

Democrats Faced With Possibility of Convention Bolt by Southern Segment

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Washington — (U.P.) — Minnesota presidential primary returns confronted the Democratic party today with the stark possibility of a conservative bolt from this year's national convention or from the party ticket.

In Minnesota Sen. Estes Kefauver knocked Adlai E. Stevenson down and probably out. Kefauver and Gov. Averill Harriman of New York look like the front runners today and the South does not want either of them.

The search may be on by sundown for compromise candidates who could be nominated without deadly convention strife and men acceptable to Southern conservatives as well as to Northern New and Fair Dealers.

The Tennessee senator picked up eight delegates last week in a clean New Hampshire sweep. They meet again in Florida's May 29 preferential primary and on June 3 in California where the choice is for delegates only without opportunity to express a preference between individual presidential candidates.

Stevenson is entered unopposed in Illinois, April 10, and Pennsylvania, April 24. Kefauver is unopposed in Wisconsin, April 13, New Jersey April 17, Alaska, April 24 and Maryland May 7.

Repeat Performance
The New Hampshire's eight, Kefauver now adds at least 21 of Minnesota's 30 delegate votes in next August's Democratic National convention. The senator is repeating his primary triumphs of 1952 when he bowled over most opposition and came to the party convention with a commanding lead.

Kefauver led on the first two ballots in 1952. His try was scuttled on the third ballot largely by the combined efforts of former President Truman and the big city organizations who put Stevenson over.

"Nobody wanted him except the people," Kefauver managers complained after the convention returns were in. But the South did not want Kefauver then nor now, although he is from a Southern state. The South likes Kefauver less now than it did four years ago.

Kefauver did not sign the declaration protesting against integration in the public schools which was solemnly read this month in Congress over the signatures of almost all of his Southern colleagues. Stevenson had denounced the declaration. But the feeling among some

Southern political leaders was that Stevenson's so-called gradualism in attempting Southern school integration would make him acceptable in that area as a presidential nominee.

Blood of a Champion
Stevenson heard the returns today and said he would remain in the race. But Stevenson is dead politically unless he has the blood of a champion and

can get up slugging from the floor.

Gov. Averill Harriman of New York was the third of the front runners in the contest for this year's Democratic presidential nomination. His hopes depend wholly on Kefauver and Stevenson knocking each other out.

With Stevenson down, Harriman's prospects have brightened in some respects. But it is not likely that the South would accept Harriman without the kind of convention ruckus which could lead to a conservative bolt from the Democratic National Convention or from the party ticket.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas, majority leader of the Senate, and Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), have figured in compromise speculation.

Minnesota Primary Background

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Background on the Minnesota primary:

Once again, the Minnesota primary has produced one of the nation's big election year stories.

In 1952, Minnesota Republican voters were credited with a large part in Dwight D. Eisenhower's decision to run for president.

Now, Democrats in the Gopher State have given a big push to the candidacy of Sen. Estes Kefauver for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1956.

Mr. Eisenhower's name wasn't even on the ballot in 1952, but he got 108,692 write-in votes in Minnesota's Republican primary. This compared with 129,076 for Harold E. Stassen whose name was on the ballot.

First Battleground
This year the Minnesota Democratic primary provided the first battleground between Kefauver and Adlai E. Stevenson, the two avowed candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Kefauver beat a Stevenson slate in New Hampshire a week ago, but Stevenson didn't campaign there. Both Stevenson and the Tennessee senator toured Minnesota extensively.

At stake were 30 votes at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago next summer. One vote went to the winner in each of Minnesota's nine congressional districts. The other 21 went to the candidate with the higher state-wide total.

Stevenson was regarded as the favorite, for he had the active support of the powerful Democratic-Farmer-Labor party and almost all top Democratic officeholders in the state. Kefauver pictured himself as the underdog fighting tough obstacles, but recalled he had beaten a "machine" in past Tennessee elections.

On the Republican ballot Tuesday, voters had a choice between Mr. Eisenhower and his chief lieutenant in the Senate, California Sen. William F. Knowland. Knowland's name was entered before the President announced he would seek

a second term, however, and no concerted drive was made for Knowland votes.

Republicans chose delegates with a total of 28 convention votes. Two were elected from each district, with one vote apiece, and the other 10 were chosen on a basis of the state-wide vote.



