

Democratic National Chairman Says He's Amateur In Politics

By RUSSELL LANE

CHICAGO (AP) — Stephen Arnold Mitchell, the new Democratic national chairman, says he's an amateur in politics.

His friends say that's a technicality. Mitchell, a 49-year-old Chicago lawyer, has been around behind the scenes.

He is one of four men who wrote the opening chapter of the political success story of Gov. Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee. That was in 1947.

Mitchell and his fellow townsmen Herman Dunlap Smith and Jacob M. Arvey on the idea that Stevenson was candidate material. Mitchell envisioned Stevenson as

U. S. senator. But Arvey decided he should be governor of Illinois.

It was in Stevenson's gubernatorial campaign that Mitchell did his only public politicking. He made speeches for his candidate.

Unofficially, Mitchell has been one of the Illinois governor's most trusted confidantes and advisers.

Stevenson, who appointed Mitchell party leader last Friday, has known him for 13 years. They met casually while both were in private law practice in Chicago before World War II. Both held State Department jobs for a time during the war. They've kept in close touch since.

Mitchell was born at Rock Valley, Ia., March 3, 1903. His father, also Stephen Mitchell, was a banker-farmer, but not wealthy. A shortage of funds made it necessary for young Steve to work his way through Creighton University by sandwiching working years on his father's dairy farm between his years of campus activity.

At Georgetown University, where he took his law degree in 1928, he

worked part time in the credit department of General Motors Acceptance Corp. He stayed with that firm four years after he graduated. Then he went into Chicago practice.

During the war he served as chief of the French Division, Lend Lease Administration, and as a State Department expert on French affairs.

His wife is the former Evelyn Josephine Miller of Waterloo, Ia. They have three boys.

The family attends Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Roman Catholic Church in Chicago.

The Mitchells live in a rented apartment on Chicago's North Side. They have maintained a

small furnished apartment in Washington since March this year when he was appointed counsel of the House judiciary sub-committee investigating the Department of Justice.

Mitchell, who prefers single-breasted suits and narrow, colorful bow ties, is a cagey conversationalist. The day after his appointment, he told reporters, "I usually say what I think, but things are different now."

That was after he was asked if he considered himself a liberal or a conservative Democrat and replied: "Those words confuse me."

Mitchell, who maintains that his appointment as Democratic national chairman was a surprise, admits he had told Stevenson he was available for any duties which might help in the presidential campaign.

He went actively after a political job himself in the summer of 1947. He wanted to succeed J. Alford Wall, who resigned as U. S. attorney at Chicago in July of that year. But Mitchell's ambition was

blocked by Arvey, who supported Otto Kerner Jr. for the appointment. Kerner got it.

Only a few months later, Mitchell got Arvey into his corner backing Stevenson for Illinois governor.

Mitchell has been active in civic enterprises. He headed the Illinois Speakers Bureau for the War Bond Drive; served on the State Medical Center Commission, and was active in the American Vote Council, a group dedicated to getting out the voters on election day.

He heads the law firm of Mit-

chell, Conway and Bane in Chicago's Board of Trade Building.



X-RAYS TAKEN in Klamath Falls are sent to the State Board of Health in Portland where each one is carefully scrutinized by a board of doctors. Above, doctors reading X-rays. The X-ray survey underway in Klamath at present requires no undressing, no waiting and is free.

Cancer Cure Variance Seen

By FRANK CAREY AP Science Reporter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prevalence of cancer varies in different countries and under different conditions, the 17th International Geographical Congress was told today.

For example, the delegates were told, cancer of the lung does not exist in Iceland or Korea "which cancer is not as common in England as on the continent of Europe; primary cancer of the liver is relatively more common in Africa, Indochina, India, Malaya, Indonesia and the Philippine Islands than elsewhere in the world; and cancer of the base of the tongue is relatively frequent in certain communities in India.

The cancer facts were a highlight of the first report of the "Commission on Medical Geography" of the International Geographical Union—a commission which is making a world-wide systematic study of the possible relationships between the distribution of diseases and the environments in which they develop.

Dr. Jacques May of New York, director of medical studies of the American Geographical Society, and also chairman of the International "Medical Geography" Commission, said the commission's first aim is to "map" the distribution of all diseases throughout the world.

Declaring there is a need to know "who has what and where," he said that once such information is pinned down on a world-wide basis, it may be possible to determine why one person becomes afflicted and another does not.

He asserted that "geographical factors" may be paramount in the distribution of disease.

Capt. Carlsen Crashes Cycle

FLENSBURG, Germany (AP) — Capt. Kurt Carlsen came through unscathed from his storm-tossed ordeal with his sinking Flying Fortress, but he didn't do as well with a motorcycle last night.

The motorcycle skidded and turned over en route from Copenhagen to Rotterdam, and the brave little skipper broke his collarbone.

