

# Thumbnail Sketches of Democratic Vice Presidential Choice Possibilities

## Text of Stevenson's Speech Throwing Nomination Open

Chicago—(U.P.)—Text of Adlai Stevenson's speech to the Democratic National Convention Thursday night throwing the vice presidential nomination wide open:

My heart is full. I am deeply grateful. But I did not come here tonight to speak of the action you have just taken. That I shall do tomorrow night, after you have chosen a vice president.

Now, it is in connection with that choice that I have taken this unusual step of asking to be heard briefly tonight.

The American people have the solemn obligation to consider with the utmost care who will be their president if the elected president is prevented by a higher will from serving his full term. It is a sober reminder that seven out of 34 presidents have served as the result of such an indirect selection.

**Responsibility Great**

The responsibility of the presidency has grown so great that the nation's attention has become focused as never before on the office of the vice president. The choice for that office has become almost as important as the choice for the presidency.

Each political party has therefore the solemn obligation to offer the country as its choice

for the vice presidency a person fully equipped first, to assist in the discharge of the duties of the most exacting job in the world, and second, to himself assume, if need be, this highest responsibility.

Historically, the presidential candidate has often designated the nominee for vice president.

### Lyndon Johnson Not To Be Candidate

Chicago—(U.P.)—Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson said today he will not permit anyone to place his name before the Democratic National Convention as a candidate for the vice presidential nomination.

Johnson, at an impromptu news conference in his hotel suite, named Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), Sen. John F. Kennedy (Mass.), and Sen. Hubert Humphrey (Minn.), as the "three top runners" in the convention's wide open sweepstakes for the second spot on the ticket.

Johnson said Speaker Sam Rayburn and Sen. Stuart Symington (Mo.) are not in the least interested in becoming the running mate with Adlai E. Stevenson to challenge the Republican administration in November.

Sometimes the choice has been due to personal predilection or political expediency.

But I respect beyond measure a convention and a party which has conferred upon me its highest honor without there being asked of me a single commitment except faith in the program and principles of our party.

**Free Processes**

In these circumstances I have concluded to depart from the precedents of the past. I have decided that the selection of the vice presidential nominee should be made through the free processes of this convention—so that the Democratic party's candidate for this office may join me before the nation not as one man's selection but as one chosen by our great party even as I have been chosen.

I would add only this: In taking this step I am expressing my confidence in your choice and in the many fine men whose prominence in our party will command your consideration. The choice will be yours. The profit will be the nation's.

And now until tomorrow night, again my heartfelt thanks, and may God be with you.

### Benson Sees Results Obtained for Farmers

Idaho Falls, Ida.—(U.P.)—Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson said today the administration's attack on overproduction of crops and low farm income is "getting results."

"There is a growing optimism among farmers," Benson said. "In the past seven months prices of farm products have gone up about 10 per cent nationally. The parity ratio has risen from 80 to 85."

"Farm prices and the parity ratio have not only stopped falling. They are definitely climbing. Our programs are getting results."

Benson reviewed the farm situation in a speech prepared for delivery before several agricultural groups meeting jointly in the Upper Snake River area.

**HARVEST MUST WAIT**

Villa Juarez, Mexico—(U.P.)—Police arrested Agustin Cabellos Thursday in the midst of his harvesting chores. He was busy harvesting his 13-ton crop of marijuana.

## Kefauver Front Runner But Disliked in South

Chicago—(U.P.)—Thumbnail sketches of possible Democratic vice presidential nominees:

**Sen. Estes Kefauver** of Tennessee—a front runner because he ranked second only to Adlai E. Stevenson in the number of pledged delegates before the presidential nomination. His withdrawal in favor of Stevenson paved the way for Stevenson's first-ballot nomination. Kefauver, 55, has a large, devoted following in the party. As a candidate for the 1952 nomination, he led on the first two ballots. Biggest handicaps are that he is unacceptable to most of the South and generally is not popular with the party's leaders.

### Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota—Broke precedent by becoming an avowed candidate for the vice presidential nomination before the convention opened. Belongs to the northern liberal wing of the party, but is widely respected by his southern colleagues in the Senate. Among rank-and-file southerners, however, he is remembered for stirring up the civil rights fight at the 1948 convention, which prompted Alabama and Mississippi to walk out. Is regarded as one of keenest and hardest working members of the Senate, over which he would preside if elected as vice president.

**Sen. John F. Kennedy** of Massachusetts—Young (39) handsome, a Catholic. Proved his vote-getting ability by his upset 1952 victory over Republican Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. in his race for the Senate. Unpopular with the farm bloc because he has voted and spoken against 90 per cent farm price support. His health could be another drawback because he has undergone several operations for a war injury.

**Sen. Albert Gore** of Tennessee—Also young (48). One of the Senate's finest orators. A member of Congress since 1939. A leader in the fight for public power and peacetime development of atomic energy.

**Mayor Robert F. Wagner** of New York—Son of the late liberal Sen. Robert F. Wagner. Like Kennedy, a Catholic. Elected mayor of the world's largest city in 1952 with a plurality of 300,000 votes. Not too widely known on the national scene. Could help carry important New York State vote.

