

Kefauver Heads for Democratic Convention At Same Fast Pace Enjoyed Four Years Ago

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Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Estes Kefauver has what the horse players call early foot. He came up to the 1952 Democratic National Convention with more delegate votes than the next candidate by a margin of nearly 70. He is headed toward this year's convention at the same fast pace.

The first four candidates finished the first roll call four years ago, like this:

Kefauver, 340; Adlai E. Stevenson, 273; Sen. Richard B. Russell, Ga., 268; Averell Harriman, N.Y., 123½. Necessary to nominate, 616. From ½ to 65 votes were cast for 11 others on that roll call.

Kefauver improved his position, but was losing ground to Stevenson, on the second call. The four finished this way:

Kefauver, 362½; Stevenson, 324½; Russell, 294; Harriman, 121.

Named on Third Call
Stevenson was nominated by a margin of 1½ votes on the third call. His total was 617½. The convention made it then by acclamation. The party leaders had not wanted Kefauver and they had blocked him.

On the second roll call in which Kefauver reached his highest vote, his support came from 36 states. Stevenson's came from 30, Russell's from 24 and Harriman's from 14.

Eighteen states gave Kefauver five or more votes. His position was strongest in California,

Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wisconsin. Those eight states gave Kefauver 245 votes.

Stevenson's backlog was composed of Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Those eight gave him 216 votes. The split in the Ohio delegation continued through the third ballot. But Pennsylvania closed ranks on the third and cast all 70 votes for Stevenson.

Pressures Appearing Again
Some of the pressures operating four years ago against Kefauver's nomination are appearing again. The leaders of the Farmer-Labor-Democratic Party were against Kefauver in Minnesota, for example. The senator

beat them and Stevenson in last week's primary. The party leaders oppose him in California where he meets Stevenson in a critical primary June 5.

If any of Kefauver's Democratic Senate colleagues are enthusiastically for him or for him at all, the senator still must be heard from. Kefauver's campaign manager, F. Joseph (Jiggs) Donohue, was complaining Monday that Democratic National Committee Chairman Paul M. Butler was pro-Stevenson.

Matching all of that as a hurdle between Kefauver and the Democratic nomination is the race relation issue. It is fair to say that the senator's position on integration of the schools seems now to be more acceptable to

Northern than to Southern party leaders.

All of these are real obstacles. In his favor the senator has a proven ability as a vote getter. He's a top-drawer campaigner. And there's another thing. The Democrats might lose a lot of public sympathy if two times running their national convention rejected a man who came up to the starting gate with a good lead over all others. Some citizens might get to feeling sorry for Kefauver that they would be bound to vote against the man who won the Democratic nomination from him.

The American public usually is sympathetic with the underdog, which is what Kefauver proclaims himself to be.

Barkley Sees Democrat Control In Senate; Warns on Certainty

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Alben W. Barkley said today the Democrats should hang on to control of the Senate next November but that no political party dares to take an election for granted.

The Kentucky Democrat, a party patriarch and wheelhorse, has agreed at the age of 78 to head the 1956 Democratic campaign to keep a Democratic majority in the Senate.

Because of the lineup of the Senate seats at stake this year, the Democrats have been highly optimistic about their chances of retaining Senate control whatever the outcome of the presidential and House elections.

Never a Certainty
"I never take any election for

a certainty," Barkley told a reporter, "but in all probability I think we'll win the Senate." He declined to make predictions about specific states and cautioned that his own party must not be overconfident about its Senate prospects.

"The man who takes an election for granted is apt to slip up," he said, "and that is true of a political party, too."

While Barkley concerned himself with his party's efforts to keep control of the Senate, there were these developments in the fight for the Democratic presidential nomination:

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said in Los Angeles that unless Adlai E. Stevenson wins the California primary June 5,

his chances of winning the presidential nomination will become remote. Humphrey, a Stevenson supporter, said he was sticking by Stevenson despite his loss in the Minnesota primary.

Dawn to Dusk
Sen. Estes Kefauver carried his hand-shaking campaign to the Los Angeles area Monday and was on the go from dawn until late at night.

Stevenson sent a message to a New York meeting of Foreign language editors calling for a revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration act and an end to "unfair discrimination against any of our citizens."