LETTING CHIEF JUSTICE Earl Warren hear Easter Bunny who's just called on telephone, Susanne LeVieux, 3, promotes 1956 Easter Seal appeal to help crippled children at Society for Crippled Children office in Washington, D.C. (International)

HILT School Open House Held

By MRS. JOHN H. GREEN

Hilt — An open house in the new Hilt elementary school was held last Friday evening. There was a short program, conducted by School Board Chairman Robert Trince, followed by a tour of the building and refreshments of cake, cookies, punch and coffee, served by Mesdames Laura Trince, Bernice Sage, Marjorie Chase, John Barbera and Tony Marin.

On the program were Eddie Roberts, county superintendent of schools; Architect Howard R. Perrin, Klamath Falls; Herman Baumann, Hilt; Mrs. Stella King Barrett, past principal and teacher in Hilt for 29 years; Carl Yates, building inspector for the state; Allan McMurray, of the construction company; Blair

Smith, school trustee, and Shirley De Clerk, school clerk. Expressions of appreciation to the Hilt Parent-Teacher association were made for its gifts of flowers for the occasion. There were a number of out-of-town guests present, including Mr. and Mrs. Don Foster and family, Orland, Calif. He was principal of the Hilt school for three years.

Guests at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Worth Sanfords over the week end were his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Adrien Sanford and family from Sterling City, Calif.; also the Mead brothers from Placerville. Duke-Duchess club held a teen-age dance last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Noe motored to Klamath Falls last week. Hilt community basketball team played with the Methodist church team from Ashland and won, 50 to 16, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pentland and family moved to Ashland recently.

Mrs. P. Thompson and Marilyn spent last week end in Medford. Mr. and Mrs. Vic Van de Weghe and Yvonne drove to Auburn, Calif., to attend the March 3 wedding of Donald Burns and Donna Jean Souza. They also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaw, a former Hilt resident.

Mrs. E. Maguire spent the week end in Yreka with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. W. Kleaver.

Miss Karen Hofer of Hilt elementary school was chosen to attend the annual Siskiyou county spelling bee in Weed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hofer motored to McLeod, Calif., to visit their new niece and other relatives.

The Hilt PTA will hold two card parties on March 23 and March 30 in the club house.

Vicky Van de Weghe spent the week end with his grandmother, Mrs. Anna Wolfe, of Central Point.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayris over the week end were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Drago and daughter Donna, of Merrill, Ore. They continued on to Redding where they visited a brother of Mr. Drago.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Eastman and daughter motored to Grants Pass recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Flyte and family motored to Vallejo, Calif., over the week end and purchased a new trailer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Staley and family spent Sunday in Grants Pass visiting friends.

Democrats Warned Of Necessity To Select Kefauver

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Estes Kefauver's national campaign manager warned Democratic leaders today they "would be committing political suicide" if they do not nominate the Tennessee senator to run for President.

F. Joseph (Jiggs) Donohue, national campaign chairman of the Kefauver for President Committee, termed the senator's upset victory over Adlai E. Stevenson in the Minnesota primary "a history making" election.

"Democratic party leaders would be committing political suicide if they don't pick the first man to run against President Eisenhower," Donohue said. "The senator is the only Democrat who can beat the President. And I have no doubt that he will beat him."

Donohue said Kefauver's victory in the Minnesota primary was the biggest primary battle that the Tennessee Democrat had to hurdle.

"There was a complete state organization opposed to him in Minnesota," Donohue said. "But he won there as he will win in California in June."

Donohue said the New Hampshire and Minnesota primaries "clearly show" that wherever Kefauver and Stevenson meet that the senator attracts "grass roots support" necessary to win a presidential race.

ICE ON THE WINGS

New Britain, Conn. — (U.P.) — Police charged a man with stealing a chicken from a grocery despite his explanation that "it must have flown under my coat." They were skeptical of the ability of a frozen chicken to fly.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

ADDING INSULT . . .
Indianapolis, Ind. — (U.P.) — A thief stole an adding machine from the state house. It was taken from the office of the head of Indiana's penal institutions.

Muncie, Ind. — (U.P.) — Clarissa Fabe, 62, fell underneath an auto on an icy street. But the surface was so slick she was pushed by the car's wheels instead of run over. She suffered cuts and bruises.

Adrian, Mich. — (U.P.) — Hudson and Waldron, two southern Michigan communities, have come up with a new kind of competition. The communities select five-member teams which compete in Bible quizzes.



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