

# Democratic Strategists Working Hard on Civil Rights Platform

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Washington—(U.P.)—Master Democratic strategists already are hard at work on a safety first civil rights platform for this year's presidential campaign.

They seek a safety first plank in the sense that they don't want it to explode among the party notables assembled in Chicago Aug. 13 at the Democratic national convention. The Democrats barely avoided a convention explosion in 1952. It would have blown the Virginia, South Carolina and possibly the Louisiana delegations right out of the hall.

They don't want another experience like that. The hazard could be more easily avoided if some of the major elements comprising the Democratic party would ease off on their bitter dispute over racial integration in the public schools.

**In General Terms**  
The civil rights plank in the 1952 Democratic platform was in general terms. It had little, if anything, to do with the fact that the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket carried Florida, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia in 1952. The substance of that plank was:

"The Democratic party is committed to support and advance the individual rights and liberties of all Americans.

"Our country is founded on the proposition that all men are created equal. This means that all citizens are equal before the law and should enjoy equal political rights. They should have equal opportunities for education, for economic advancement and for decent living conditions.

"We will continue our efforts to eradicate discrimination based on race, religion or national origin."

**School Integration Decision**  
But for the angry discussion of school integration, such language probably would cover the situation again. Both parties, however, will have to make some platform reference, however it may be angled, to the Supreme Court's integration decision. That is one to create the brows of Democratic platform writers. The Republicans can meet the

issue directly, having not much to lose and a great deal to gain by a platform pledge which might entice millions of Negro voters back into that party.

The Democratic problem is aggravated by strong pressures from both sides of the civil rights dispute. The whole civil rights question is embittered by the fact that integration in the schools has become a legal requirement for the operation of the public schools system in the United States.

**Southern Resistance Committal**  
Most southern politicians and several southern states are publicly committed to resistance.

From northern states such as Wisconsin, Michigan and New York, party men are pressing for a commitment on civil rights and integration which would hold the 1956 minorities vote for the Democrats in national and local tickets.

Northern Democratic state conventions in series are resolving in favor of strong language, a pledge for a national fair employment practices commission or act, aggressive action to implement Supreme Court decisions in all civil rights areas, a civil rights division in the Justice Department.

The Republicans probably will not go that far in their bid for the minorities votes. They easily can go a long way, however, whereas from start to finish the path is a deadly Democratic obstacle course.

## Kefauver Seeks Home State Backing For Nomination

Nashville, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Sen. Estes Kefauver seeks home state support for his presidential nomination bid this week but he may run into a roadblock in the form of young Gov. Frank Clement's forces.

Tennessee Democrats meet in convention here Thursday to pick a delegation to the national convention and to decide what to do about the state's 32 votes at the national meeting.

Kefauver supporters naturally want the state delegation to the national convention instructed to vote for the senator.

**Favors Stevenson**  
Clement, known to favor Adlai Stevenson for the presidential nomination, wants an uninstructed delegation "free to act as judgment and circumstances indicate."

Nobody knows for sure whether there will be a head-on clash between the Kefauver and Clement groups.

Most observers think Clement will get what he wants and that Tennessee's votes at Chicago will go to Stevenson before it's all over.

In county meetings throughout the state only a very few counties instructed their delegates to the state meeting to support Kefauver.

**Most Instructed**  
Most county delegations are uninstructed, taking their cue from Clement leaders.

The real conflict in ambitions may come over Kefauver's attitude towards a possible vice presidential nomination.

Clement leaders think Kefauver's chances for the top spot on the Democratic ticket are gone, and they feel the second spot is better suited to their man than to Kefauver.

Clement would like to have the vice presidential nomination.

## Sanitary Sewer, Street Paving Bids Called for July 2

Bids will be accepted at 11 a.m. July 2 in the city recorder's office for sanitary sewer construction and street paving projects for the city of Medford.

The sewer work consists of trench excavation, furnishing and installing 8 inch and 4 inch concrete sewer pipe, manholes and similar equipment in and through the Verde Hills area, bounded by Woodlawn ave., Modoc ave., Barnett rd., and Highland dr.

