

# Seven Potential Candidates Seen for Demo Nomination

Editor's note: This is the second of two dispatches in which a veteran Washington political reporter sizes up the presidential situation one year before the Republican and Democratic conventions.

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Washington (UPI) — With the 1960 political conventions just a year away, the Democrats have a field of seven potential candidates in the running for the presidential nomination.

By convention time, there could be more.

State presidential primaries or the accidents of politics, however, could eliminate some of those now viewed as contenders before the delegates convene at Los Angeles July 11, 1960.

None has yet declared himself a candidate and none has a commanding lead. The current feeling among Democrats is that none will be close to

having the nomination sewed up by the time the convention opens.

**Strong Support**  
Here is the lineup:  
Adlai E. Stevenson, defeated 1952 and 1956 nominee who says he is not a candidate and will not be nominated. He still has strong rank-and-file support and is considered a strong compromise possibility if the convention goes beyond the third ballot.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (Mass.), who is now regarded as the front-runner and who has been steadily moving into position for the big try ever since he barely lost the 1956 vice presidential nomination to Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee. A Catholic, he is handicapped in some areas by nervousness about the political impact of the religious issue.

Sen. Stuart Symington (Mo.), who probably has more "second choice" support than any other contender now. He would be expected to move up

if the pacesetters falter on the second or third ballot. His voting record aligns him with the New Deal wing of the party but the Southerners generally consider him acceptable. He was Air Force Secretary and held other executive assignments in the Truman administration.

**Depends on Record**  
Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.), like Stevenson, declares with apparent conviction that he will

### Man Injured in Fall Now Convalescing

Frank B. Wheat, 801 North Central st., is convalescing at his home following his release last week from Sacred Heart hospital.

Wheat was injured June 19 when he fell from the roof of the new Shakespearean Festival theater in Ashland. According to Mrs. Wheat, he may have visitors.

not be a candidate. How he is rated by convention time will depend largely on the public's attitude toward the record of Congress when it finishes its 1959 and 1960 sessions. His reputation as a miracle-worker has been smudged recently by the Republican assault on Congress under the leadership of President Eisenhower. His Southern roots will hurt him with delegates concerned about the civil rights issue but will help with those worried about keeping the South in the party.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (Minn.), who rates high with the liberal wing of the party but is almost persona non grata in the South. He will have trouble mustering support as long as the shadow of a third Stevenson nomination hangs over the convention. However, he is preparing to challenge Kennedy in some of the state presidential primaries. The results could be fatal to one or both.

Gov. G. Mennen Williams, the still youthful six-term governor of Michigan. He is counted a very long shot, in part because he is tied closely to the CIO wing of the labor movement and is getting a financial crisis in his home state.

Gov. Robert B. Meyner, who has twice been elected chief executive of the normally Republican and pivotal state of New Jersey. He also is still classed as a long shot.

Among others who may move into contention is Gov. Edmund G. Brown of California, who led the Democrats in his state out of the wilderness in the 1958 election but now calls himself only a favorite son candidate. Another is Rep. Chester Bowles, former governor of Connecticut, Federal Price Administration and Ambassador to India, who is generating some interest but lacks a solid political base on which to build.

### Portland VA Hospital Manager Transferred

Washington (UPI) — Dr. J. Gordon Spendlove, manager of the Portland Veterans Administration hospital, is being transferred to management of the VA hospital at Iowa City, Iowa, the VA announced Monday.

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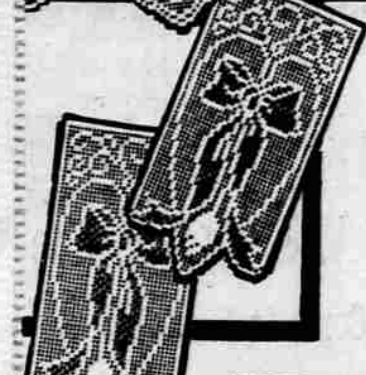
### SMALLER COFFEE BILL

New York (UPI)—Americans spent \$1,940,000,000 for coffee in 1958, a decline of \$193 million from 1957, according to the Pan American Coffee Bureau, although consumption increased. The average coffee bill per household in this country came to \$28.61 last year against \$31.91 in 1957. Persons 10 years of age or over drank an average of 2.94 cups of coffee per day, up from 2.87 cups the previous year.

