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Symington, Harriman Gain New Political Support

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Sen. Stuart Symington and Gov. Averell Harriman gained new support yesterday for possible candidacies for the Democratic presidential nomination.

USIA Proposes New Program

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Information Agency proposes to step up its propaganda efforts by more than half in hopes of countering Russia's new political-economic offensive.

USIA Director Theodore C. Streibert asked a House Appropriations subcommittee to recommend \$13 million dollars in the fiscal year beginning next July 1, an increase of about 53 per cent over what Congress appropriated for this year.

In closed-door testimony last month, Streibert sought increases for nearly all USIA activities including Voice of America radio broadcasts. His testimony was made public today.

Among other things, he proposed taking an aircraft carrier out of mothballs, filling it with Cinerama and nonmilitary display items and sending it on a tour of African Near Eastern and Far Eastern ports. He estimated the first year's cost at \$2.5 million dollars. Cinerama is a motion picture technique which gives the viewer a sense of being in the scenes shown.

Streibert proposed also the free distribution of thousands of cheap, hand-produced photographs, along with records telling America's story, to natives in 27 countries in the Near and Far East.

Streibert said U.S. officials now estimate "that in the next few years there will be less likelihood of military action and more reliance on diplomatic, economic and psychological action by both sides."

He was preceded as a speaker by Tom Zinn, Klamath Falls, this year's exchange student who will leave June 4 for Montreal, Canada, from where he will leave later in the month for Lebanon, in the Far East for six months.

The speakers were introduced by Addie May Nixon, program chairman.

Dena Backes announced that a "bread sale" will be held at the next meeting, March 29. All members are to wear hats.

April 20 was also announced as the date for the Seropentist dinner for members of the Quota Club and the Klamath Falls Business and Professional Women's Club.

BIRTHDAY

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea celebrated President Syngman Rhee's 81st birthday today with prayers for his continued good health and for speedy unification of the divided country under his leadership. Hundreds called on Rhee at his hillside mansion to congratulate him.

Neither is now an active candidate.

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, who is, followed a slightly less strenuous campaign trail yesterday in California, where he is campaigning for votes in the June 3 primary.

He will clash there with the other currently active candidate, Adlai Stevenson, the party's unsuccessful standard bearer in 1952. Kefauver won their first direct test, in Minnesota a week ago.

The boost for Symington, a Missourian, came in the form of an endorsement by that state's Democratic committee. Adopted unanimously, the resolution made no reference to Symington as a "favorite son." The resolution is subject to approval by the Democratic State Convention.

Harriman, governor of New York, was boosted by Frank E. McKinney of Indianapolis, a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee during the Truman administration.

"If and when he announces," McKinney told newsmen at Indianapolis, "he will find that he has quite a militant group backing him in the states west of the Alleghenies."

Harriman, vacationing at Hobe Sound, Fla., declined comment. An aide to the New York gov-

ernor said at Albany there has been no change in Harriman's status as a "not active" candidate. Harriman had been quoted Saturday as saying he is "available" for the nomination, but the spokesman said the governor denied using the word "available."

McKinney said he had presided at a March 4 meeting in Denver, at which people from some 14 states were represented.

"It was a conference solely in the interests of Gov. Harriman," McKinney said. "Now, there has been talk in the papers that this has somewhat tied up with stopping Stevenson in Minnesota. That is not true."

McKinney said also that former

Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota rapped the Eisenhower administration at a Los Angeles meeting arranged by Stevenson backers. He said the Eisenhower "team is falling apart" and "the only way you're going to get a good team to run this government is to get a new coach."

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International Farm Exchange Student Speaks About Tour

Argentina will become "the bread-basket of the Western hemisphere," predicted Bill Abel, Astoria, International Farm Youth Exchange student to that country last year. In a talk before members of the Klamath Falls Seropentist Club on March 22 at the Winema Hotel, the narrative was illustrated with graphic pictures of city and rural life taken by the young student.

The exchange program, which is taking hundreds of young men and women abroad and bringing foreign youth to this country, is financed by industrial foundations and other groups. The program, sponsored by 4-H extension, is devoted to promoting a better understanding of cultural, social, agricultural and economic life among nations of the world.

Abel stated that from a small beginning a few years ago, 45 countries now participate in the "get acquainted" plan.

Selection of the candidates for living abroad with families is made through the state 4-H headquarters. A prospective candidate must be between 20 and 30 years of age, must be from a farm family or interested in farming and must meet department qualifications.

Prior to going to South America he was given orientation training in Washington, D.C., then was sent to Argentina where he was taken into farm homes as a "hoy" (son). Placement in the homes was through agricultural agents.

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