

Lausche and Johnson No Longer Being Considered as Presidential Candidates

Washington — (U.P.) — Two uncommonly able Democrats who are favorite son presidential candidates in important states may as well be counted out right now.

They are Ohio's Gov. Frank J. Lausche and Texas' Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson. There never was much chance for Lausche, anyway, a fact of which that smart politician is fully aware.

Lausche is in the dog house of the nation's union leadership. His five-time record in being elected governor of Ohio suggests the rank and file of labor may feel more kindly than the union leaders toward Lausche.

Vote for Taft
 However that may be, organized labor could and almost surely would block any effort to nominate Lausche. The men who rule the unions and control their large political funds exercise great power in Democratic national conventions. That should be enough to stop Lausche. Besides, he confessed publicly some weeks ago what most political writers long had suspected; Lausche had voted for Sen. Robert A. Taft in 1950 and against the Democratic senatorial candidate, Joseph Ferguson.

Lausche laid his 1956 presidential candidacy away for good in Cincinnati this week. He told a news questioner that President Eisenhower's veto of the farm bill was right and proper.

"He would have compromised everything noble he has stood for all his life if he had signed that bill, which was a bad bill," said Lausche. That did it, because the Democratic leadership is depending in very large part on the farm bill veto to win farm votes for their candidates

next November. The other big Democratic issue as of now is Mr. Eisenhower's health. The Democratic organization tabs him as a part-time president, almost a play boy, who has shucked off to subordinate vital responsibilities which should be his. That may

or may not prove to be a controlling issue in this presidential campaign, but Democratic National Committee is pushing it hard.

Johnson Opposed

That is where Johnson fades from the 1956 presidential picture. As does Lausche in Ohio, so does Johnson in Texas stand as a favorite son Democratic candidate. There is one difference. Lausche is sure of the Ohio delegation to the Democratic National Convention. Johnson is opposed by Gov. Allan Shivers who led the Texas bolt to Mr. Eisenhower in 1952.

Johnson probably is aware that he has small chance of being nominated in 1956. Johnson suffered a heart attack last year about two months before Mr. Eisenhower was stricken. The senator is back on the job now as Democratic leader and he is working hard.

The issue of Mr. Eisenhower's health, however, quickly would cease to be an issue if the Democrats nominated Johnson, whose manner of living also must be controlled by the circumstances of his health.

Astoria — (U.P.) — Republicans in Clatsop county have maintained a slim lead over Democrats after close of voter registrations this week. The county clerk's office said tabulations completed so far show 6963 registered Republicans and 6720 Democrats, a margin of 245.



ACCEPTING PASSERBY'S GIFT, Adlai Stevenson tries on straw hat to keep head from getting sunburned while on handshaking tour of Miami in campaign against Senator Estes Kefauver for Florida votes. (International Soundphoto)

Drivers Aged 15-24 Lead Accident List

Salem — (U.P.) — Drivers 15 to 24 years old had more traffic accidents than any other age group in Oregon last year, the traffic safety division has reported.

But drivers in the 30-39 age group ran a close second for most frequent accident involvement.

Of the 116,677 drivers involved in 1955 traffic accidents, 24,833 were under 25 while 23,997 drivers were between 30 and 39.

Fatal smash-ups involved 124 drivers under 25 and 121 in the 30-39 age span.

The safety division pointed out that the figures did not prove that teen-agers and drivers 30-39 were the worst on the road. It might indicate only that there were more drivers in those age groups.

LONG WEAR

Des Moines, Ia. — (U.P.) — Tone Brothers Co., coffee roasters, is still using a steam engine installed in 1894 to run an elevator, generate electricity and run a coffee grinder. The original belt is still being used on the engine, and the manufacturer has requested it as a souvenir if it ever wears out.

Marengo, Ia. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Irvin Lillis has a stamp cancellation to prove to sceptics there really is a Feb. 31. Her husband mailed her a valentine from Cedar Rapids, and the stamp was cancelled Feb. 31, 1956. Apparently a post office employee read the numbers on his stamp cancelling machine backward.

