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NC Politico To Support Harriman

**Sanford To Back
Ave If Stevenson's
Strength Fails**

By JULIAN SCHEER
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One of the state's most prominent politicians and a delegate to the Democratic National Convention has thrown his support behind Gov. Averell Harriman of New York as his second choice for the presidential nomination.

Terry Sanford of Fayetteville, long considered a leading gubernatorial candidate in 1952, today he will give his support to Gov. Allan Stevenson of Chicago on early ballots but will shift to Harriman if Stevenson fails to show early strength.

The support of Harriman came on the heels of an announcement by Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee that he is withdrawing as a candidate for the presidential nomination and will support Stevenson.

Sanford said he personally will vote for a Harriman-Stuart Symington combination if Stevenson is not nominated for the Democratic nomination.

"A good many observers," he said, "think Gov. Harriman's position will be strengthened by this announcement. There are too many uncommitted delegates. They reason the Kefauver delegates will not follow Kefauver to Stevenson since they mostly voted against Stevenson in the primaries. They further reason such a swing to Harriman would help encourage the uncommitted."

Sanford is saying he will continue to support Stevenson, said one of the leading Democratic candidates is acceptable to the South on the school segregation issue and "we have got to face the fact in the South that we cannot have a candidate who is going to express our problem just like we know it."

SEPS FAIRNESS

"However," he said, "any Democratic candidate would be fair to the South."

As Sanford brought his second-choice support of Harriman to the front, there were indications from some other convention delegates today that more support may be expected for the New York governor than previously believed.

Following a rally at Asheville this month, Gov. Harriman may have gained some followers.

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Kefauver, Announcing Withdrawal. (AP)

Here To Help You, Says Pate To Mckeeon

Pate: New Breed Of General

By BEM PREE

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. — A Sany-haired, blue-eyed four-star general stepped from his post, twin-goggled plane here today on the business of a staff sergeant.

The Marines' commandant, Gen. Randolph McKeon Pate, arrived as a defense witness for the court-martial of Ssgt. Matthew C. McKeon.

Pate involved himself in the McKeon case twice, the first time by telling the House Armed Services Committee that "in a moral sense the whole Marine corps is on trial."

In the second, he went back to his office after his May 1 appearance before the congressmen and wrote a policy statement in which he expressed shock at past training methods.

It is because of his opinion on training methods that the 58-year-old Pate has been summoned.

NEW BREED

There is no doubt that Pate is a new breed of commandant. Ever since 1939, when Col. Archibald Henderson hung a sign on his door, "Out to fight Indians," the impression of a Marine commandant has been fairly standard.

It has been the impression of a hard-boiled, hard-core man with a chest full of medals, a ramrod for a backbone and a powder bag for a heart.

Pate is none of these things. He is primarily a gentleman and scholar. He became the Marines' 21st commandant Jan. 1.

NO SWANKER

"Unlike a large number of Marines to whom profanity is a basic vocabulary, Pate swears as sparingly as the sips a highball."

Further, Pate has never commanded anything smaller than a 12,000-man command and holds no personal decorations for bravery under fire. His highest awards are the Army's Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit.

This is not to say that Pate hasn't seen combat — and in the Corps there is a line distinction. He has. Pate landed on Guadalcanal Aug. 7, 1942, as the logistics officer for the First Marine Division.

From then until October he struggled to keep the besieged division fed and clothed—stretching a capture Japanese rice store to its utmost.

GOT JUNGLE

In mid-October he contracted jungle rot—skin ulcers—and was ordered off the island.

It was not until 1944 that he returned to the Pacific. He served on the Fifth Amphibious Corps staff in the planning of the Palau, Iwo Jima and Okinawa operations.

After the war Pate moved through the various staff jobs in the Marine Corps. In 1953, four months prior to the ending of the Korean war, Pate took over command of the First Division.

Thereafter he was awarded the Army's DGM for his part in moving the division back to the true line established by the Panmunjom truce.

Pate, who has served as a Marine for 35 years, is a graduate of Virginia Military Institute. He was born near here at the tiny port of Port Royal, S. C. When he was about one year old his family moved to Norfolk, Va., which he has called home since.

The general is married to the former Mary E. Bunting of Winnipeg, Canada. They have no children.



