

# Sharply Contrasting Convention Roles by Morse Illustrate Fascination of Politics

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Washington—The strange fascination of American politics is seldom better illustrated than by the sharply contrasting roles played this week by Sen. Wayne Morse in Chicago and four years ago in the same city. On both occasions, the setting was the same—Chicago's national amphitheatre, scene of many a great presidential nominating convention. But virtually every-



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thing else was different. Four years ago it was the Republican convention Morse was attending as one of Oregon's delegates. This week he was one of the highlight speakers at the Democratic convention.

### Kincaid Takes CP Commission Position

Central Point—W. B. Kincaid of Central Point was elected permanent chairman of the Central Point planning commission recently. Kincaid, who has been acting as temporary chairman, takes over the post vacated by William Askwith, who resigned to assume duties on the board of directors of school district 6.

Anyone gifted with insight into the future would have had considerable difficulty four years ago convincing any of Oregon's convention delegates of what was to come to pass in the months and years before convention time 1956 would roll around.

Especially the Morsemen within the state's delegation would have laughed heartily at any suggestion that their favorite senator would switch over to the Democratic camp. I recall as though it were yesterday the high moment of exaltation be-

ing experienced by Oregon's liberal Republicans after the Taft-Eisenhower battle had finally been won by the Normandy commander.

On that steamy Chicago night of July 11, 1952, I rode from the amphitheatre back downtown with the senator and his closest associates in the delegation—State Sen. Mark Hatfield, State Sen. Phil Hitchcock and Clay Myers, Jr., who was Morse's alternate.

It was a night to remember, not for wild jubilation, of which there was plenty, but for the

heady sense of standing in the presence of history being written in unforgettable, capital letters. The liberals had just vanquished the Old Guard of the Republican party to nominate Dwight D. Eisenhower, a saviour for the Republicans who was to go on and match Franklin D. Roosevelt in political appeal and national popularity.

**Significance Outline**  
This was the accomplishment in which the Morsemen were reveling as we drove slowly back toward the Loop, listening largely to Wayne Morse, in true professional style, outlining the historic significance of the Eisenhower nomination over Sen. Robert A. Taft, the darling of the Old Guard.

In their 1920-style straw hats that were a campaign fetish, the Morsemen nodded their concurrence, each interjecting his own

thoughts on the rosy tomorrow that greeted them in this hour of triumph.

In that convention, Morse was just another sign-carrying delegate who placed himself under heavy restraint and uttered not one word of oratory to a gathering which was addressed principally by such notable conservatives as Douglas MacArthur and Herbert Hoover.

### Nixon Nominated

But the next day, the convention followed through by nominating, with Ike's assent, Sen. Richard M. Nixon as the vice presidential candidate—and the steam began to escape from the bubble of Morse enthusiasm. There were reports which Morse always denied that he had coveted for himself the possibility of being tapped as Eisenhower's running mate, for he never let an opportunity pass prior to the

convention without claiming he was the first man in the Senate to come out for Ike.

What happened from that day until Morse walked into the Lane county court house last year and changed his registration to Democratic, is as well known as some of the senator's motives are mysterious. But in any event, they brought him to one of the high points of his political career this week as he addressed the Democratic convention in a speech designed for home consumption which charged that liberalism is all but dead in the party he left behind.

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## JACKSONVILLE Teen Age Dances Being Held

By MRS. C. S. HOSKINS  
Jacksonville — Each Wednesday from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at Jacksonville Community hall, Teen Age dances are being held, with juke box music, admission 15 cents apiece. Soft drinks can be purchased. Teen age girls and boys from the eighth grade to senior high are invited, also out-of-town teen age visitors are always welcome.

On the last Wednesday of each month the parents of teen agers attending the dances will be invited as honored guests. Each girl is requested to bring a friend who hasn't attended the dances before. Some visitors at last Wednesday's dance were Rock and Chuck Pope, newcomers to Jacksonville; Dormand Brown of Medford; Carla Walch of Richmond, Calif., now living in Medford; Bart Johnson of Medford; Sharon Severson of Terry, Calif., who is a guest at the Earnest Rasmussen home; and Frank Plant, a new resident in town and a junior in high school.

With vacation nearing its end, Jacksonville continues to have numerous summer visitors from here, there and everywhere. Many are attracted by several annual August events, the Jacksonville Jubilee, Shakespeare plays in Ashland and the recent rodeo in Medford.

Out-of-town guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harter this week were Mr. and Mrs. David G. Wienecke and two children of Hillsboro, Ore. The Wieneckes were former residents here and Wienecke was a teacher in Jacksonville school.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Keaveny over the Jubilee week end, who also attended a Shakespeare play while here, were Dr. and Mrs. Dick Boyd and daughter Wendy. Dr. Boyd was superintendent of schools in Jacksonville four years ago and now has a similar position in Mapleton, Ore.

Visiting last week end at the home of the W. A. Clemmers were Clemmer's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Clemmer and son Danny of Emporia, Kan. They were accompanied here by Clemmer's mother, Mrs. Minnie Clemmer of Hanford, Calif. She continued on the trip with them from here to Wendell, Ida., where they plan to visit a younger sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Swarner, before returning to Kansas. While here the group helped W. A. Clemmer celebrate his birthday last Sunday with a family dinner at his home. Other family members present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hunsley and children of Central Point, Mrs. Ester Hunsley and her granddaughter, Pat, of Talent, and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Clemmer and children of Central Point. Refreshments included home made ice cream and birthday cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowman of Sacramento were visitors this week at the home of Bowman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bowman, and at his sister's home, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Henning. Also visiting last week at the Archie Bowmans were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowman and children of Pendleton. They were also guests of the A. W. Hennings.

Recent week end guests at the Edwin Wall residence were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stinbough of Twenty Nine Palms, Calif. The Stinboughs were en route to Brookings.

Also guests this week at the Edwin Walls were their two grandchildren, Linda Knapp of Medford, and Glade Turnbough of Phoenix. Mr. and Mrs. Wall recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Thelma Evelyn Wall, to Raymond Lawton of Wrangle, Alaska. The wedding date has not been definitely set.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Henning and children, Michael and Elizabeth, have just returned from a seven weeks vacation trip. They visited Henning's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Henning in Howard's Grove, Wis., and Henning's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Henning, in Milwaukee, and other relatives in the vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Crabb, new residents in Jacksonville, were honored guests at a luncheon given last Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson. Nine other guests were present to welcome them. Crabb is the new superintendent of schools in Jacksonville.

Attending a picnic at the Lyle Hard residence near McKee Bridge last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevens and family of Jacksonville and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Wells of Palmdale, Calif. The Wells were former residents here and have recently moved from Palmdale to Ashland, Ore.

Miss Betty Lou Stevens spent last week end at home from her job as cook at the Star ranger station and greatly enjoyed her mother's home cooking.

A new patient this week at the Mitchell sanitarium is Harry Ryne. He is able to have visitors. Visiting Mrs. Bessie Mitchell this week are her daughter, Mrs. Jerry Gleaves and three children, Steven, David and Mark, of Seattle, Wash.

Business visitors in Jacksonville this week were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lockwood of Baker, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Serry and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Curl sold instead of bought, as reported last week, two cinnabar mining claims located at Steamboat, to the Kubll brothers on the spot.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Algeo and Theodore Johnson spent last week end on the coast.

More out of town visitors this week were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Burgess and children, Leroy, Nancy and John, of El Cajon, Calif., guests at the H. K. Hanna home. Mrs. Burgess is Mrs. Hanna's niece. They were en route home from Yellowstone park and while here made a trip to Crater Lake.

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