



Gov. Adlai Stevenson Talks To A Friendly North Carolina Caucus.

Tired, Excited Sam Ervin Said 'No' At Wrong Time

Special To The News
CHICAGO—Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. was excited early this morning.

It had been a long day for the Morgantown man. The night before he had worked until 2:30 a.m. with the platform committee, spent yesterday morning caucusing with the Tar Heel delegation and "lobbing" for the civil rights plank he helped fashion in the afternoon.

Finally, Sam Rayburn called for a vote.

The first vote was for or against the minority report which was unfavorable to the Southerners.

The second vote was on the platform itself — after the minority report was killed — with the moderate civil rights plank.

Sen. Ervin was excited. He meant to yell "no," on the first, "yes," on the second.

He popped out with "No!" on both.

When Harry Truman got to his feet to favor the majority report on civil rights — a stand pleasing to the Tar Heel delegation—he remarked he "didn't have to address this convention."

A Tar Heel delegate turned to Gov. Luther Hodges and said Truman's statement was "conceded."

"Hash," said Gov. Hodges, "he's doing good!"

Both Gov. Hodges and Sen. Ervin came in for high praise from Gov. Adlai Stevenson at the North Carolina caucus yesterday.

And the Governor lowered his head and blushed. . . Mr. Stevenson said, "No one has worked harder" than Sen. Ervin on the platform committee.

run over to the Georgia delegation and tell them "to take that thing down."

It went down promptly.

Gov. Hodges got on a nationwide radio hookup yesterday.

. . . Ted Malone, the ABC commentator who once appeared here with the Carrols show, interviewed the governor. . . The Tar Heel delegation was also photographed by Saturday Evening Post as a part of a feature on Southern delegations.

With the platform issue settled, North Carolina's delegation prepared today to cast most of its votes for the presidential nomination for Stevenson.

An unofficial poll showed 29 1/2 votes for Stevenson, 1 1/2 for Averell Harriman and a half vote for Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri. Not all members of the delegation were present when the poll was taken. North Carolina has 36 votes.

Gov. Hodges, chairman of the delegation, said he had hopes of delivering up to 35 votes for Stevenson on the first ballot.

form Committee's draft, which offered something for almost everybody on the court's segregation decision.

When Truman had finished talking, Rayburn took over with his big gavel.

He put the question of adoption of the Northerners' minority report. There was a roar of "noes" almost matched by the shouted "yees."

CHORUS OF NO'S
"In the opinion of the chair—" Rayburn began. There was a chorus of "no, no, no."

"Now, just a moment," Rayburn said sternly. "I have taken the 'yees' and 'noes' many times and I think I can tell who has the most."

"In the opinion of the chair, the 'noes' have it and the minority report is rejected." Then he gavelled through the report of the McCormack committee.

This cleared the last foreseen obstacle to Stevenson's nomination and left the field open for vice presidential aspirants to jockey for his favor.

RELIGIOUS ISSUE
James Finnegan, Stevenson's campaign manager, said the decision had been made as between possible candidates. From another source it was reported, however, that Finnegan was arguing against selection of a Roman Catholic. Finnegan, a Catholic, was represented as believing the religious issue ought not to be raised.

That would eliminate Sen. John Kennedy of Massachusetts and Mayor Robert F. Wagner Jr. of New York City from consideration.

Roger Tubby, Stevenson's press secretary, said no word will be forthcoming from Stevenson about his choice until after he is formally nominated.

But Tubby listed half a dozen as under consideration. They included Kefauver, Humphrey, Kennedy, Gore, Wagner and Gov. Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey.

REAL CONTEST?
Stevenson has indicated he is toying with the idea of letting the convention pick his running mate from a selected list of men he regards as acceptable. The thought would be that with the top nomination apparently sewed up before balloting began, the delegates might like to see a real contest for second place.

Hodges Given Adlai's Favor

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nority report on civil rights offered as a platform plank "was written by the same crowd which tried to run us out of the party four years ago."

SOUTH DOES WELL
"For a section (the South) with only 20 per cent of the electoral votes," he added, "we do well, however, in impressing our ideas on others."

With Gov. Hodges scheduled to play a leading role in the nominating procedure for Gov. Stevenson, it appeared likely the North Carolina delegation will cast all 36 of its votes for Gov. Stevenson on the first ballot tonight.

The delegation is still widely split on a vice presidential choice.

CHICAGO PAR: 3 RUMORS TO EVERY MAN

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
CHICAGO — Who will be the Democratic vice presidential choice?

Sen. W. Kerr Scott of North Carolina could shed no light on the subject today.

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Wider Range In Talks Asked

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Soviet Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov made a bid to broaden the conference to include 21 other nations — including Red China — but agreed to waive procedural objections and expressed willingness to help in a peaceful solution to the dispute.

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Fight Over, Party Turns To Choosing

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sets to make the nominating speech for him.

It seemed improbable that Stevenson would have tapped the boyish-looking Kennedy for this honor or if he were minded to have him on the ticket as the No. 2 man.

In the absence of any word from Stevenson, the race appeared to be narrowing into a three-way contest between Senators Estes Kefauver and Albert Gore of Tennessee and Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota.

None of these three took any public part in a carefully staged drama in which the party's conflicting Northern and Southern delegations met at the civil rights crossroads and decided to march into the general election campaign under one banner.

Urging that action was former President Truman, a Hartman backer who has contended Stevenson isn't a fighting candidate.

Delayed until the early morning hours had dwindled the convention's television audience, a compromise platform drafted by a committee headed by Rep. John McCormack of Massachusetts was gavelled through by Rep. Sam Rayburn of Texas on a voice vote.

Southerners indicated privately they found the committee's plank palatable, although they previously had condemned it publicly. No Dixie member raised his voice in the platform debate although some Southern delegations registered their official opposition.

Proponents of a stronger plank spoke their pieces under a time limit controlled by McCormack.

When they were through, exhorting the Democrats to endorse flatly the Supreme Court decision outlawing racial segregation in the public schools, Truman stepped up to a microphone attached to the railing of his box.

Truman said he wanted to "contribute to harmony" among Democrats—an objective few delegates thought he fostered when he endorsed the candidacy of Harriman and subsequently said Stevenson "can't win" in November.

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