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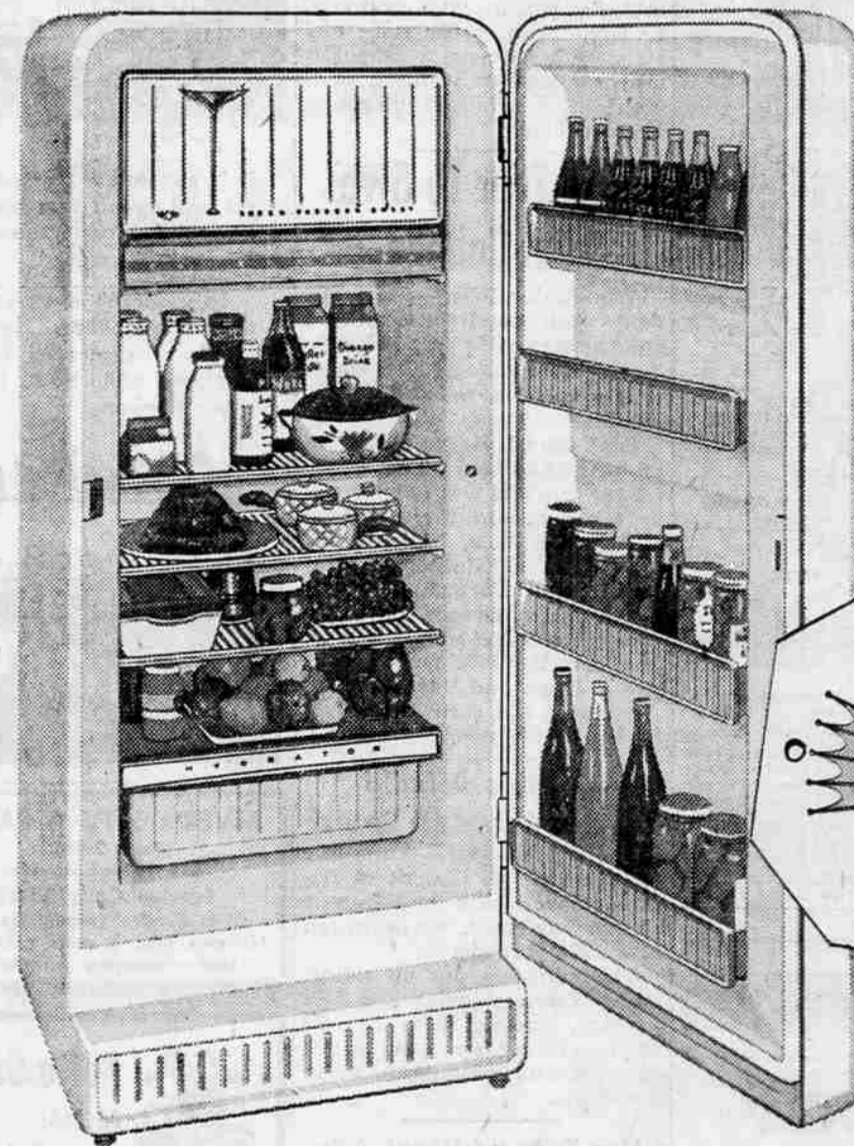
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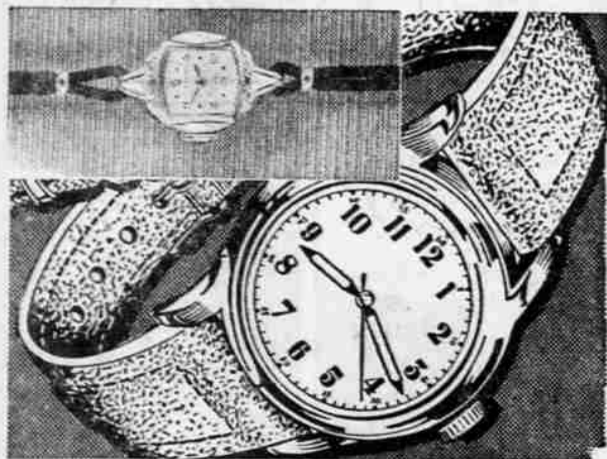
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