

Kefauver Zoomed To Public Favor By Virtue Of Video

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of four dispatches on the 1956 Democratic presidential hopefuls.

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WASHINGTON (UP)—

Sen. Estes Kefauver has shucked his congressman cap. With more dignity, if less sure-fire publicity, he is campaigning again for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Kefauver is 52. He was graduated by his Tennessee constituents in 1948 from the House to the United States Senate. He was re-elected in 1954.

The senator zoomed to national popularity months before the 1952 Democratic national convention on public interest aroused by his televised investigation of organized crime. He led the field on the first two convention ballots and would probably have been nominated but for the outraged opposition of his party leader.

Kefauver had offended by opposing and defeating President Truman in New Hampshire's 1952 presidential primary. It isn't done. But Kefauver did it. He took his TV show into Chicago, spotlighted a policeman whose bank balance seemed over-large and contributed thereby to the defeat of Democratic Sen. Scott Lucas.

Mr. Truman licked Kefauver with Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois four years ago. Mr. T. says he has no favorite this time, and Kefauver reports they have made up, if not kissed. Maybe so.

Smoke Clears
Kefauver for a while was beset on his home grounds when there was talk that Tennessee's national convention delegation would be pledged to Gov. Frank Clement as a favorite son candidate. This would have seriously weakened

Kefauver's position. But Clement announced yesterday he would not be a favorite son candidate and urged the state to send an "unbound, unpledged and unprejudiced" delegation to the convention.

The significant thing about Kefauver's candidacy this year is that he is forcing the pace. He announced his candidacy Dec. 15, shortly after Stevenson. Kefauver has signed up for primary elections in Florida, California, New Hampshire and Wisconsin. He is looking Minnesota over, although the farmer labor-Democratic organization there is stacked for Stevenson.

But he will meet Stevenson in Florida and California in any event—a man-to-man combat of Kefauver's own choosing. So the chips are down in both states. Stevenson is the front-runner and stands to suffer most from defeat. If Kefauver could beat Stevenson in both states, the chances of the man from Illinois would shrink substantially.

Stevenson and Kefauver each publicly welcomed the other into the pre-convention campaign. The fact is, they are political poison to one another and each knows it. But for Kefauver, Stevenson might have passed up the primaries altogether. It seems that he would have liked it that way.

Another Investigation
The senator has another investigation going now—juvenile delinquency. He's chairman of a Senate judiciary committee. Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D-W. Va.), chairman of the full committee, deprived Kefauver of the plum he wanted. That was chairmanship of the subcommittee to investigate anti-trust and monopoly practices in big business. General Motors recently was on that griddle.

Kefauver rightly figured there would be much good publicity in that subcommittee chairmanship. Kilgore relented a bit. He deputized Kefauver to conduct the Dixon-Tates phase of the subcommittee's work. But the Tennessee has not found a substitute for his televised 1950-51 program of big and little punks.

He has some advantage in the possibility that the party bosses may not be as stubbornly opposed to him now as four years ago. If there was an unbiased candidate who was the people's choice at the 1952 Democratic convention, Kefauver was the man. He had boisterous rank and file support, especially among younger Democrats. However, if the party leaders are not actively organizing against him this year, neither are they in love with the tall man from Tennessee.

Kefauver is a big man, fit for pro basketball. He isn't handsome but he almost can match Ike's campaign smile. Women always are aware of it when Kefauver enters a room. He likes people close up, doesn't flinch at patting an infant, damp or dry. The senator has a lot more of the common touch than do his principal opponents, Stevenson and New York's Gov. Averell Harriman. They are city folks. Kefauver plays the country boy role and does it well.

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candidate, as who isn't, barring those Democrats who couldn't be nominated anyway? He is solicited about Mr. Eisenhower's health, an attitude generally prevalent among Democrats, most of whom sympathetically insist it would be inhuman to ask Ike to run again.

Kefauver recently described the President as "an outstanding citizen of the world." He said the Republican party was "an awful load for him to pull along."

Here are some of his points of view:

Foreign Policy

As of last November, Kefauver figured the administration's foreign policy "has in large measure been a failure." He said the President's State of the Union message failed "to point out how the glaring mistakes of the administration in foreign policy are to be rectified, and he told New Hampshire voters that the U. S. has been scolding our friends in the North Atlantic half to death—NATO has been falling apart at the seams and has been held together largely through the efforts of statesmen of other nations."

Security and Defense

"I would feel better if the President's message had given some assurance that there will be no further attempt to slash the Air Force and the Marines."

TVA

The President submitted "a disgracefully shoddy budget" for TVA. The administration has been "starving TVA to death" for three years and now is trying to "bleed it to death, too." Mr. Eisenhower had proposed that TVA meet most of its future needs by bond issues upon which, of course, TVA would have to pay interest.

Farm

The day after announcing his candidacy, Kefauver told a gathering of Maryland Democratic leaders that Republican "broken promises to farmers" are among "the many issues the Democrats must take to the people." Kefauver is a high subsidy man. He objects to Mr. Eisenhower's program on grounds that (1) it would provide no immediate relief as would a return to 90 per cent of parity payments and (2) a "more basic objection" that the program is based on a "philosophy of scarcity" instead of surplus to be used for the general welfare at home and abroad.

Labor

He says the Democrats must make a major campaign issue of the Republican party's "ruthless broken promise to labor on the Taft-Hartley Act."

Big Business

The relationship among industry, labor and agriculture "has become dangerously unbalanced" by reason of the administration's "big business first philosophy." We should have a country "in which young people will be able to go into business without being pushed around by monopolies and cartels."



YOUR CONGRESSMAN SAYS

by Rep. Sam Coon
2nd District

I testified last week in favor of an increased appropriation for timber sales activities of the Forest Service. The additional \$1,600,000 they request will bring in a cash return to the government of many times this amount in timber sales.

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I also spoke in favor of the Forest Service requests for more funds for camp grounds. The number of visitors to our forests increases every year. I hope their visits will be made easier and more pleasant.

At another hearing, I spoke in favor of the Fish and Wildlife Service's request for more funds for predatory animal control. 80 per cent of the money for this control is put up locally. In many areas the federal government owns 50 per cent of the land. I feel that it should contribute more than it has in the past.

The Army has asked for \$258,000 to build storage facilities at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot.

To help this same area, the Department of Health, Education and

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Four Per Cent Dividend OK'd

A four per cent dividend was declared by the Weyerhaeuser Klamath Federal Credit Union at its annual meeting, held Monday at the Fairhaven School gymnasium.

Officers for the new year were also elected at the meeting.

The new board of directors includes Fern E. Scott, president; Jesse M. Ruchman, vice president; Keefe Walker, secretary; Rose L. Mathers, treasurer; Raymond C. Jump, Stell King, Cecil Redford, Norman Summers and Raymond Walker.

The new credit committee includes Jay E. Thompson, chairman; Clifford Cowan, Robert K. Holmes, Willard Johnson and Clyde Olson.

The new supervisory committee includes Bernard Griffin, chairman; Margaret Loomis and Robert Hurlbut.

As of December 31, the credit union had 821 members. Total assets were \$233,164.24, of which \$313,843.25 is in loan. Shares of members totalled \$248,354.64.

Dr. E. D. Anderson, president of the Oregon League of Credit Unions, spoke at the meeting on the steady growth of the credit union movement, which he said, has now become international in scope.

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