Sgt. McKeon, his wife Elizabeth, and brother Jim. (AP)

Ike Pale But Bears First Quizzing Well

WASHINGTON — It was hotter than blazes. The President looked a bit tired. But he seemed to stand up better under the ordeal than many of the perspiring reporters.

That about sums up President Eisenhower's news conference today, his first since before his June 9 abdominal operation.

It was a jam packed, tensely awaited affair. More than 310 newsmen packed themselves into the ornate room of the old State Dept. building.

The buzz of conversation as they waited for the President was louder than usual. Now and then a word or phrase sounded out above the hubbub.

"Nixon, Herter, Kefauver, a Suez."

The noise level dropped to an expectant hush when the clock hands reached 10:30 a.m. EDT. The time Eisenhower was scheduled to appear. But the President was a little late and the restless hum began again.

At 10:32, the President walked in through the side door and strode to the desk facing the reporters.

The question on everybody's mind: How does he look? There were varying shades of opinion. But most newsmen agreed later that the President seemed to have bounced back a long way from the ached faced Eisenhower they saw Walter Reed Army Hospital on June 30.

His face hasn't recovered all its ruddiness. It looks thinner than before, reflecting the six or seven pounds below his pre-operation weight. His voice, almost from the first, had a husky quality and less resonance than it once had. Eisenhower speaks for the most part it seemed, more slowly and with more pauses, more "ers" and "ahs" than usual.

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No Herter Comment

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Delegates Switch To Adlai Predicted

NEW YORK — Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said today he thinks the "big majority" of his delegates will follow his recommendation and support Adlai Stevenson for the Democratic presidential nomination.

He added, however, that his delegates were "unconditionally released" and "some of them" may switch to Gov. Averell Harriman of New York.

Harriman said yesterday he expects to get more than half the Kefauver delegates.

Kefauver withdrew from the race later yesterday. He said that in the interest of Democratic unity and victory he would support Stevenson on the Chicago Aug. 13.

Interviewed today on a television show, the Tennessee Democrat said that after losing

the California primary he didn't see how he had a chance to win the nomination unless the convention were deadlocked.

He said he didn't want to work for a deadlock because that would create "bitterness and disunity in the party" and make the nomination "valueless."

Prior to Kefauver's withdrawal, the latest Associated Press tabulation had given him and indicated first ballot strength of 164 1/2 votes, compared to 31 for Stevenson and 136 for Harriman. Nomination will require 680 1/2 delegate votes.

Kefauver said he had not discussed his withdrawal with Stevenson before announcing it.

He said Stevenson telephoned him afterward and told him the Kefauver delegates would have a "full place" in the Stevenson ranks.

Road Allotted \$2 1-2 Billion

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Commerce Clegg has allotted \$2,500,000,000 to the states to speed construction of first sections of the new 41,000-mile road network.

The money, for the fiscal year beginning next July 1, is the largest amount ever provided for roads at one time in history.

This second division of funds for the new road building plan brings to \$1,575,000,000 already set aside for the states.

Immediately after President Eisenhower signed the federal highway legislation June 29, Clegg moved to provide \$1,125,000,000 to the states for the current fiscal year which began July 1.

He said at the time that he expected the first construction to get underway within three months and that the program should be rolling by Jan. 1.

The federal aid road program calls for a spending of about \$3 billion dollars in the next 13 to 15 years. The bulk of the funds provided by Congress will go for construction of the 41,000-mile interstate system.

The federal government provides 90 per cent and state and local governments 10 per cent for construction of the interstate roads. On building primary and secondary state roads and urban highways the federal government and states put up the money on a 50-50 basis.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and mild today and tonight with a slight chance of widely scattered showers this afternoon. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and somewhat warmer with widely scattered afternoon thunder-showers.

Low this morning	71
Low tomorrow morning	70
High today	87
High yesterday	84
High tomorrow	89
Sunrise today	5:32 a.m.
Sunset today	7:42 p.m.

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SEARCH ENDS IN HEARTBREAK HOTEL—

Pretty Pursue Pants For 'Gone' Presley

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A New York teen-ager, object of a 13-state police search after she ran away from home in a row with her parents over her "dream boy," Elvis Presley, was found in a Memphis hotel early today.

Fourteen-year-old Marion Weisbarth left home after her parents ordered her to stop playing records of the famed rock 'n' roll king.

