Howard Pyle, administrative assistant to President Eisenhower, will address the Clark county Washington, Lincoln day dinner here tomorrow night.

End of Tillamook Lighthouse Eyed

Portland — (U.P.) — Abandonment of historic Tillamook lighthouse and replacement with a lighted whistle buoy was proposed yesterday in a notice posted by the commandant of the 13th district of the Coast Guard.

Rear Adm. L. W. Perkins said excessive cost of maintenance of the famed light, built in 1881 was the reason for the proposal. A public hearing on the plan will be held at Astoria city hall at 9:30 a.m., March 1.

Tillamook rock rises 100 feet above the ocean and the light itself is 134 feet above the water. It was built in 1881 after two years of effort. A similar plan of abandonment was dropped in 1948 after it aroused a storm of public protest.

Adm. Perkins said "to continue the station will soon involve large public expense to replace some of the old equipment and to repair and modernize the structure..." He added that "supplying fuel, water and stores, as well as transporting personnel to and from the rock, is a hazardous operation at best."

He said annual cost of the operation is more than \$15,000.

Jose Francisco de Ortega of the Portola expedition, is credited with being the first European to see San Francisco Bay.

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