Street paving projects include construction of concrete curbs and gutters, concrete driveways and asphaltic concrete pavement on the following six streets:

Boardman st., from Ohio st. to McAndrews rd.; North Keene Way dr., from Oregon ave., to East Jackson Blvd.; Broad st., from Clark st. to West Jackson st.; Fairmont ave., from Summit ave., to the east end of the present street; East Second st., from North Front st., to North Central ave.; and Keenwood ave., from Humphrey st. to West Second st.

Plans, special provisions, general specifications and contract agreements on both projects may be obtained at the city manager's office in the city hall upon deposit of \$10. After the bids are publicly opened and read, they will be referred to the city council.

**LOST IS FOUND**  
Boston—(U.P.)—While packing tea bags for a Boston firm, Mrs. Margaret Lowery, 20, inadvertently dropped her diamond ring in a carton. But now the ring is back on her finger. It was recovered after being traced to a Chicago company to which the carton had been shipped.



**MEETING PRESS** outside her New York apartment, actress Marilyn Monroe and playwright Arthur Miller discuss wedding and European honeymoon plans. Miller, under investigation in Washington for participating in Communist front meetings, may not be given passport. (International)

## Marilyn Monroe To Become June Bride

Roxbury, Conn.—(U.P.)—Marilyn Monroe expects to be a June bride, but it's not going to be in this rural Connecticut hideaway where she fled with playwright Arthur Miller.

Both Miss Monroe and Miller gave a flat no today to reports they would be married here.

"It will be in two or three days," Miss Monroe told the United Press. But she would not say where the wedding would take place.

**Waiting Period**  
Connecticut has a five-day waiting period and the couple arrived at Miller's nine-room country home just before midnight Sunday night. A check with two clerks in nearby villages showed no license had been applied for as yet.

There were reports Miss Monroe and Miller would wed in New York state where the waiting period is three days. The border is about 12 miles away.

The couple was accompanied to Connecticut by Miller's mother and his son and daughter by his first wife.

**Thin Disguise**  
Miss Monroe left her Sutton Place apartment Sunday night in a thin disguise of dark glasses and a scarf over her blonde hair in an attempt to elude reporters.

She jumped in a taxi and sped to a rendezvous with Miller who was waiting in his station wagon across town. They drove off towards Connecticut with the newsmen in hot pursuit, thinking it might be an elopement dash.

But it all turned into a quiet family party at Miller's 26-acre farm. Both said today they just wanted to rest.

## Doctors Remove Ike's Stitches

Washington—(U.P.)—The deep wire stitches sewn in President Eisenhower's abdomen as part of his intestinal operation 16 days ago have been removed.

Mr. Eisenhower's doctors took the stitches out Sunday and the President promptly declared, "It feels better already." He walked 80 feet down the hospital corridor to tell Mrs. Eisenhower about the event.

The President's only announced plan for today was a regular morning business session with his chief aide, Sherman Adams, and other members of the White House staff in his room at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

It was expected that plans for his post-hospital recuperation would be announced today or

Tuesday. The President's personal physician has indicated the presidential farm at Gettysburg, Pa., would be better than the White House.

Medical bulletins on Mr. Eisenhower's recovery were down to two a day. The final bulletin on Sunday was one of the shortest and most routine since the chief executive entered the hospital on June 18. It said he had spent a quiet afternoon, and his condition "continues to progress very satisfactorily."

### GEORGE GOBEL INJURED

Hollywood—(U.P.)—George Gobel's guest on his TV show, John McGiver, was supposed to rap Gobel lightly on the back of his hand with a sugar scoop

## Families Returning To Evacuated Homes

Vancouver, Wash.—(U.P.)—Families were moving back into their evacuated homes along the lowland areas of the Columbia over the week end as the stream continued to drop from the 26.8 crest it measured three weeks ago.

The hard job of cleaning up the silt deposit left behind by the receding river was one of the major problems residents faced as they returned to their

during a skit. Gobel, who wound up with swollen knuckles and assorted hand bruises, was further pained to learn McGiver is a recent graduate of a course in "acting realism."

once-flooded homes. An estimated 30,000 acres were under water in Clark county alone with damage estimated up to \$100,000.

County Agent H. Martin Jensen said that only a small portion of land that was covered by the water will make pasture this summer.

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