

VICE-PRESIDENT L.T. Delea Fri. Aug. 17 - '56. (Chicago.)

The presidency may be the big job, but here in Chicago the real excitement was provided by that race/^{today} for second place. Race - is the ~~most~~ word. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
A real ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ horse-race.

If some inventor of games set out to create a contest - neck and neck. With uncertainty and thrills, down to the last moment - he couldn't have done better. *And then, in the end*
~~But of course~~ - it was unanimous. By courtesy - of the usual political fiction. Young Senator John Kennedy, having missed out right at the wire - called upon the Convention to nominate his rival, Senator Kefauver, by acclamation. Which was done.

The balance of political forces - was ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ interesting. Senator Kennedy supported, for the most part, by the South, *Always* hostile - to Kefauver. And by Northeastern states with big cities. New York, ~~XX~~ New Jersey - his own state of Massachusetts. Where, no doubt, his own status as an Irish Catholic -- ~~aroused~~ enthusiasm. Kefauver - backed, particularly, by the agricultural states of the Middlewest.

huge New York
On the second ballot, the/vote for Mayor Wagner of New York/^{city} - thrown to Kennedy. The Texas vote

switching - to Kennedy. Representing that combination of North ^{east} and South. ^P But Senator Humphrey's vote, deriving from the agricultural areas, mostly - went to Kefauver. The whole thing so close -- it had to be decided after the formal ballot was over. Decided - by states, ^{that} ~~and~~ switched over. These last minute changes were mostly in favor of Kefauver. And that settled it.

Two ballots did it, although there had been some fear - it would be a long, drawn out fight. Which might upset the Convention schedule. ~~So~~ Some people thought that Adlai Stevenson may have made a mistake - ^{when} ~~he~~ he refused the opportunity of naming his running mate, and threw the vice-presidential choice into the Convention - making it an open thing; ~~As~~ he did last night - in that dramatic appearance. Telling the Convention to make the pick. Putting emphasis - on second place.

One interpretation is - that Stevenson wanted, in an indirect way, to call attention to the Republican situation. President Eisenhower's health - and the

virtual sure-thing renomination of Vice-President Nixon.

In his brief address last night, Stevenson dwelled ^{ing} on the possibility of a vice-president succeeding a president. Pointing out that this had happened seven times in American history. An oblique reference - to the health issue. Which the Democrats are not raising in an open, direct way at this Convention. Using caution and discretion - in making remarks about President Eisenhower's two illnesses.

(The political slant is expressed by that master politician, Tammany Leader DiSapio, who directed the futile Harriman campaign. DiSapio describing the open battle for the vice-presidential nomination as a "wonderful idea" because of the importance of the vice-presidency in the public mind.)

Hence ~~is~~ this vice-presidential scramble is considered - good politics. *with Kefauver winning out right down at the wire - in a horse race.*
So all that remains, now, at the Democratic ~~8:30 Chicago time - 9:30 E. C. T.~~
National Convention, is the session tonight, when Adlai Stevenson will make his address, formally accepting the Presidential nomination. _____ 0 _____

HARRIMAN

Averell Harriman gave his explanation, today, of that mystifying phenomenon - why he continued to battle so stubbornly. When it was, to all - so apparent that he was beaten? Didn't he know his chance was vanishing?

He says - yes, he did. He knew he was headed for defeat - ^{even} after former President Truman had endorsed him so strongly, ^{when} And the Harriman bandwagon - simply didn't start rolling. He had placed his hopes in the Truman blast against Adlai Stevenson. And, when that failed ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ to stop Stevenson, Harriman realized - the game was up.

Then why did he keep playing the game so hard? He said he had promised publicly - he'd fight it out, all the way to the bitter end. So he simply carried out that promise.

TRUMAN

The part that former President Truman will play in the Stevenson campaign, if any - is in doubt.

Of course, H.S.T., the old Party warrior, says - he's willing to do battle. It is true, he said - Stevenson can't win. ~~But~~ then, he qualified that by adding - that Stevenson couldn't win without a lot of help from H.S.T. With which - Adlai can hardly agree.

Last night, H.S.T. took the swift nomination of Stevenson - like an old soldier. When it was announced that the candidate was on his way to appear before the Convention, Harry Truman made a remark to people around him, saying - he's like to go up on the platform and "hug Adlai."

He thought he might be invited onto the platform - as the Party's elder statesman. But the invitation - well, it never came. So H.S.T. said to Mrs. Truman: "Let's go home." Which might presage the Truman part in the coming campaign - "Let's go home."

H.S.T. will be pleased all the less - by the nomination of Kefauver for Vice-President. All along, the two he opposed the most, were Stevenson and Kefauver. Now - the ticket! *There they are, the 2 he liked the least.*

MRS. STEVENSON

At last reports, Adlai Stevenson had not made public - the message from his ex-wife, Mrs. Ellen Borden Stevenson. After his nomination, last night, she sent her congratulations. Saying he could make the message public, if he wanted to.

In Nineteen Fifty-Two, Mrs. Stevenson sent similar felicitations. But announced - she wouldn't vote for her former husband. In Nineteen Fifty-Six - the same thing all over again. She won't vote for him - she'll vote for President Eisenhower.

At the same time, Mrs. Stevenson informed a reporter for the Chicago Tribune, that her new book will be on sale - in October. The title of the volume - "The Egghead and I." The reporter asked her - did "Egghead", mean Adlai? She replied - the readers would have to figure that out for themselves. Adding that the book would consist of essays, poetry, fiction, fables and some excerpts of Mrs. Stevenson's diary.

