

Speculation on Vice-Presidential Candidates Continues to Increase

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Speculation over who will be nominated as Democratic and Republican vice-presidential candidates mounted today.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), occasionally mentioned as a vice-presidential possibility himself on the Democratic ticket, predicted that if Adlai Stevenson wins his party's nomination, a Southerner will be named as Stevenson's running mate. Kennedy said this would be done "to give the ticket geographic balance."

Kennedy mentioned no names, but one Southerner known to be interested in number two spot on the Democratic ticket is Tennessee Gov. Frank Clement — a strong Stevenson supporter even though a fellow Tennessean. Sen. Estes Kefauver, is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination.

Dilworth was resorting to "demagoguery," Poulson said the Republicans "are going to have the same team and we're going to win."

Other political news:
Kefauver campaigned for the third day today in Minnesota seeking that state's 30 delegates to the Democratic National convention. He will oppose Stevenson in Minnesota's March 20 Presidential primary.

Stevenson returned to his Libertyville, Ill., home after a 30-day campaign swing through the West. He conferred Sunday with Democratic Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, who heads the Stevenson

camp in New York, in efforts to gain control of that state's delegation from a rival for the Democratic nomination, New York Gov. Averell Harriman.

Stevenson advised the nation to "keep cool" over the Saudi Arabia tanks controversy but Kefauver called it "bad business." Stevenson, in a statement from Libertyville, said "the situation in the Middle East is very critical and I think this is a good time to keep cool."

Kefauver said "the Communists started an armaments race in the Middle East by selling arms to Egypt. Now, we unfortunately feed the fire."

Terms To Return Saar To Germany Under Discussion

Paris—(U.P.)—Representatives of France and West Germany met here today to discuss terms for returning to Germany the disputed Saar area which was all but annexed by France after each of the two world wars.

French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau and West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano sat down at the negotiation table.

Lengthy Talks Seen
High German sources said there were divergences of opinion between the French and Germans that would make negotiations "difficult." They said the talks might drag on for weeks.

There is little doubt that France will bow to the will of the Saar majority that voted in October for reunion with Germany, but Pineau will seek to drive the hardest bargain possible in return for cession of the territory.

In addition to the Saar question, the negotiators will take up other pending problems in an effort to "clean up the French-German file" as a preliminary to a new drive for European unification.

Bone of Contention
The Saar Basin, with its rich reserves of coal and steel, has been one of the principal bones of contention between France and Germany since the end of World War I.

France governed the Saar under a League of Nations mandate for 15 years after the first world war when Saarlanders were given an opportunity to decide their own future they voted overwhelmingly to return to Germany.

Molotov Joins in Criticism Against Rule by One Man

Moscow—(U.P.)—Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, one of the last of the old Bolsheviks, joined in the mounting chorus of criticism of the one-man rule of the late Josef Stalin, the Russian people learned today.

Molotov is one of the few remaining original followers of Stalin. He has been foreign minister of the Soviet Union since 1939 except for a brief period after World War II.

Keynoted by Khrushchev
Molotov's criticisms were delivered before the 20th Communist Party Congress Saturday. The text of his remarks was printed in the official party newspaper Pravda today.

The policy switch against the "cult of the individual" was keynoted by party secretary Nikita S. Khrushchev in his opening address Tuesday.

"We do not need a god, czar or miracle working hero," Khrushchev told the assembled chiefs of Soviet and world Communism. The theme has been echoed by succeeding speakers.

Molotov told the congress that the Central Committee of the Communist party will support the principles of collective leadership against the "cult of the individual."

Commend Local DAV For Membership Rate

Medford chapter No. 8, Disabled American Veterans, has received congratulations from Maj. Gen. Melvin J. Maas (retired), national commander, for surpassing last year's membership. The chapter had 204 members as of Feb. 1.

Gen. Maas, who is also chairman of the president's committee on employment of the physically handicapped, said the achievement of the local chapter has brought national recognition to the unit for its fine work in bringing together disabled veterans.

"It is our hope that no member of the DAV ever is without a job," he said. "The stronger the DAV is as an organization, the less individual disabled veterans will have to worry about employment."

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Israel's Chances of Getting US Arms Aid Declared Improved

Washington—(U.P.)—Israel's chances of getting U. S. arms aid, including some jet planes, have improved as a result of events of the past three days, some administration officials said today.

They emphasized that no decision has been reached but said Israel may get some favorable reaction on its arms request as a result of the controversial shipment of 18 U. S. tanks to Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia is one of Israel's Arab foes in the Middle East.

Freighter To Sail
The freighter James Monroe was scheduled to sail from Brooklyn, N. Y., today with the

tanks. Late Sunday night, 29 of the ship's 33 crew members demanded a 25 per cent bonus as wartime pay for making the voyage, but it was not immediately clear whether this might delay the sailing.

After the tank shipment was disclosed by the United Press and prompted critical outcries, the government early Friday clamped an embargo on any arms shipments to the Middle East. But the embargo was lifted some 43 hours later.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N. Y.) charged Sunday that "oil interests" represented by Undersecretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr., persuaded President Eisenhower to lift the embargo.

'Lucrative' Contracts Claimed
Celler said the "oil interests got the President's ear" on the controversial arms shipment. He said "they are represented by Herbert Hoover Jr., who in the past has received some very lucrative contracts" from them.

Hoover was not available to reporters and a State Department spokesman declined comment on Celler's charge. The New York congressman, a frequent critic of U. S. policy toward Israel, did not say where he got his information.

The undersecretary, son of the former president, is a former mining engineer and was a special State Department adviser on petroleum matters before his appointment as chief assistant to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Two Democratic mayors — Ben West of Nashville, Tenn., and Richardson Dilworth of Philadelphia — predicted Sunday that if President Eisenhower runs again, the identity of his vice-presidential running mate will be a major factor in the election.

Issue for Democrats
West said Democrats will make a big issue of the man "who is one heartbeat away from the presidency" if Mr. Eisenhower is a candidate.

"I don't think they can put Dicky over again," Dilworth said in a reference to Vice-President Richard M. Nixon. "Even with a new dog?"

This remark brought a charge from Los Angeles Mayor Norris Poulson, a Republican, that

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holders, estimating losses and paying on the spot. The catastrophe revealed many dramatic instances where Farmers Insurance Group agents and claims adjusters ignored personal safety and comfort, and worked around-the-clock to serve policyholders needing immediate assistance.

Adjuster Climbs Mountain to Find Policyholder
Take Claims Adjuster R. W. Steinback, for example. He didn't sit in his office waiting for policyholders to file claims — he sloshed thru the rain to go after them.

In Mendocino County, a residence was completely washed away and the car under

water. All roads and bridges were washed out, but Steinback hiked over a mountain, crossed the stream on a log, inspected the damages, located policyholder at a motor court and paid for a total loss to insured's complete satisfaction.

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