



MEAT SCATTERED—Cases of meat were torn apart and spilled onto the railroad right-of-way at South San Francisco when a Southern Pacific freight train smashed into a refrigerator tractor-trailer. The tractor was split in two. The tractor was thrown to the right of the tracks and the trailer to the left. One of several early morning commuter trains, delayed by the crash, is shown halted beneath the Bayshore Freeway overpass. Driver of the tractor was Leonard E. Bray, who escaped with bruises. (UPI Telephoto)

Symington Bases Presidential Bid on Variety of Experiences

Editor's note: Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri is one of the three senators who lead the Democratic Presidential nomination sweepstakes. This review of his record follows those of Sen. John F. Kennedy (Mass.) and Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.).

Washington - CQ - Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri undoubtedly will hear his name connected with the time-honored phrase in nominating speeches: "The man who."

The principal factors that bring Symington to the fore are his long and varied experience in business and government and his persistent advocacy of a stronger U.S. defense. But he is also a "man who":

- Was a lieutenant at the age of 17 in the World War I Army.
- Once was an entrant in the Boys' Nationals tennis tournament.
- Is the son of a professor of Romance languages who later became a judge.
- Married the daughter of a Republican U.S. Senator.
- Took his bride off to live in a tiny apartment while he worked as an iron moulder and took night school and correspondence school courses.
- Later got a short-lived reputation as a "playboy" as he followed his wife from nightclub to nightclub as she pursued a career as a "society singer."
- Urged his sons to study Russian because he felt this would be an important language in their future.
- Is an honorary member of the International Union of Electrical Workers.
- Had a crack reputation as a healer of dying business concerns.
- Ran for his first elective office, the Missouri Senate seat, and won, at the age of 51, speaking to crowds sometimes attracted by his guitar-playing son.
- Once told the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy he ought to see a psychiatrist.
- Has been touted for the Presidency by both Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus (D) and Rep. Adam C. Powell Jr. (D-N.Y.).

Area Students Win Awards for Art

Salem - Several southern Oregon students have won honor awards for the 95th Oregon State Fair to be held here Sept. 2-10. It was recently announced.

After evaluating some 578 pieces of school art from throughout the state, a three-member jury has selected 51 pieces to receive the awards, and thus qualifying for consideration when the Oregon School Travel exhibit is selected following the fair.

The traveling exhibit will consist of representative, high-quality work aimed toward stimulating the exchange of art ideas among the teachers and students, and will be available to Oregon schools during the coming school year.

Students, and their grades, receiving awards in the southern Oregon area include Ellen Meade, Jewett Elementary school, Central Point, second grade; Gary Branch, Central Point Elementary school, Central Point, sixth grade; Russell Johnson, South Junior High school, Grants Pass, ninth grade; and Gary Moore, Crater High school, Central Point, 11th grade.

Sally Novak, Crater High school, Central Point; Terry Ryan, Medford High school; Janice Butts, Medford High school; and Connie McDonough, Crater High school, Central Point, all seniors at the time of entry.

SOAPING WINDOWS

New York - UPI - The construction industry uses 250,000 bars of soap a year for purposes having absolutely nothing to do with cleanliness.

F. W. Dodge Corp. said this amount is used strictly for marking Xs on the windows of buildings going up or coming down.

It is not, of course, upon these interesting facts that Symington bases his campaign for the Presidency. His race is built primarily on his continuing criticism of the Administration's defense programs. Rep. Clarence Cannon of Missouri in December of 1957 said Russian advances in missiles and satellites "automatically nominated" Symington for the Presidency.

Defense considerations have taken the bulk of Symington's time and concern since he went to England for the War Department in 1941, as a private manufacturer, to study the English method of making gun turrets. On his return he converted his factory to their

production for the World War II effort.

In a series of appointive jobs under President Harry S. Truman, from 1946 to 1952, he continued to work in the field. He was the first secretary of the air force, chairman of the national security resources board and the President's mobilization coordinator among other jobs. His criticism of defense policies is not restricted to Republican Administrations; he quit as secretary of the air force in 1950 in protest against an administration cut in air power from the strength he advocated. Truman immediately appointed him to the tough job of cleaning up the Reconstruction Finance Corp. as administrator.

Truman last month called Symington "the best qualified man in the picture today."

Symington's demands for changes in U.S. defense policies have come in five areas: (1) the relative strength of the United States and the Soviet Union's defense structures; (2) the alleged tendency of the Eisenhower Administration to subordinate defense preparedness to budget balancing; (3) the need for a workable and working disarmament program; (4) the alleged administration policy of holding back from the public the truth about U.S. defenses; (5) the unification of the services under a single head.

No One-Issue-Man

Aside from his well-known concern with defense, and despite suggestions that he is a one-issue man, Symington has been active in other fields.

During 1938-45, as president of the Emerson Co. in St. Louis, he pioneered in providing promotional advancements for Negroes in that semi-Southern town and, taking over after a prolonged strike, he improved labor-management relations in his plant to the degree that he was made an honorary union member. During his Senate career, while not a leader, he has consistently voted and moved with the "liberal" Democrats in the areas of labor legislation and civil rights.

In 1957, 1958, and 1959 he was recorded voting 100 per cent "liberal" in an analysis prepared by the Americans for Democratic Action.

Symington has criticized the administration farm program. He is a supporter of the "family farmer" and has urged a ceasing of stock-piling and, instead, using surpluses for needy people at home and abroad.

Symington joined the Democratic Advisory Council in November 1959 and has sided with that group against Senate Democratic leadership in the argument on how Democratic Congressional majority should act under an opposition administration.

Symington says, "I would rather see us pass laws that we believe are right and then have them vetoed than I would see us . . . reduce what we would like to have done on the fear that what we do might be vetoed."

Symington announced his candidacy for the Presidency March 24, 1960, two months after early contenders Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey and John F. Kennedy.

However, even before he became an open candidate, Symington refused to enter any Presidential primary. He has said they are not good testing grounds for Presidential nominees and that they require a great deal of time and money, "which I do not have."

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