

# Harriman Nomination Seen Way to Bring Two-Party System in South

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Washington—UP—The nomination of Gov. Averell Harriman for president would do more than any other likely political action right now to speed the coming of a two-party system in the South. Harriman appears to be the Democrat most feared by conservative Southern Democrats. He is the only New Deal-Fair Deal candidate in the race. He has been warned by some Democrats that his nomination for president probably would obtain a



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bolt on election day. If it worked out that way, the 1956 presidential election would be the third in a row in which Southern, conservative Democrats had bolted the party ticket in a big way. A conservative state's rights party took 39 Southern electoral votes from President Truman in 1948. These so-called Dixiecrats won Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina, and picked up the 39th electoral vote in Tennessee.

**Previous Southern Breaks**  
Four Southern states bolted Adlai E. Stevenson in 1952 to cast their electoral votes for President Eisenhower. They were Florida, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Former President Hoover broke the solid South in

the 1928 election when those states were afield about the issue of prohibition and the fact that the Democrats had nominated a Catholic, Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York.

Prohibition is dead and religion is much less an issue now than then. But the issues presently dividing the Democrats of the South from the big city and organized labor elements in the north and east are not subsiding. They are getting bigger every day, notably the issue of race relations.

The more important those issues become, the greater the pressure for a Southern two-party system. The plight of the Southern conservatives is this: They cannot nominate one of their own, Sen. Harry S. Byrd of Virginia, for example. They no longer can veto a nomination because in 1936 the Democratic party abolished the rule which had required a two-thirds majority for nomination of a presidential candidate.

The once-powerful Southern states are reduced within the Democratic party to accepting a compromise. That is what they seek this year. Most, or at least, many Southern leaders prefer Stevenson to anyone else in sight, even though many of them bolted him four years ago. It just about adds up to making the best of a bad bargain.

# Ex-Illinois Auditor Plans Full Statement Before Grand Jury

Springfield, Ill. — (UP) — Orville E. Hodge agreed to "make a full statement and answer all questions" today about a half-million dollar check scandal that forced his resignation as state auditor.

Meanwhile raiders armed with search warrants were reported to have moved in Tuesday night on an apartment near the Illinois Statehouse here.

**Several Documents Found**  
They were said to have found several documents including demand notes on loans issued by the Southmoor Bank and Trust Co. at Chicago, which has been involved in the case. Edward A. Hintz resigned as president of the bank last week and told authorities he had cashed about \$250,000 worth of state checks at Hodge's request.

The raiders also carried a warrant for the arrest of Edward A. Epping, an aide of Hodge's. Epping is an officer of Illinois Investment associates, which was reported purchasing the built-up apartment

was located. Meanwhile, Dr. Lloyd Morey, university comptroller from 1916 until 1953 when he became president, will be sworn in today.

**Surprise Conference**  
Hodge held a surprise conference with State's Attorney George P. Coutrakon Tuesday, and later pledged to pay back as much money as he can.

Hodge has promised to make a "full disclosure" of transactions during his tenure as auditor before the Sangamon County Grand Jury next Monday. He said he would sign an immunity waiver to allow his testimony to be used as a basis for possible legal action.

The check scandal which created a political tempest which looms as a threat to Republican chances of carrying Illinois for President Eisenhower this fall and reelecting the state ticket.

Hodge also resigned as a GOP candidate for reelection and as a delegate to the GOP National Convention in San Francisco.



**FINDING OF CHAIN-TRUSSED BODY** in Brooklyn's Gravesend Bay leads to speculation it might be that of Dr. Jesus de Galindez, Columbia University lecturer, who disappeared after criticizing the Dominican Republic's Trujillo government. (International Soundphoto)

## LOOKING AHEAD

Los Angeles—(UP)—The National Automobile club advises drivers to be constantly driving ahead of their cars, meaning that they should look farther ahead than the road just in front of the radiator cap. Motorists should be looking to that traffic light at the next intersection, to that driver who is trying to force his way into the line of traffic, to those kids who are playing on the sidewalk, they say.

alternatives — Harriman and Sen. Estes Kefauver.

Southerners, therefore, seek to make the best of it by a 1956 compromise which probably would lead in 1960 to another compromise, and so on.

If Harriman were nominated, however, the Democratic party in the South probably would shake itself apart again, perhaps to repeat again in 1960. That is the quickest path toward a two-party system in the South.

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