Well, political campaigns are often accompanied by books. This one, however, a novelty. "The Egghead and ¹ Love and kisses from the little woman!"

RIESEL

The Department of Justice makes an announcement - identifying the criminal who threw acid in the face of Victor Riesel, back in April. Blinding - that well known Labor columnist, who fought against racketeering and Communism. The acid-thrower - Abraham Telvi. An underworld character - with a police record.

Has the F.B.I. arrested this criminal? No - and the F.B.I. never will. On the early morning of July Twenty-Eighth, the body of Abraham Kelvi was found on a street of New York's lower East Side. A bullet hole - in the back of the head. Victim - of a gangland killing.

The acid thrower who blinded Victor Riesel - wiped out by the mob. The F.B.I. ~~does not reveal any story~~ *says that in the attack he incurred acid burns on his own face. Which apparently behind this. Which, perhaps - will come later.* were tell tale signs. Dangerous for the mob - so he was

But there are two arrests. The F.B.I. taking into custody, two ex-convicts, named Carlino and Miranti. Charged ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ - with having played a part in the conspiracy. The F.B.I. says Miranti was in Lindy's Restaurant, shortly before Victor Riesel left the place. The acid ~~is~~ hurled - when he got outside.

Elm Street

SUEZ

The London Conference on the Suez Canal ~~plans~~ faces a critical situation - right off the bat. The Russian delegation - teaming up with Asian countries represented at the parley. Their strategy, apparently, to prevent action on the plan offered by American Secretary of State Dulles, yesterday. *P* Dulles made the suggestion - that the Suez Canal should be put under the directorship of an international board, connected with the U.N. Egypt - to be properly represented, *But*, no one country - in control. In Cairo, the word is - that Premier Nasser will not accept the plan. So now the Soviet scheme would seem to be - delay all action, until a second conference can be held. A parley that would include - many more nations, *As* Egypt - has suggested. For these tactics of delay, the Moscow delegation has lined up a number of "neutralists" of Asia.

Today, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden held an emergency conference with Secretary Dulles, French Foreign Minister Pinneau, and British Foreign Secretary

Selwyn Lloyd. Their purpose - to head off the Soviet-Asian revolt.

PALESTINE

News from Palestine - telling of the bitterest battle between Israelis and Egyptians in the last eighteen months. On the border of the Gaza Strip, Israeli troops raided into Egyptian territory, and clashed with Egyptian soldiers. Nine of the latter - killed.

Yesterday, the news told of an Israeli bus - shot up along the Gaza Strip. One civilian - killed. So today's raid by the Israeli may have been - in reprisal.

GERMANY

In West Germany, today, the Communist Party was - outlawed. The high court of the Bonn government, ruling - that the Red organization is a conspiracy against freedom.

Hearings on the subject were held, from time to time, during a five-year period. Now resulting - in an order banning the Communist Party.

The moment the decision of the high court was announced, the police went into action. All Communist offices - padlocked. Party newspapers - ordered to cease publication. All Red Front organizations - dissolved.

CONVENTION COLOR

Every convention city - and here in Chicago it's the same as it always is - every convention city, ~~at the convention~~, has presented a confusing picture. Lobbies jammed with milling delegates from every state in the union. Tourists by the countless thousands. Autograph seekers by the hundreds. Bands blaring. Some people even dancing in the middle of the day. ~~Banner-waving girls. Others passing out buttons.~~

And as many members of radio, TV and press as there are delegates. (In fact more. As you know there are one thousand three hundred and seventy two votes at this convention. But some delegates have only a half vote. Others are alternates. So the total number of delegates and alternates runs over two thousand. And there are reported to be four thousand two hundred representatives of radio, TV and press!)

I ran into a tall, distinguished looking delegate, today. At first I didn't see his face. But, when he turned, it was none other than Erastus

~~Corning, Albany's handsome, cosmopolitan, genial,~~
Mayor.

As the mob milled and pushed and shoved around us, I talked to the Albany Mayor ^{'s Erastus Corning} about the way the delegates on the Convention floor ^{this time} have paid ^{so little} ~~almost~~ ~~no~~ attention to the speakers. Delegates and others on the main floor, greeting each other, slapping each other on the back, arguing, turning their backs on the platform, or just wandering around. I suppose you ~~have~~ noticed this on your TV screens.

Mayor Corning's comment was: "After all, remember, these for the most part, are veteran politicians. Most of the speeches are old stuff to them."

Ah, but when I think he put his finger on the real point, when he added: "You know, there are really two shows going on at the same time. First, the one on the platform. That show at this year's

convention, is for the TV audience! And, while it's in progress, down here the delegates are staging their own in an informal way. That is, they just go on discussing problems that will follow the convention, or maybe still trying to win over other delegates - and so on. So, why listen to the speeches?"

Day after day

/I was accompanied on my rounds ~~today~~ by

my son, ~~xxxxxxx~~, who not long ago was in Africa; and he was constantly drawing comparisons between the African jungle and ^{Chicago.} ~~the xxxxxxxxxx~~.

Instead of forcing ~~our~~ way through a trackless forest as he had done in the Aberdares, and the Ituri, ~~xxxx~~ we were battling our way through moving masses of people, in smoke-filled lobbies, in hotel corridors, and the jammed Convention Hall floor. Instead of coming upon elephant tracks -- saucer-like depressions in the soft earth - here you were walking on other peoples feet. *And now here's an Delco Delegate - Henry?*