

Democrats Agree on Part-Time President Issue in Campaign

Washington — (UP) — The Democratic high command was reported in agreement today that it should make full use of the "part-time President" issue in the 1956 campaign against President Eisenhower.

This view point was attributed to the campaign advisers of the three active Democratic presidential contenders and to the ranking officers in Party Chairman Paul M. Butler's national headquarters.

Mr. Eisenhower erased any doubts about his second term candidacy Tuesday by passing the word through his congressional leaders that he is still available. He met with them at Gettysburg, Pa., where he is recuperating from his intestinal operation last month.

Feels Much Better
According to Sen. Styles Bridges, the President told the GOP leaders that he felt in better physical condition now than when he made his second term announcement Feb. 29, five months after his heart attack.

Mr. Eisenhower was reported to have said that he had long been bothered by intestinal trouble and was glad to have it cleared up.

By hitting at Mr. Eisenhower

as a part-time President, Democrats apparently hope to keep the health issue before the public in an indirect way. This technique would be calculated to minimize the risk that stress on the President's health might backfire with the voters.

Expect Strenuous Campaign
Democratic leaders expect their presidential nominee to bounce around the country on a strenuous campaign schedule in contrast to Mr. Eisenhower's. The President made it plain last winter that he thinks barnstorming is beneath the dignity of a sitting President and that he would have no part of it—whatever the state of his health.

After Tuesday's developments, Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson said he was glad Mr. Eisenhower "feels his health is such that he is up to an arduous campaign."

"It will be an arduous campaign," Johnson added.

Advisers to Adlai E. Stevenson, Gov. Averell Harriman and Sen. Estes Kefauver were said to have agreed that the "part-time President" issue should be exploited. The managers of these three Democratic candidates held a strategy conference here with Butler and other party officials last month.

Three Reelected to Board of Sales Co-op

Alfred Carpenter, Marian Riegel, and J. F. Arnold were re-elected to membership on the board of directors of the Southern Oregon Sales growers co-op

at its 30th annual meeting this week at the Phoenix Grange hall.

Riegel, president of the co-op, gave a report of growth and progress of the organization. General Manager Shelby Tuttle traced the development of SOS from its beginnings in 1926 to today in his annual report.

The present site of the SOS plant on Stewart ave. was purchased in the winter of 1928-29. Since its start, Tuttle said, the cooperative has handled well over 8,000,000 boxes of fruit for local growers.

Riegel added that the list of independent growers joining is still expanding.

C. W. Guches, plant superintendent, reported on the installation of automatic bulk handling equipment which he said resulted in smoother handling of fruit and reduced costs for the past year.

V. A. Turpin, assistant manager, and J. J. Fingean, sales manager, were credited with a "great" part of the success of the past season.

The meeting was preceded by a turkey dinner served by members of the Phoenix Grange. More than 100 growers and their wives attended.

Members of the board of directors will meet next week to select new officers for the coming year. Board members in addition to Riegel, Carpenter and Arnold are Leonard Brock, A. E. Erockway, J. W. Fitzgerald, M. J. Lattie, Elmer R. Hull and Earl S. Tummy.

Steamship Sinks Following Collision

New York — (UP) — The Panamanian steamship Estoril sank today after colliding with an Italian freighter off the Massachusetts coast, the Coast Guard reported.

The Coast Guard said the Estoril sank at approximately 4:22 a.m. (EDT) when two after holds became flooded with water.

All the crew had abandoned the ship and were rescued by the Italian freighter Dea Mazzella, with which the Estoril had collided at about 1:30 a.m.

The Coast Guard said no one was injured.

The 7,255 ton Estoril was en route from Halifax, N.S., to Philadelphia with a full load of iron ore when it collided with the 7,031 ton freighter some 450 miles east of Boston, Mass., in heavy fog.

Two Coast Guard cutters and a PBM flying boat were sent to the scene, the Coast Guard said.



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