Former Democratic National Chairman Frank E. McKinney announced in Indianapolis that he will take an active role in behalf of New York Gov. Averell Harriman if and when Harriman becomes "an avowed candidate" for the Democratic nomination.

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Russ Police Chief Heads for Moscow Amidst Criticism

London—(U.P.)—Soviet security chief Ivan Serov, who was denounced in the British press as an "odious thug" and a "butcher," cut short his visit to Britain today and left for Moscow in a Soviet jet airliner.

There were reports yesterday Serov would return to Moscow sooner than expected because of the press attacks the Russians feared might backfire against the state visit here next month of Soviet Premier Nicolai Bulganin and Communist party leader Nikita S. Khrushchev.

Criticism against the Bulganin-Khrushchev visit was mounting hourly and official protests were placed before the House of Commons today. Serov came here to check security arrangements for the visit of his leaders.

Plane Under Guard
Serov flew here last Thursday in a twin-engine Soviet TU104 transport on a non-stop flight from the Soviet capital. The plane had remained at London Airport under unusually heavy guard during his stay.

Reporters asked Serov today if he would be returning but he brushed aside their questions. Malik then told them, "He will return with Mr. Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev."

"Both sides were cooperative," Malik said of Serov's efforts to tighten security arrangements. "It was successful."

Keating Returns From Committee Hearings

County Judge Rodney Keating spent last Thursday and Friday participating in fringe area problem hearings in Pendleton, Condon and Prineville.

The hearings were conducted by the legislative interim committee on local government, of which Judge Keating is a member. The committee is conducting a series of hearings throughout Oregon. A similar hearing was held early this month in Medford.

The judge reported that the meetings last week were well attended and discussion topics included library, taxation, sanitation, annexation and health problems.

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Safety Council Here Considered One of State's Most Active

The Medford Safety council is the second largest in the state and is considered the most active. Roland L. (Bud) Palmer, chairman of the local council, told members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable Monday noon.

He said the local safety council is comprised of 350 private citizens, industrial and business representatives. About 50 are active members. The local council was started in 1946-47.

Activities Listed
Among activities of the Medford safety council is the school boy patrol program, sponsored in co-operation with city and county school officials. Each year school boy patrolmen are honored at a special dinner and are presented small gifts.

The council also annually awards a safety plaque and letters of commendation to local individuals and firms for outstanding safety accomplishments. A committee has been set up to study safety records and determine winners of these awards.

All activities of the Medford safety council are financed by membership fees which are \$10 for firms and \$2 for individuals.

Progress Report
Each year the Medford safety council gives a safety progress report to the city at an approximate cost to the council of \$50. This report gives a comparison with other cities and is also given to the national safety council. The national council returns the report to Medford with recommendations for further improvements.

Through membership in the local council, all national safety council posters and similar material can be obtained at reduced rates.

Carl Construction May Get Elks Bid

Ashland—Contract for construction of a \$120,000 expansion of the Ashland Elks lodge will probably go to the Carl Construction company of Salem on a bid of \$98,308, it was reported today.

Two other bidders on the project were lower than the Carl bid, it was learned, but the Carl firm was reportedly favored on the basis of experience in this type of work.

A Mail Tribune story Sunday incorrectly said the Carl Construction company bid was the lowest submitted. Two others actually were lower it was reported today, one from Myron Corcoran Construction company for \$92,976, and one from Myers Jones for \$97,170.

Balance of the \$120,000 voted for the Elks for the project will go for furnishings for the expanded lounge and dining room.

Swimming Classes At YMCA This Week

Robert Seward of the American Red Cross Pacific area headquarters is conducting classes for swimming instructors every night this week at the Medford YMCA.

The classes, which meet from 7-10 p.m., are in connection with the Red Cross swim and safety program here. Dr. William Roberts of Medford is chairman of the program.

Damage Complaint Asks \$28,662 Compensation

Raymond Brown has filed a \$28,662 damage suit against Richard G. Kaegi for damages suffered in an accident one mile south of Medford on Highway 99 the night of Jan. 2, 1955.

Brown, who charges Kaegi with negligence in connection with the collision, asked \$175

medical expenses, \$3,487.50 loss of wages and \$25,000 general damages.

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