

Split Over Civil Rights Reflected in Democrat Party; Harriman Tells Stand

Washington—(U.P.)—The split within the Democratic party over civil rights was clearly reflected today in the differing stands taken on the issue by its top contenders for the presidential nomination.

New York Gov. Averell Harriman, the latest to spell out his views, said he favored cutting off federal funds to public schools which refuse to end segregation. He also called for immediate federal enforcement of the Supreme court's desegregation ruling.

Following Harriman's statement yesterday, Adlai E. Stevenson reiterated his stand that there should be no slowing down of desegregation efforts. But, he said, "we must recognize that it is reason alone that will determine our rate of continued progress."

Stevenson earlier stated his opposition to provide that no federal funds should go to segregated schools.

The third presidential contender, Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) has hedged on this question. He said Friday his decision would depend on (1) whether the amendment's language could be framed consistently with the Supreme court's desire for "orderly transition" and with allowance for "complex local problems" and (2) whether the practical effect of the amendment would be to defeat the school aid bill.

In Republican political developments yesterday, the news concerned personalities more than issues.

Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson denied that his party was trying to keep him out of active participation in this year's campaign. He said he is flooded with speaking invitations.

Heart Report
Dr. Paul Dudley White, the Boston heart specialist, said that President Eisenhower's doctors will give him a report on his latest physical examination late Tuesday or Wednesday. But he

said the report would contain only medical findings and make no direct recommendations on whether Mr. Eisenhower should or should not seek a second term.

Washington friends of Vice-

President Richard M. Nixon said Nixon will remain completely aloof from any efforts to build him up for the presidency while Mr. Eisenhower's 1956 plans are unknown.

Republican National Chair-

man Leonard W. Hall denied again that Nixon ever called former President Harry S. Truman a "traitor" in the 1952 campaign. Hall said he would donate \$1000 to charity if such a charge could be proved.

Symington Might Jump Overnight Into Demo Presidential Picture

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Washington—(U.P.)—Stuart Symington is a handsome, 55-year-old Missourian of whom the

whole world may become aware some hot night next August.

Symington is the junior U. S. Senator from Missouri, serving a first term to which he was elected in 1952. It is quite possible—if not yet probable—that the Democratic Party will nominate Symington for President this year.

He would be a compromise candidate, considerably short of a 100 per cent left winger, but not a conservative, either, by a large margin. There is more than a whisper of speculation in Washington that Symington would stand to gain the most if the three more publicized Democrats were rejected.

The three are: Adlai E. Stevenson, Illinois; Sen. Estes Kefauver, Tennessee, and Gov. Averell Harriman, New York. Former President Harry S. Truman nominated Stevenson almost single-handed in 1952. There is some basis for doubt now that Mr. Truman is in Stevenson's corner.

Accused of Straying
Harriman looks more like Mr. Truman's man. Stevenson is being accused of straying to the middle of the road. The left

wing of the Democratic Party seems to be a bit suspicious of him. Harriman and Kefauver are 100 per centers, loyal to Mr. Truman's Fair Deal and therefore without much support from middle roaders and with none among party conservatives.

On the basis of their records, Mr. Truman could go easily for either of them, except that Kefauver offended in 1952 by meeting and beating the then president in New Hampshire's presidential primary. Mr. Truman is not likely to forget that.

Neither would he be likely to forget that Symington served him well and that they are fellow Missourians, although Symington is a carpet bagger of sorts, having been born in Massachusetts and schooled in the East.

Symington was FDR's wartime assistant secretary of war for air. He was first secretary of the independent Air Force under Mr. Truman. Later he was chairman of the National Security Resources Board. When the Reconstruction Finance Corp. was in trouble, Mr. Truman named Symington administrator to untroubled it.

Did Good Job
Republicans and Democrats agree that Symington did a good job wherever FDR or Mr. Truman put him. Before the war he was president of the Emerson Electric Manufacturing Co., St. Louis. He has, as the saying goes, met a payroll.

Mrs. S. is a charming woman, daughter of former Sen. James W. Wadsworth of New York. When the Symingtons were not

exactly in the chips in the depression days, Eve Symington did a chore of night club entertaining. She sings, and good. There are two sons, Stuart and James.