Carlsen was taken to a local hospital and fitted with a plaster cast. Then he resumed his journey by train, telling police he was in a hurry to get back to his new ship the Flying Enterprise II, which is docked in Rotterdam. Carlsen's parents live in Denmark.

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RR Union Favors Tax

SALEM (AP) — The Railroad Union Legislative League reported Monday that it will oppose an initiative measure which, if approved by voters in the November election, would abolish the weight-mile tax on trucks operating in the state.

The measure, originated by the trucking industry, would "shift an estimated six million dollars annually on to Oregon's private automobiles and local trucks," W. D. Hefner, league chairman, said.

USDA Predicts Near Record Crop Harvest For This Year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Plentiful supplies of food appear to be in store during the year ahead despite last month's crop damaging drought in the South and North-east.

In its latest measurement of production prospects, the Agriculture Department predicted late yesterday that the combined volume of all crops this year will be larger than in any year except 1948 and 1949.

Although the indicated output is larger than last year, it will be less evenly distributed because of heavy losses—particularly in feed supplies for meat and dairy animals—in Southern states.

The latter area will need to ship in more feed than usual if it is to avert a serious setback in the production of meat, dairy and poultry products in a land once ruled by cotton.

Elsewhere, there appears to be sufficient corn, oats, hay and other feed materials to foster a further expansion in production of beef, pork, milk, eggs and poultry.

The nation is harvesting its second largest wheat crop of record—a crop far in excess of expected needs.

Only in the case of potatoes and

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sweet potatoes are supplies likely to become tight before new crops are harvested in 1953.

Meanwhile, the department moved to provide financial aid to more financially distressed farmers in drought areas. It put all New Hampshire, 10 additional counties in Oklahoma and seven in Illinois in the "disaster" classification.

Farmers in such areas may obtain loans from the department's Farmers Home Administration to carry on operations. Only those who have suffered substantial losses from the drought and who are unable to obtain credit elsewhere will be eligible for aid.

The department previously had designated all of Maine, Massachusetts, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas, and parts of Missouri as drought disaster areas.

Should weather condition be more favorable during the rest of the season, drought-affected states might well achieve a degree of recovery. The department said rains early this month have tended to break the drought and should revive pastures and encourage farmers to plant late forage crops for fall grazing and winter hay.

Winter wheat and rice are the only crops for which record outputs are now expected. But the production of corn, all wheat, cotton, soybeans, tobacco, sugarcane, hops, grapes, cherries and plums will be larger than average.

Below average crops include oats, barley, rye, flaxseed, sorghum, grain, hay, dry beans, peanuts, potatoes, sweet potatoes, sugarbeets, and most fruits. But no pineapples in consumer supplies of these crops and their byproducts are indicated.

U. N. Admits Air Violation

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — The U. N. Command said Tuesday the two or three jet planes which flew over the Panmunjom truce talks site Sunday in violation of its neutrality probably were United Nations planes.

The statement was in a note from Col. Charles W. McCarthy, senior U. N. Command liaison officer, to Col. Chang Chun-San, top Red liaison officer, delivered at Panmunjom in response to a Red protest.

The note said witnesses were unable to observe identifying marks on the planes but "we have concluded in all probability the aircraft in question were those of the United Nations."

"This overflight is regretted. Our side will make continued efforts to prevent occurrences of this kind."

The truce talks are in their third successive weeklong recess. They are scheduled to be resumed Aug. 19.

Sweet Talk On Way Out Here

DUNDEE, Scotland (AP) — The Dundee Transport Committee will change a bus stop today to keep the love-talk of passengers from reaching the ears of David Thomson's children.

The stop is near Thomson's house and "the conversation of many courting couples comfortably seated on the window-ledge outside my house is not beneficial to the education of my children," he complained to the town bus company.

The company has been told to make prospective bus passengers line up so the queue stretches away — not towards — Thomson's window-ledge.

Nudists Fearful Of Nude Male

FINCHAMPSTEAD, England (AP) — Members of the Heritage Nudist Colony have offered a reward for the capture of a naked man. He frightens them.

Club officials reported today the man has popped up, stark naked, from behind bushes several times recently when members—usually women or children — have been strolling quietly in the colony's secluded grounds.

Despite their complete sartorial similarity, members insist the tall, sun-tanned man definitely is not one of the colony. His visits have frightened the nudists so much women will not go out alone at night.

No Gimmicks In This Store Sale

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Money is not the prime consideration in the sale of Montgomery's oldest business establishment—a favorite haunt of sportsmen since 1820.

For the first time in three generations, a member of the Todd family is not available to manage Todd's Gun Shop, "Uncle Dave" Todd died two months ago.

His sister, Mrs. Alex Cassimus, yesterday advertised the cluttered rendezvous for sale. But the buyer must "know guns and be a good sportsman."

She also insists there be no "fancy" fixings, no gimmicks and no neons "installed to disturb the mummy memories."

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