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### Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

#### He Explodes Myths Of 'Special Foods'

Certain African tribes, living in regions where lions are present, believe that by killing the animal and eating its heart they will possess the strength and courage of the lion. If this seems ridiculous, it might be well to remember that we, the self-termed enlightened ones, also go in for some things that are equally silly.

You probably know folks who eat celery because it is good for the nerves. There are those who firmly believe that fish is brain food, and they eat fish whether they like it or not. It would be useless to tell these folks that even if they ate a crate of celery a day from now on, they could still be as "nervous as a cat" or a "setting hen." If your emotional life suffered a relapse, you could get no better than one who had never eaten a stalk of celery in his life. Celery and relief from nervous breakdowns have nothing at all in common.

#### Not Brain Food

Neither would your brain be any better fed if you ate all the fish in the sea. Eating fish is not equivalent to a college education. In fact, by itself, it wouldn't even get you in the first grade.

Celery, fish, or even the lion's heart would all furnish nutrients necessary to human or animal metabolism, but so would lima beans, hot dogs or artichokes. Digestive systems seem to be such that assimilated food mainly goes to nourish the entire system. It just isn't directed toward one particular part. The stomach doesn't sort it all out or say, "here comes some fish, send this up to the brain." Neither does it recognize the crunch of celery, al-

tering the nerves of the body to "get ready, here's your favorite food."

Eating elephant meat wouldn't generate tremendous strength, any more than eating rabbit would cause the eater to be timid, or give him the ability to wiggle his nose. Because you drink milk, or eat eggs, doesn't induce anyone to moo like a cow, or roost on a perch at night like a domestic hen. Sure, all these things are silly. But many of us do some silly things in the belief we are helping ourselves, or generating a force or a power.

#### Just As Ridiculous

We laugh at the African native who tries to derive the courage of the mis-named King of Beasts by eating its heart. But the celery, fish, and other peculiar beliefs we accept as "cure-alls" are just as ridiculous. They're all as impossible as the belief that if someone says, "You are lion-hearted," you have an abundance of strength and courage. The so-called King of Beasts does not possess any more courage or strength in relation to size than the stupid hyena, who is satisfied to eat the "crumbs of flesh that fall from the lion's table."

Eating the lion's heart won't make the native any braver, any more than there is a danger of your neighbor developing a "shady" character because he spends his afternoons lying in the shade. Neither does the eating of popcorn go to your head and flake off your scalp as dandruff.

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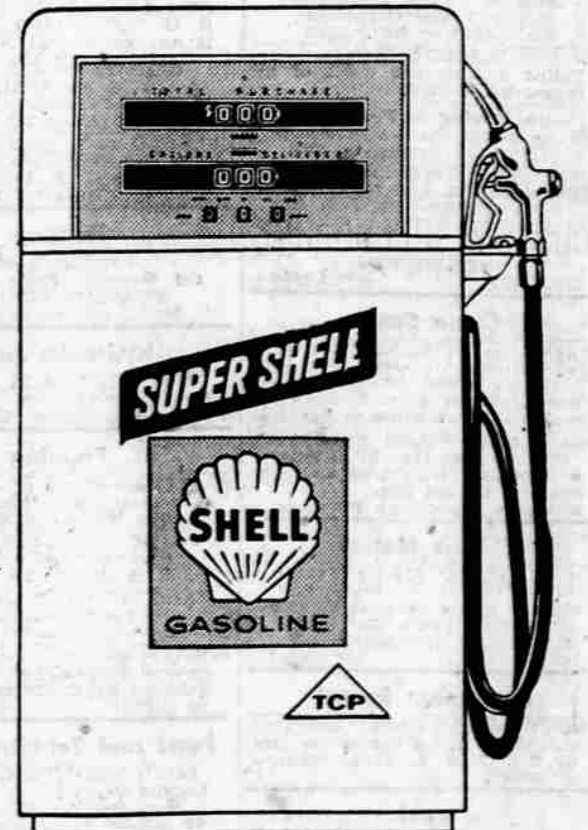
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