Symington is an 80 per center on the Americans for Democratic Action honor roll. That means he voted the left wing, ADA way, on 80 per cent of certain roll calls in the last session of Congress which the ADA chose as standards. The issue involved were taxes, reciprocal trade, foreign aid, public housing, statehood (Alaska and Hawaii), natural gas, the censure resolution against Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

Only 11 Democratic senators had higher percentages in the ADA calculation. Only four senators were graded 100 per cent—Humphrey, Minn.; Lehman, N. Y.; McNamara, Mich.; and, you guessed it, Kefauver.

Students Reported No Violence Pledge

Tuscaloosa, Ala.—(U.P.)—Eighty per cent of the University of Alabama student body was reported pledged Saturday to a "no violence" policy if Negro Autherine Lucy returns to classes. But the possibility arose that "cold war" might replace physical demonstrations.

"Most of us are strong segregationists," Walter Flowers, president of the student body, said, "but we're not for violence."

University President O. C. Carmichael's promise that Miss Lucy will be reinstated if federal court so directs at a Feb. 29 hearing was backed indirectly by Gov. James E. Folsom.

Carmichael said police reinforcements may be needed to assure the 26-year-old coed full protection. The governor said he would do all in his power to prevent "mob rule" which could be taken to mean he would send the militia if that is what it takes for the Negro to attend classes in safety.

Miss Lucy was suspended last Monday after rioters stoned her automobile and tried to grab her. Carmichael said the suspension was a safety measure and loudly denounced Miss Lucy for going to court Thursday with a charge that the college used "cunning strategy" to bring on the riots and provide an excuse for her exclusion because of her race.

Not counting the recently installed TV antenna on its tower, the Empire State building rises to a height of 1,248 feet.

The Andes mountain chain is more than 4,000 miles long.

Wisconsin Paper Says McCarthy Received Favors by Oil Company

Milwaukee—(U.P.)—The Milwaukee Journal said yesterday that Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), has received favors from the Superior Oil Co., the company that offered a \$2500 "campaign contribution" to Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.).

The newspaper said that "in 1953, McCarthy and his wife were ferried across and around the country in a private plane registered in the name of the Superior Oil Co., Oil and Gas Bldg., Houston, Tex."

"The campaign report filed with the secretary of state by the McCarthy Club Nov. 3, 1952, showed a \$2000 'donation' by N. B. Keck," the Journal said. "This donor apparently was H. B. Keck, president of the Superior Oil Co., Los Angeles."

Principal Committee
"The contribution was made Sept. 15, 1952, according to the club report. The McCarthy Club was the Senator's principal campaign committee in his 1952 campaign for reelection."

The Journal said positive identification of contributors to Wisconsin campaigns is difficult

because addresses of contributors don't have to be listed and names often are carelessly written. The newspaper said efforts to reach Keck to confirm his contributions were "fruitless."

The newspaper said Superior Oil Co. has offices in both Houston and Los Angeles and its business is acquisition of oil lands and production of crude oil and natural gas. The firm has oil producing properties in most oil states, the newspaper said.

Leased Submerged Land
In 1947, the Superior Oil Co. and Salt Dome Oil Corp. jointly leased from Texas about 66,000 acres of submerged land in the Gulf of Mexico and Galveston Bay, the newspaper said.

"Sen. McCarthy voted for the bill giving states the offshore oil lands and for the Harris-Fullbright bill freeing gas producers

from regulation," the Journal said. "Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.) voted against both measures."

Portland Police Investigate Death

Portland—(U.P.)—Police Saturday were investigating the possibility of foul play in the death of Charles Hildgrof, 28, Portland.

Hildgrof's body was found late Friday in his home. Deputy coroner Ted Lucas said he had apparently died Thursday but a preliminary autopsy failed to disclose the cause of death.

The body, clad in pajamas in a bedroom, was found by Hildgrof's mother, Mrs. Josephine Douglas, who had just returned from a Portland hospital. She said the bedroom and living room of the small house were torn up.



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