

4-Point Slate Announced By Democratic Candidate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) laid down a four-point peace-and-progress program in a formal announcement today he is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination.

His statement avoided direct mention of the primary theme he has pursued in months of campaigning—that the United States is falling dangerously behind the Soviet Union in the development of intercontinental missiles.

Instead, Symington confined himself to the statement that "only a first-rate, first-class, first-place America can reinforce the world's faith in freedom and secure a just and lasting peace."

He said the next president of the United States—which he wants to be—"must provide the free world with resourceful and decisive leadership." In the past, Symington has accused President Eisenhower of failing to supply the country with leadership.

Symington arranged an afternoon news conference at which he appeared likely to ride out any primary race except that in Oregon May 29.

His action left only Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) unannounced among the major Senate aspirants for the nomination. Johnson gave no indication he plans to change his course.

Symington said he would emphasize four major policies in campaigning for the nomination. He listed these as:

1. Negotiations with the Soviet Union from a position of strength, including a "worldwide" "good trader—good neighbor" policy. He called for "a better foreign service, a more realistic economic development both at home and abroad and an effective campaign."

Hit-Run Ship Being Sought

NEW YORK (AP)—Wanted by police, the Coast Guard and a couple of highly annoyed business concerns: a hit-and-run ship.

The ship—make and model unknown—slammed into a barge early on March 13 in Witte's Marine Basin on Staten Island. The force of the blow damaged three other steel barges, telescoped two wooden ones, sank a small tugboat and nearly wrecked a floating derrick.

Waterfront authorities can't recall a similar, serious hit-run case in harbor history.

The Hughes Bros. Barge Co. estimates total damage as close to \$100,000. The tug and the derrick belonged to the Witte firm, but Hughes may have to pay for it all if they can't collect.

Investigators think the offending ship was probably outboard bound, and by now may be in another port. An international alarm is out. And the Hughes firm has offered a \$1,000 reward for information enabling it to get off that \$100,000 hook.

BOUNDS OUTFOXED

DULVERTON, England (UPI)—Seven hounds chased a fox in the wrong direction Wednesday and found themselves in a deer sanctuary. The hounds were locked up by a game warden. The fox ran free.

Power Chief Reveals Secret Pacts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Federal Power Commission says off-the-record contacts were made with him and other members of the commission by a gas firm representative during a multimillion dollar rate case.

FPC Chairman Jerome K. Kuykendall told of the contacts Wednesday in testimony to the House Commerce Committee. He acknowledged that the FPC made last minute changes in fixing the rate of return for the firm involved, the Midwestern Gas Transmission Co.

Kuykendall angrily disputed a remark by Rep. John D. Dingell (D-Mich.) that his action raised "grave questions of your propriety."

Kuykendall said a spokesman for Midwestern talked to him in the FPC office and also contacted other commission members privately.

The firm's spokesman also telephoned him, Kuykendall said. He added that the caller told him the company's president had read accounts of arguments before the commission and gained the impression that the FPC tended to base the return rate on the assumption Midwestern would receive financing assistance from its parent firm.

Kuykendall didn't identify the parent concern, Tennessee Gas Transmission Co., one of the world's largest natural gas firms. Nor did he identify the firm's spokesman. But Dingell told reporters it was Thomas G. Corcoran, Washington attorney for Tennessee Gas.

Regarding the change, Kuykendall said the original draft of the opinion never had been approved by the full commission and that final agreement was not reached until almost the deadline last Oct. 31.

Kuykendall said the firm's spokesman protested to him over the phone that Midwestern needed a 7 per cent rate of return—as it already had stated—if it were to operate profitably. The FPC staff, the chairman said, had recommended a lower one. The commission wound up fixing what it called an open-end return—with the exact percentage to be set later.

Freight Rights Granted KF Firm

SALEM (AP) — Public Utility Commissioner Jonell Hill Wednesday granted Bend-Portland Truck Service the right to haul freight between Klamath Falls and Lakeview, effective April 1.

Hill approved the transfer of the permit for this route from Arrow Transit Inc., Klamath Falls. Bend-Portland Truck Service now operates between Portland and Klamath Falls and between Portland and Lakeview, but not between Klamath Falls and Lakeview.

But Humphrey walked off with COPE's blue ribbon in the general category of farm, civil rights, consumer problems, defense, education, health, housing, offshore oil, public power and natural resources, public works, social security and tax legislation.

He was listed as following father's views 99.5 per cent of the time, Symington was second with 47.6 per cent, Kennedy had 90.2 per cent, Johnson 82.5 per cent and Nixon 22.9 per cent.

In his 11 years of Senate service, Humphrey was credited with voting "right" 213 times and wrong only once, years ago on an economic control measure.

Death Paroles Lifer, 91, Who Spent 63 Years In Jail

CRANSTON, R. I. (UPI) — Horse-drawn carriages were tied to the wooden hitch rails along the dusty streets.

Ladies held their long, bustled skirts an inch above the boardwalks as they hurried on their way. Lunch was free in the saloons. William McKinley was President of the United States.

This was the world of Martin Dalton, the world he left behind forever in 1897 when the gray gates of Rhode Island State Prison closed behind him. Death finally paroled the 91-year-old lifer Wednesday.

When Marty Dalton had an official chance for freedom in 1930 after serving 33 years for the slaying of a New York businessman, he first asked for a ride "outside." The prison officials agreed. For two hours he rode past the spots he and Yankee Dan Sullivan once toured in their earlier wild youth.

Cars clogged the highways, the old buildings were gone, the men and women were strangely dressed. Marty's family in Fall River, Mass., was dead; he had no friends, no money, no job, and no home. The story goes that Marty Dalton wept.

Prison was Dalton's only home.

and so he asked to be returned. From that day on, he went no further from the prison than a small garden patch he maintained just outside the walls. No other convict in Rhode Island history ever spent so long behind bars.

Prison officials said Dalton was well behaved. As he grew older the only things that mattered to him were tobacco for his pipe, food and a place to sleep. He received no mail in the past 31 years and his last visitor was in 1899.

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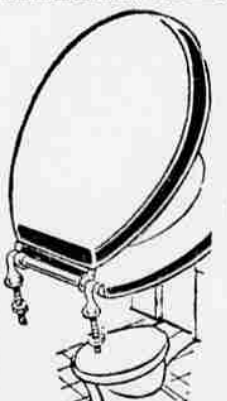
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