

Democrat Mitchell Says Party Is Short On Money

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Democrats' biggest problem, their national chairman said today, is money.

"The Republicans seem to have all they can find ways to spend," added Chairman Stephen A. Mitchell. "We don't."

Mitchell addressed the National Press Club on the eve of the beginning of an intensive eight-day Democratic drive for \$5 contributions, to be carried out by thousands of party volunteers throughout the country.

In his prepared speech, Mitchell said:

"The Republicans seem to have most of the big contributors on their side. There are some people, you know, who want to help the Republican party try to persuade this country that the Democrats have throttled private enterprise, and made it impossible for a businessman to make any profit.

"Strange as it seems, these are the people who always seem to have \$5,000 burning a hole in their pockets.

"The unfair balance of money

in political campaigns is nothing new. The Democratic party narrowly missed having broadcasts canceled in 1948—and it was unable to order as many as it needed. It is no closely guarded secret that we have come within an eyelash of having to cancel some of Gov. Stevenson's television this campaign."

Mitchell continued:

"Whether such a situation should be called one party's buying an election or another party's forfeiting an election because of poverty, I do not presume to decide.

"But I do know that such a situation would be bad for this nation—and the announced Republican plans for a blitz saturation of television and radio spots costing two million dollars are a step toward this dangerous monopoly—not a monopoly of facts and issues, but a monopoly of some of the most powerful media for letting the people know about them."

(A New York advertising man, Michael Levin, announced last Wednesday that backers of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican presidential nominee, planned a two-million-dollar radio-TV campaign but this was discounted.

Reeves, whose agency was retained by the Citizens for Eisenhower organization to handle radio-TV promotion, said the plan was discarded because (1) the desired time was not for sale, and (2) "the money was not available."

Mitchell said:

"The news coverage given to presidential candidates by the press is the greatest safeguard we have against this sort of monopoly. But I do not think I am belittling the power of the press when I say that it does not take the place of television in making a candidate known to the people."

Asserting "We just don't attract the big contributions," Mitchell added:

"But there is a danger in big contributions, a danger that applies equally to either party.

"That danger is the influence of contributors upon the political party to which they contribute."

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Convicted Man Tries Suicide

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Forced feedings will be used in an attempt to keep Luther Musselwhite alive until his date with the electric chair on Oct. 31.

The 32-year-old ex-Marine's move to "beat the chair" by starving to death was ended by a court order yesterday—10 days after it began.

Circuit Judge Sebe Dale, acting on advice of physicians, ordered the condemned Musselwhite transferred from a jail at Columbia, Miss., to a state mental hospital near here.

Judge Dale said the moving of Musselwhite was a matter of convenience and it was not to be construed as meaning he was insane.

The condemned man apparently was in a coma when he arrived at the mental institution.

Musselwhite was convicted of beating Virgil Price, 63-year-old fishing camp operator, to death with his bare fists.

Greece Calls New Elections

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—King Paul today ordered the Greek Parliament dissolved and called a general election in an effort to get a majority government that might aid the nation's grave economic situation.

The King's decision ended several weeks of unsuccessful efforts to get Field Marshal Alexander Papagos, whose right-wing Greek Rally party is the largest in Parliament, to join Premier Nicholas Plastiras and Deputy Premier Sophocles Venizelos in a national government.

The coalition of Plastiras' left-center progressive party and Venizelos' middle-of-the-road Liberals had only half the seats—129—in the outgoing Parliament. Its dependence on independent votes forced it to tread cautiously despite the nation's mounting economic troubles.



SOUTH PACIFIC STAR WEDS—Stage and screen star Janet Blair and her "South Pacific" stage manager Nick Mayo duck shower of rice after their candle-lit wedding at the Swedeborgian church in San Francisco. It is the second marriage for both. The ceremony was postponed two and a half hours after other members of the cast were delayed en route from Sacramento.

