

# One-Man Drive Launched To Make Martin The GOP Presidential Nominee

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—A one-man drive to make House Speaker Joseph W. Martin the compromise presidential nominee of the republican party was launched today by Rep. Leo Allen (R-Ill.).

Allen appraised Martin's chances of getting the nomination at "one in five." He said the speaker knows of the campaign now getting under way to "talk him up."

"All he says," Allen told reporters, "is that he doesn't see how anyone could refuse the nomination."

The chairman of the influential house rules committee said he figures the republican convention in Philadelphia this summer will supply an opening for Martin by following the pattern of 1940.

That was the year when Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio fought to a stand-off in the early rounds, allowing the late Wendell L. Willkie to snatch the nomination on the fifth ballot.

Allen said it looks to him as if Dewey and Taft are in about the same positions they occupied eight years ago and have about the same strength.

### Logical Choice

He expects them to tangle with the same results, only this time: "Joe Martin would make the logical compromise choice. Everybody likes him and nobody's mad at him. I figure he's got about a one to five chance to get the nomination."

For a vice presidential running mate, he said, Martin should have a Midwestern or Western veteran. Allen said he had nobody in mind but that Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, who is gunning for first place on the ticket, would qualify as a Midwestern veteran. For that matter, so would Allen, although he didn't mention the fact.

On the democratic side, Allen said he thinks the ticket will be President Truman and James Farley, who recently announced his support for Mr. Truman. Farley is the former postmaster general and democratic national chairman who parted ways with the late President Roosevelt when the third term campaign came along in 1940.

The year 1940 was a big one politically for Martin, too. He was chairman of the GOP national convention, then became national republican chairman during the Willkie campaign.

He was convention chairman again in 1944. Allen said he is the likely choice for chairman this year.

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## Ship Joins Plane Search

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 2 (AP)—An army harbor vessel criss-crossed waters of Cook inlet near here today as part of an expanding search for an air force B-29 superfortress that vanished Wednesday a few minutes after taking off from Elmendorf field with nine crewmen aboard.

The 150-foot army transportation service vessel LT-823 arrived from Kodiak under command of Capt. Ray Harris. Planes and ground parties scanned the Point McKenzie area west of here all day yesterday without finding a trace of the missing B-29.

A bright flash seen in the plane's line of flight just after it left on a weather observation mission led searchers to fear it exploded and fell into Cook inlet.

Meantime there was no word from the search for five men missing after the crash of another B-29 north of Nome, December 23, Miss-

ing are the pilot and navigator of the plane, unreported since they set out afoot to seek aid, and three members of a medical team who parachuted in rescue efforts. Six crew members of the crashed plane were rescued.

### First Baby Gets Early Start

PORTLAND, Jan. 2 (AP)—The Portland entrant in the New Year's baby derby is Richard Leisman, born 10 seconds after start of the New Year—and 110 seconds ahead of his closest local rival. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leisman. Earlier his birth had been listed as the last one in 1947—but the hospital revised its time report.

### Governors Just Sit And Look

PASADENA, Calif., Jan. 2 (AP)—A couple of governors and a lieutenant governor sat modestly on a curb, their feet in the gutter, watching the Tournament of Roses parade yesterday until an embarrassed

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