

The Democratic presidential nominee, Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson, said today that the state's political leaders have given him "heartening evidences" of the "firm support" of the Democratic party in this campaign.

Two Democratic senators today gave him more reason for optimism. Sen. Howell Long of Louisiana and Theodore F. Green of Rhode Island said in separate interviews the Republican candidate won't win a single Southern state.

GOP nominee Dwight D. Eisenhower and his party are counting heavily on voters in the South over the civil rights issue, offsetting the heavy edge Democrats have over Republicans in vote registrations.

Stevenson dismissed the likelihood of any bolt in states where opposition to the platform's civil rights declarations is running high.

But Stevenson gave those who have been working to get his name on the ballot a boost today when he stated some encouragement when he said he thinks it is dangerous to "believe that a democracy is not certain to emerge from this change in the Senate rules."

In Richmond, Va., Sen. John Sparkman said he expects a presidential running mate and in an interview that the question of establishing a Fair Employment Practices Commission (FEPC) is left to legislative bodies.

Sparkman, who helped draft this section of the platform, noted that there was no specific mention of FEPC in it.

This explanation may not be enough to allay the criticism by South Carolina Democrats when they reconvene their state convention tomorrow to discuss the new platform.

Stevenson is expected to be appointed to an appointment with White House intimates today and arranged a conference Friday with Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia.

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