

# Demo Leaders Not Ready To Decide On Candidate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic leaders controlling major blocs of party power remained uncommitted on a party nominee today after a weekend parade of presidential hopefuls.

With former President Harry S. Truman setting a "give 'em hell" pace, four major and several minor contenders for top place on the ticket tried out their personalities and oratorical persuasion on 2,500 party members at a \$100 a plate fund-raising dinner here.

The upshot seemed to be that nobody started any bandwagons rolling. This was confirmed by a check of the men in a position to control the big-vote delegations likely to have the final say in any down-to-the-wire contest that develops in the Los Angeles convention.

Truman, who retains strong influence with a minority segment of the party, dealt something of a blow to the incipient candidacy of Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) when he told the group he has no commitments on any presidential aspirant. Symington has been counting heavily on Truman's support.

Truman also took what appeared to be an indirect swipe at Adlai Stevenson, the man he wanted as a candidate in 1952 and didn't want in 1956. Stevenson won the nomination but lost the election both times.

Truman said that, in addition to having the necessary qualifications for office, the man he supports is going to have "the ability as well to arouse the support of the people to vote him into office."

Stevenson, who did not attend the dinner, sent a message in which he called for maintenance of military strength, controlled disarmament, wider research, better education and "a greater thrust into outer space." It provoked only routine applause.

New York leaders, nominally headed by National Committeeman Carmine De Sapio, gave no evidence of unity behind any single candidate. Although there were reports that sentiment for Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) might be strong among prospective delegates, there was no jelling of sentiment at the top.

Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago and Col. Jacob Arvey, Illinois national committeeman, conspicuously gave equal applause to Kennedy and Sens. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) and Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.). Kennedy and Humphrey are announced candidates. Johnson is unavowed but obviously is available.

Daley said he does not expect the hefty Illinois delegation to decide which candidate it will support until the July convention gets under way. Arvey, who is credited in some quarters with being a Symington man, said he thinks he and Daley can agree on an aspirant. But he insisted no decision will be forthcoming for months.

Gov. David Lawrence, who hopes to lead an uncommitted 81-vote delegation into the convention from Pennsylvania, said he isn't making any decision between possible candidates now.

Gov. Edmund G. (Pat) Brown of California insisted all he wants is to be let alone as a favorite son candidate. He said that if he gets this designation in the state's June 7 primary there will be plenty of time to decide on which candidate to support.

Brown shopped around, visiting most of the hopefuls. Govs. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan and Robert F. Meyner of New Jersey, who seem likely to be favorite sons, got in some strategic licks that conceivably could lead to a second-place nomination.

## Assistant Prof. Becomes Intern

NEW YORK (AP) — The Citizenship Clearing House Sunday said a college professor will work as a government intern with Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon.

Assigned to work with Hatfield is Dr. Conrad Joyner, assistant professor at Southwestern Louisiana Institute. He is one of three men picked for the program, financed by a Ford Foundation grant.

The program is designed to improve political science instruction and to "bring to state governments the services of professional scholars."

## Republicans Plan Dinner Meeting

PORTLAND (AP) — Two key meetings will be held here Wednesday by Oregon Republicans.

Out of the meetings, said John Merrifield, may come the names of some of the Republicans who will enter races for the House and Senate in the May primary.

Both the Republican State Central Committee and the Candidates Assistance Committee will meet, said Merrifield. He is chairman of the latter committee.

Merrifield said about 1,000 persons also are expected to attend a \$100-a-plate fund raising dinner here Wednesday night. The featured speaker will be Defense Secretary Thomas Gates.

## Russ General Death Noted

MOSCOW (AP) — An official obituary signed by high ranking army leaders Sunday announced the death of Gen. Mikhail Malinin, 60, who commanded Soviet troops that put down the Hungarian revolt.

The obituary made no mention of his part in the 1956 Hungarian uprising. After the revolt he returned to his post in Moscow as chief of the Soviet army's operations division.



"I certainly do dread the day when it actually becomes possible to travel to other planets!"

## Sweetland Hits Business Drops

COOS BAY (AP) — Coos County Democrats were told at a platform convention Saturday that Oregon's business failure rate is the top for any state in the nation.

State Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) said Eisenhower administration policies are primarily responsible.

He said Oregon in 1958 had 201.5 recorded business failures for every 10,000 businesses and, "no other state in the union is even close."

Sweetland told the Democrats that Oregon's basic industry, lumber, has been badly crippled by administration tight-money policies that injure home building.

He predicted another 10 per cent decline in new housing starts over the country this year, and added:

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ALBANY (AP) — An Albany man was killed Saturday night when the car he was driving careened off the Albany-Oakville Road some five miles south of here and struck a tree, police said.

Deputy Coroner Walter Krott said Kenneth Hanby, 39, the victim, was driving alone.

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# Psychiatrist Dad Denied Right To Visit Daughter

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. James Douglas Sharpe says he will take legal action if necessary to see his daughter, Gamble Benedict, 19, the heiress who has been returned here after running away with a married chauffeur.

Sharpe, a Brattleboro, Vt., psychiatrist, was turned away twice Sunday from the East Side mansion of Miss Benedict's grandmother, Katherine G. de S. Benedict.

"This is typical," Sharpe commented.

Miss Benedict's brother, Douglas, 21, and Mrs. Benedict's attorney, Robert Hoffman, returned the debutante to her grandmother's home Saturday night. They flew her home from Paris on a court order from French authorities.

The Romanian-born chauffeur, Andre Porombeanu, 35, with whom Miss Benedict sailed on a freighter for an escapade in Paris, remained there in mournful seclusion. He and the girl had said they wanted to marry after he could get a divorce.

The New York Daily News said in a copyrighted story that he talked Sunday by phone with Miss Benedict.

Sharpe, who gave custody of the girl and her brother to Mrs. Benedict after the 1946 suicide of the children's mother, Josephine Benedict Sharpe, insisted that he has "every right" to see his daughter.

After he and his present wife, Marylyn, were turned away at the door of the Benedict mansion, his son told newsmen: "My sister does not want to talk to my father. She told me that as emphatically as possible. She doesn't want any help from her father—his help is not wanted. He does not deserve that privilege."

Mrs. Sharpe took an overdose of sleeping pills after a quarrel with Sharpe. Following her death, the psychiatrist waived his one-third interest, estimated at \$350,000, in her estate. Later, however, Sharpe changed his mind and sought to get his share. But he lost to Mrs. Benedict, and the children changed their names to Benedict.

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