Romantic Duo Sent To Jail

NEW BRAUNFELS, Tex. (AP)—The cure may not work but "Lover Boy" has gone to reform school and Thelma is in jail for 60 days in an effort by authorities to break up their torrid romance.

Thelma is 27-year-old Mrs. Horace Henderson, mother of three, and "Lover Boy" is a teen-aged Casanova whom authorities do not name.

Said Thelma of "Lover Boy's" irate mother: "I hope she's satisfied now she's got me in jail."

The mother didn't like it when her boy stayed out two or three nights in a row with the petite, blue-eyed blonde, and it was she who made the complaint that got Thelma behind bars, and sent the boy to the Gateville State school for boys.

"I don't see where I did anything wrong," Thelma said. "I always brought him home to his mother." Thelma was accused of contributing to delinquency of a minor.

Hollywood Adlai Backers Concentrate On Radio-TV

By BOB THOMAS

(Second of two articles on Hollywood's part in the presidential race. Today: The campaign for Stevenson.)

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The 1952 campaign is drawing the most Democratic activity here in eight years.

The number of celebrities working for Stevenson still doesn't match the large groups who followed the magic drawing power of FDR in previous campaigns. But the current race is a far cry from 1948, when only Lucille Ball, Ronald Reagan, Robert Ryan, Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall spoke for Truman.

Of that group, Ryan is now working for Stevenson, but Miss Ball is on the Ike bandwagon. Reagan, retiring prey of the Screen Actors Guild, came out for Ike before the conventions, but is now leaning toward Adlai. The Bogarts, who attended the Madison Square Garden rally for Ike last spring, are back in the Democratic column. They will appear with Stevenson at a San Francisco rally Oct. 15.

"I worked hard to get Ike nominated," Bogart told me. "So obviously I wasn't for Taft and his group. When the Taft bunch landed on him like a blanket, I discovered I didn't like the bedfellows I found myself with. I also read some books about Stevenson and heard his speeches. I'm for him."

The Hollywood effort for Stevenson is being directed from a former market building in the heart of Beverly Hills. There I found Allen Rivkin, screen writer and one of the leaders of the drive.

"We are organizing a mass media campaign that would cost any commercial advertiser a million dollars," he declared. "But all of the services involved are donated, and the other costs are absorbed by our Hollywood contributors."

Unlike the GOP group, which is concentrating on star appearances

at rallies, the Democrats are mainly concerned with radio transcriptions and TV films. On his trip here last month, Stevenson spent an hour and a half before the movie cameras. The Hollywood volunteers are producing four 15-minute films and transcriptions and 25 one-minute shorts. Stevenson appears on three-fourths of them.

This campaign material is sent out on a mail-order basis by the Volunteers for Stevenson Committee in Chicago and the Democratic headquarters in Washington. The Hollywood group has also provided skits and songs, such as "Sing a Song for Stevenson" and "Ballots

and Votes." The latter is a parody on "Buttons and Bows" by its authors, Ray Evans and Jay Livingston.

The Hollywood for Stevenson Sparkman Club books some stars to rallies. For instance, Richard Widmark, Mercedes McCambridge and Paul Douglas recently appeared in Santa Monica.

But the emphasis is on radio and TV. The group is providing Bette Davis, George Jessel and others to introduce such Democrats as Harry Truman on a radio series sponsored by the AFL.

Other players who have publicly supported Stevenson: Dana Andrews (another switchover from Ike), Ethel Barrymore, Eddie Cantor, Ava Gardner, Tony Curtis, Marlene Dietrich, Jane Greer, Janet Leigh, Harpo Marx, Ann Miller, Dinah Shore, Frank Sinatra, Don Taylor and Shelley Winters.

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CHINESE COLLECTIVE FARMS

HONG KONG (AP)—Chinese communists have established 10 collective farms in the Swatow area of coastal Kwangtung province, according to the independent Chinese press. The farms range from 6,000 acres down to 65 and are mostly on reclaimed land along the coast.

Reports say the reclamation work was done by convicts, former Nationalist troops, dependents of liquidated landlords and unemployed workers.

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