

Poll Shows Stevenson Ahead For Demos While Republicans Hesitate

WASHINGTON (UP)—Adlai E. Stevenson apparently has a big lead over all comers in the Democratic party whereas Republicans have not yet swung in large numbers to any 1956 presidential favorite.

That statement is based upon an unusual sampling of political opinion—just completed by the United Press.

Fifteen United Press bureaus, each suitably located geographi-

cally, participated in this sampling. Each asked a given number of representative individuals to state who they believe to be at this time the most likely presidential candidates next year, assuming that President Eisenhower does not run.

It was stipulated that these individuals name not their own favorites but the persons they think most likely as of now to win the respective nominations. Participants were promised their opinions would not be attributed directly to them although their names would be listed.

The United-Press polled 100 men in most fields of adult activity. There will be a later sampling of women's opinion.

Reflecting the likely scramble for position in the GOP if Mr. Eisenhower steps aside, 13 Republicans received varying numbers of "first choice" votes. There were only six Democrats sharing "first choice" votes.

Here at a glance, are the leaders in the pollings:

Democrats	
Adlai E. Stevenson	55
Averell Harriman	31
Estes Kefauver	8
Republicans	
Richard M. Nixon	35
Earl Warren	25
Thomas E. Dewey	8
Milton S. Eisenhower	4
William F. Knowland	3

Those polled represent a cross-section of Americans. Edward Budd Jr., president of Budd Co., Philadelphia, is typical of the industrialists contacted. Paul Amundson, former superintendent of schools, St. Paul, was among the teachers, a group which included seven university presidents. There was one opera director, 17 labor leaders, a hotel chef, a dozen farmers, 15 company executives.

The political judgment of Fred S. Gurley, president of the Santa Fe Railroad, is imbedded in the sample along with that of Norvell Clark, Dallas typewriter repairman, and each has equal weight. The combined judgment of these men suggested some political trends.

Republican Vice President Nixon is top man for 1956 in the collective judgment of those polled but he is a long way from a majority choice. Nixon got 36 first place votes and one as a second choice alternate.

Chief Justice Warren scored 25 and one. Then came Dewey and Milton Eisenhower, the President's brother, with six choices each. It is apparent that they and

the other Republicans have far to go.

Other Republicans getting "first choice" votes were Knowland and Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, both of California; Secretary of Treasury George M. Humphrey, Ohio; Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, New York; Special Presidential Assistant Harold E. Stassen, Minnesota; and Pennsylvania; FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, District of Columbia; Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Massachusetts; Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr., New York, and Gov. Christian A. Herter, Massachusetts.

A Midwest university president said Milton Eisenhower would be nominated and elected "if the people had any sense."

A Midwest labor leader said "They're crazy if they nominate Nixon."

A Southern manufacturer said he always had been a Republican but that the party has no one worth nominating, adding, "I'll probably vote Republican again."

A Midwest executive: "I think Nixon will get the Republican nomination. I just don't see how the Republicans can nominate anyone else, even though they might want to."

Army Engineer Calls For Accelerated Water Program

LINCOLN, Neb. (UP)—The chief of the Army Engineers called yesterday for a revitalized, accelerated and expanded water resources program to combat the "growing menace" of both shortages and floods.

"We can no longer afford the luxury of procrastination," Lt. Gen. Samuel D. Sturgis said in a speech before the National Reclamation Assn. here.

"I believe the time has come when America must decide whether it is to permit its water resources to be developed separately and piecemeal as expediency and pressures may dictate, or whether it will recognize that water resources are not separate and divisible," he said.

Sturgis said the problems are nationwide in scope and must be planned for and accomplished as elements in a unified, comprehensive plan.

Election of officers and adoption of resolutions were scheduled for later in the day.

C. Petrus Peterson, Lincoln, president the last four years, was not expected to seek reelection, despite strong support.

Salt-Lake City was the favorite contender for next year's convention.

Sen. Arthur Watkins (R-Utah) told the group last night that reclamationists "must go positive in arguing their case before the people."

"It is dangerous to assume that Congress and the American people understand these principles," Watkins said. "The whole burden of reclamation," he said, "should not be carried by a few dedicated men."

"We should make clear that one of the substantial financial supports for the reclamation program comes from resources held in trust by the federal government for the people of the public land states," Watkins said.

The senator referred to the income from sale and lease of public lands within the 17 reclamation states. He said the income was authorized by Congress to be paid into a revolving fund for reclamation purposes.

Repayments by beneficiaries of the program of the cost of construction also were allocated to this special fund, Watkins said.

When the public realizes this fact, he said, they will understand "how false the charge is that all money appropriated for reclamation development burdens all taxpayers," he said.

Fred A. Seaton, administrative assistant to President Eisenhower, appeared at the convention last night and read a letter from Mr. Eisenhower to the group.

The President outlined reasons why the nation "must work toward the maximum practical use of our water."

The letter listed an increased population, expanded irrigation and industrial needs as among the reasons.

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NORFOLK, Va. (UP)—A loan company manager was unable to persuade a traffic court judge yesterday to give him "three or four days" to raise a \$425 fine for 17 parking tickets. Jack B. Cody identified himself as manager of Liberty Loan Co., whose slogan is "borrow in one day up to \$250 or more on just your name."

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