

# Profiles of Democratic Hopefuls

**By United Press International**  
The men expected to be in serious contention for the Democratic presidential nomination this week:

**JOHNSON**  
Lydon Baines Johnson, 51, the tall lean Texan whose wife, ranch, daughters and family dog all carry the same initials he cut-links in his elegantly tailored shirts. "Somebody has to be in the middle if you're to get things done," Johnson said of himself last week. It's an accurate sum-up of a career of Senate leadership in which, as the youngest floor leader ever (44 on his election in 1953) he pulled together a dissident minority party. And as majority leader of an out-of-the-White House party, he has compromised the way to legislation in the last four years. **Progressive, Prudent**

"I believe that I am progressive and prudent without being radical. I think I am conservative without being reactionary," Johnson said. He said he was called a "fighting liberal" when he first went to Congress, in 1936, and quickly became a protégé of President Roosevelt, a "great Democratic liberal" under Harry S. Truman and a "voting liberal" against McCarthyism.

**KENNEDY**  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 43, the U.S. senator for Massachusetts who says if he's too young to be president, Columbus was too young to discover America.

Second of nine children of Joseph P. Kennedy, later U.S. ambassador to Britain, and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, daughter of a mayor of Boston, he became a millionaire at 21-by his fathers' gift-and displayed almost equal intellectual and political precocity.

**Book Best Seller**  
His first book, "Why England Slept," published when he was 23, became a best seller. His second, "Profiles in Courage," written in 1954 and 1955 during his convalescence from spinal surgery, won a Pulitzer Prize for biography.

Kennedy won election to Congress in 1929, but the most dramatic display of his vote-getting powers came in 1952 when he defeated incumbent Sen. Harry Cabot Lodge Jr. in a year when Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower handily carried the state. Prominent in that campaign and in his political efforts since have been his large, attractive and sociable family, and a keen professional organization.

**STEVENSON**  
Adlai Ewing Stevenson, 60, twice defeated for the presidency by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, once declared when he was delayed in

reaching a Washington engagement by the welcome to Gen. Charles de Gaulle: "It seems my fate to be always getting in the way of national heroes."

**Fought Hard Campaign**  
Stevenson, then seeking a second term as governor of Illinois, was drafted for the presidential nomination in 1952 with the active support of retiring President Harry S. Truman. He fought a hard primary campaign for the 1956 nomination and won it handily despite Truman's in-

terjection of Averell Harriman as a last minute rival. Relations between Stevenson and Truman are distinctly cool. The former president said recently that Stevenson isn't decisive enough to be President, but he has not suggested Stevenson or any Democrat could have won the last two presidential elections. Stevenson, whose wit and erudition brought the word "egghead" into American politics, has won a large, loyal and vocal following, but little professional political support for the 1960 nomination.

**SYMINGTON**  
Stuart Symington, 59, U.S. senator from Missouri, is best known for his seven years as top administrative official in the Truman administration and as a millionaire by his own business talents. **Solid Liberal Record**  
Now in his second Senate terms, the handsome silver-haired Symington has a record of solid liberal voting, has been most identified with his criticism of the administration's defense policies. His first Washington job was as head of the Surplus

**BRITISH ACTOR DIES**  
London—UPI—Arthur Wontner, 85, an actor on the British stage for more than 60 years, died Sunday.

Property Board. In 1946 he became assistant secretary of war for air and the following year, with the armed forces reorganization, he was named the first secretary of the U.S. Air Force. In 1950, Truman named him chairman of the National Security Resources Board, and in 1951 "cleanup" administrator of the Reconstruction Finance Corp., then rocked by the "mink coat" and "deep freeze" scandals.

## Accused Killer 'Waiting To Die'

San Bernardino, Calif.—UPI—"I don't care what they do to me. I'm just an old man. I'll lay here without eating or drinking until I die." John Mason, 70, is charged with murder. His only leg is clamped in a 30-pound boot to keep him from escaping from the hospital bed where he is undergoing treatment for a self-inflicted bullet wound. Sheriff's deputies said Mason came to California from Phoenix, Ariz., tracked down Clyde Harvey, 56, and shot him to death in nearby Victorville July 2.

Detectives said a 1958 real estate transaction between Mason and Harvey ended in a law suit, Mason lost. "Everybody is against me," Mason said. "I worked hard all my life and lost a quarter of a million dollars when the depression came in 1929. And then I lost all my money again. That's why I shot him. I shot myself because I got nothing to live for. Here I am an old man with a bullet in my chest right near the heart and they got this chain on my ankle."

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