## Scorecards Skim Across Room as Stevenson Becomes Party Nominee

Chicago—(U.P.)—Scorecards skimmed and slanted up from the crowd into the yell-shaken air, and the man from Independence, Mo., sat there grinning and patting the mezzanine railing with his right palm.

Pennsylvania had just announced it was casting "sufficient votes to put Adlai Stevenson over the top—67." Stevenson was the Democratic presidential nominee.

Most eyes in the hall turned to see how Harry S. Truman, the man who had backed Averell Harriman, would take it. Mr. Truman, chuckling, turned his head slowly right and left, then folded his arms and sat back with a face a-bloom in a fixed smile.

It was James C. Petrillo, a few minutes later, who gave the former President his moment in the midst of a defeat that had been certain. When the governor of Oklahoma had moved to make the nomination unanimous, Mr. Truman had clapped. Mrs. Truman, wearing dark glasses in the bright TV lights, looked at her watch.

Then Mr. Truman got busy talking, leaning over the rail toward someone on the convention floor. Petrillo, Musicians' Union head, was directing the orchestra, and suddenly he led them into the Missouri Waltz. Every eye now was on the former President. He continued talking.

## Quotes From the News

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London—Wing Commander Aly Sabry, Egypt's unofficial "observer" at the World Suez conference, on his country's position: "There can be no compromise over the nationalization of the canal or our right to nationalize it."

San Francisco—Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland in a warning to the GOP on the forthcoming election: "The election cannot be won by television and radio alone. The party must get out and dig for every vote."

Washington—Presidential Appointment Secretary Bernard Shanley on next week's Republican convention: "I think the country will see a good, efficient, well-run convention in contrast to the donnybrook that has just taken place."

Boston—Massachusetts Gov. Christian A. Herter on the campaign of Presidential Adviser Harold Stassen to draft him as the GOP vice presidential candidate: "The continued use of my name as a candidate for vice president is entirely unacceptable."

Hong Kong—Roman Catholic Bishop Ambrose Pinger of Lindsay, Neb., on his arrival here after five years as a prisoner of the Chinese Reds: "I was slapped several times, not very hard, during interrogation while they tried to force me to confess collecting information."

London—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on the United States position at the World Suez conference: "... We are quite prepared to explore the new situation ... seeking a solution which is fair to all and generally acceptable."

## Oregon Delegates Disappointed Votes Fail To Cinch Bid

Chicago—(U.P.)—Oregon delegates to the Democratic convention were disappointed today that their votes barely failed to bring Adlai Stevenson's total for the presidential nomination up to the 686½ he needed to be assured of the bid.

Rep. Edith Green (R-Ore.), a delegate, found some consolation, however, in the fact that Pennsylvania's votes took Stevenson past the required total. She pointed out that Pennsylvania is the home state of James Finnegan, Stevenson's campaign manager.

The former Illinois governor's total was 24½ short of the 686½ necessary when Oregon's vote was called for, and 8½ short when the state's 16 votes were cast.

Mrs. Green said it would have been particularly fitting if Oregon had put Stevenson over the top since that state was most strongly pledged to him. Delegates could be prosecuted for violating their primary pledge.

The same law applied to a pledge for votes for Kefauver for vice president so that there was no question as to where the state's votes go today.

Mrs. Green said she was "elated" by the Stevenson victory.

Since the Minnesota primary, which Stevenson lost to Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) she had been "praying" for his eventual nomination, she said.

**STRANGE PURR**

Holland, Mich.—(U.P.)—Art Sas detected a strange sound in the engine of his high powered foreign sports car. Then he raised the hood and found the strange purr in his engine was a cat.

## In the Day's News

Oregon's apostate Senator Morse got a big ovation when he appeared before the Democratic national convention to tell why he quit the Republican party four years ago.

As he arose to speak, the Oregon Democratic delegates started what is known in national party convention parlance as a "demonstration." They shouted their approval of the speaker. They whistled. They sang. Then they started the traditional parade down the aisles.

Other state delegations, numbering a score or more, joined in the parade and the demonstration. It was quite an affair.

**WELL**, why shouldn't Senator Morse get a rousing reception at a national convention composed of official representatives of the Democratic party?

By his flop four years ago, he changed the control of the United States senate from Republican to Democratic. He made it possible to substitute Democrats for Republicans as chairmen of all the important senate committees. He made it possible to change the majorities of all these committees from Republican to Democratic.

**THAT** is to say: When he turned his coat, he turned the senate of the United States over to the Democrats.

If they aren't grateful to him, they ought to be ashamed of themselves.

**BUT**—I can't help wondering what these official representatives of the century and a half old Democratic party, whose adherents for generations have been proud to say ONCE A DEMOCRAT ALWAYS A DEMOCRAT really thought last night of Senator Morse, the turncoat.

It would be interesting to know.

**LET'S** be frank and completely fair about this matter. Senator Morse, or any other politician, has a perfect right to change his coat at any moment he chooses to do so and for any reason that seems good to him.

The politician takes no oath of unchanging allegiance to his party.

**STILL**—I can't help wondering how Senator Morse—who alone knows WHY he changed his Republican coat to a Democratic coat—felt about it in his own secret heart as he stood up there on the rostrum Wednesday night, in the glare of the klieg lights, whooping it up for the Democratic party he so often had castigated in the past.

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