The girl's father, David Weisbarth, was on his way to Memphis to escort Marion back to her home at East Meadow, Long Island.

BABY-SITTER

Marion told a reporter for the

Memphis Commercial Appeal that she earned money as a baby-sitter for her fare to Memphis. She was playing those records all day and night.

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In New York, her mother put it like this: "It's like a frenzy with me. We quarreled all the time about her playing those records all day and night.

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What did she like most about the Rajah of Rock 'n' Roll? "He's so soft spoken and nice mannered," Marion beamed.

Marion was found by the Commercial Appeal and told him how things were going at his end of the line. Sorrell immediately sent out a reporter who soon found Marion at the Tennessee Hotel.

TELLS PARENTS

Jacobs then telephoned Marion at the hotel and later on told Mrs. Weisbarth that the young runaway had been found.

Until the arrival of Weisbarth, the daughter was having the last word.

She talked freely about Presley and her infatuation.

"He's really my dreamboat," she said.

Maion checked out of her Memphis hotel early today and her mother said in New York that she assumed she and her father, who flew here, were on route back home.

Mrs. Weisbarth told the Memphis Press-Scimitar she had not heard from her husband and was not sure whether they would make the trip by plane or train.

Asked whether she had any Presley records which she brought, Mrs. Weisbarth said: "Oh, heavens, I don't know. I haven't had time to think of anything like that."

Marines' Boss Meets Accused DI

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. — The Marines' commandant, Gen. Randolph McKeon Pate, today met Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon and said his aim here was to help you in any legal way I can."

Pate met the sergeant, now facing a general court-martial, just before the trial resumed with Pate due to appear as a defense witness.

In that brief meeting, the sandy-haired general, minus ribbons and with his four silver stars gleaming on an open collar, said:

"HERE TO HELP"

"Hello, Sergeant. I'm sorry to meet you under these circumstances. I'm here to help you in any way I can, and I think you are too."

As the general turned away to leave, he said: "Good luck to you, boy."

McKeon muttered in a low, almost inaudible tone: "Thank you, sir."

Earlier a stucky, quietly scolding major sought to show that McKeon was a poor troop leader and violated basic military rules.

Maj. Charles B. Sevier of Jacksonville, Ill., government prosecutor, fired questions at the pale, 31-year-old former drill instructor with the insistence of a tank commander which is—shooting for effect.

McKeon is facing a general court-martial for leading a 74-man platoon of recruits into tide-swashed waters of Ribbon Creek marsh, where six drowned.

After McKeon marched his men into the water "to teach them a lesson," he said, Sevier wanted to know "you gave no order to stay in column."

"No, sir," said McKeon. "They were all straggled out."

"You never told them to close up and cover down stay one behind the other at an interval of 40 paces."

"No, sir."

"You didn't know what condition your platoon was in, did you?"

"I did not know more or less of a column," McKeon answered.

KEY POINT

A key point in the court-martial is whether the recruits would have drowned had they followed McKeon's order of "Follow me."

Defense attorney Emily Zola Berman of New York City contended the court awarded five weeks in service, wandered away from the column to their deaths.

A basic tenet of the military on night marches is to keep in close contact with the man in front.

McKeon completed his testimony at 10:32 a.m. EDT, and the court adjourned to await the arrival of Gen. Pate to appear as a witness.

THE FOUR'S REACTION

The post-war general arrived on the fourth-morning at about 11 a.m.

McKeon said he had thought any one of them kids would drown I would never look them in."

McKeon testified, "I would have signed anything. I would have walked to the gallows that morning."

McKeon also told the court he had not been in Ribbon Creek before, but he had been there before McKeon left the band.

Col. Edward L. Hutchinson, president of the seven-man court-martial board, questioned McKeon on the difference between teaching discipline and taking disciplinary action.

"Did you believe that your battalion commander held you responsible for teaching discipline?"

"Yes, sir," McKeon replied.

"Did you believe he held you responsible for taking disciplinary action?"

"No, sir," McKeon said.

Earlier, McKeon was asked by Sevier if he tried to maintain discipline and morale by slapping his men.

Evening Prayer

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, that there is comfort for every soul and a supply for every need which we keep near Thee. Bless all weary bodies. All anxious minds, all lonely hearts this day. Deliver Thy followers out of their distresses. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

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