

Rayburn Sets Target for Democratic Campaigners; Eisenhower in Center

Chicago—(U.P.)—Speaker Sam Rayburn set up the target Tuesday night for this fall's Democratic campaigners and put President Eisenhower squarely in its center.

The 74-year-old political veteran took over as permanent chairman of the Democratic National Convention for the third consecutive time and immediately launched an all out attack on

policies of the Republican administration, and the man who heads it.

Blame on President

"... I believe in putting the blame where it really lies," Rayburn said in blasting the Eisenhower administration. "... on the shoulders of the President of the United States."

The stern but beloved Mr. Sam of Capitol Hill lost no time in

stillling the ovation set off for him when he strode to the rostrum.

"All right, that's enough," he said authoritatively to placard waving, parading delegates, including some of his fellow Texans.

Then he got down to the business of smiting Republicans, including Mr. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

on. Nixon is a favorite target of every Democrat, but many have been reluctant to aim directly at the President.

Rayburn demanded that Mr. Eisenhower be held accountable for his administration.

The speaker's prepared text was even stronger. It wasn't spoken from the rostrum, but Rayburn had written down: "The

American people are entitled to a real leader in the White House. The American people want a man who is President in fact as well as in name."

Instead, Rayburn ad libbed: "The more Republicans I serve under, the prouder I am to be a Democrat."

As for Nixon, Rayburn noted that Republicans are claiming

the Democrats cannot beat their candidate. "But we can beat their two candidates," he declared.

Rayburn explained later to the United Press that he omitted some of his prepared text and rearranged other portions because

"I wanted to get through my speech and go to the business of the convention. I meant every word I wrote and what I said."

Stevenson Lacks 'Fighting Spirit,' Truman Says

Chicago—(U.P.)—Former President Truman said today that Adlai E. Stevenson lacks the necessary "fighting spirit" of a Democratic presidential nominee.

Mr. Truman, who is working night and day to win the nomination for New York Gov. Averell Harriman, said that Stevenson, now the front running candidate, "lacks the kind of fighting spirit that we need to win."

New Deal or the Fair Deal as out of date," he said.

The former President, making an energetic last ditch effort to stop Stevenson, said he thought the former Illinois governor might represent the "destruction of social philosophy" if he won the nomination here.

Mr. Truman said he had nothing personal against Stevenson; as a matter of fact, he liked him. "This brought a big laugh from the reporters assembled in the flood-lighted crystal ballroom of the Blackstone hotel."

Today instead of 19 microphones on the platform there were 11; the balcony which had been filled then was almost empty.

Asked whether he would suggest Symington for the vice presidential nomination, Mr. Truman said that he was "not nominating" a vice president.

Mr. Truman opened a news conference with a blast at newspapers which have said that his espousal of Harriman's cause would harm the former President's place in history.

Wants Fighting Candidate

"I am not worried about the personal consequences," Mr. Truman said.

He said his basic purpose in this Democratic National Convention was to put across "a fighting candidate" who was not hobbled by "reservations or evasions."

He said he feared that Stevenson followed "the counsel of hesitation" which would lead the Democratic party into the hands of moderates.

"I am shocked that any liberal Democrat would abandon the

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late President, who recommended to the convention in a speech that they forget the New Deal or the Fair Deal and look to the future.

Crowd Smaller

The former President said "Mrs. Roosevelt is entirely misinformed" in suggesting that Mr. Truman was trying to create a deadlock and boost the candidacy of dark-horse Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri.

The former President's news conference was attended by less than half the newsmen who had come to his meeting last Saturday when he first announced his support of Gov. Harriman.

Chicago—(U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson, accused by former President Truman of lacking "fighting spirit," said today that Democrats should save their "abuse" for the Republicans.

The front running candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination said in a talk to Florida delegates that it does not serve the party's best interests "to demean one another."

"For my part the enemy is not other Democrats," Stevenson said. "The enemy is the Republicans."

Stevenson did not mention Mr. Truman, who wants the Democratic national convention to nominate Gov. Averell Harriman, but he clearly had the former President's barbs in his mind.

Mr. Truman was losing another blast at Stevenson while the former Illinois governor was talking to the Florida delegates. Mr. Truman said Stevenson "lacks the kind of fighting spirit that we need to win."

But Mr. Truman backtracked on his declaration of Tuesday that Stevenson couldn't win the election. He said today that Stevenson could be elected if he runs on a good Democratic platform and has a lot of help.

Perle Mesta Proves Right To Party Title With Lavish Affair

Chicago—(U.P.)—Perle Mesta did it again.

The "hostess with the most-est" proved her right to the title Tuesday night with the most lavish party of the Democratic convention. Her elaborate \$20,000 supper dance drew the biggest wags of the party to sip champagne from rose-trimmed glasses.

Political differences were checked at the door as candidates kingmakers, delegates and who-have-you concentrated on having a good time.

Truman Almost Plays

Former President Harry S. Truman almost played the piano in an impromptu floor show. Speaker Sam Rayburn did get into the act, as did convention keynote Tennessee Gov. Frank Clement.

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With House doorkeeper William M. "Fishbait" Miller handling the introductions, Mrs. Mesta welcomed guests from Mr. Truman to Spike Jones, Carmine De Sapio to Joan Blondell. Inside the pink and white trimmed Mayfair room plaster angels and swans made of ice posed prettily with the tenderloin stroganoff and hors d'oeuvres on a satin and tulle covered buffet table.

'Don't You Dare'

It was after midnight in the middle of a hilarious "floor show" when master of ceremonies singer Phil Reagan introduced Mr. Truman and shouts of "piano, piano," drowned out shouts of "speech, speech."

Mr. Truman, who had just received a standing ovation, seemed tempted. But "the boss"—Mrs. Truman—vetoed the idea. "Don't you dare," said she out of the corner of her mouth. He didn't.

Reagan, wearing a Harriman button, didn't get around to introducing Stevenson.

Mr. Truman laughed with the loudest when newscaster H. V. Kaltenborn imitated Mr. Truman's 1948 imitation of Kaltenborn predicting a Dewey victory.

watchers jamming the lobby and the sidewalk. Mrs. Mesta's secretary was posted at a table just outside the brocade-hung doorway to collar any would-be gatecrashers.

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HER FAVORITE—Boosting her candidate, Janice Higgins, 10, offers "I Like Ike" buttons to photographer during open house at the San Francisco Cow Palace where Republican National Convention opens Aug. 20.

Hearing Scheduled in Death of Workman

Salem—(U.P.)—A fact-finding hearing to determine the cause of death of a workman in a fatal accident at the Pacific First Federal Savings and Loan Building in Portland Monday will be held in Portland next Monday.

William A. Callahan, chairman of the State Industrial Accident Commission, said a cable on a scaffold apparently broke or became disconnected, throwing Garvin Kirack, Portland, some 120 feet to his death.

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