

Health Issue Dragged Out By Democrats

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Political agents of Sen. John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson dragged the health issue today into the pre-convention contest of these two rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Kennedy's convention headquarters issued a medical report to back up its statement that the Massachusetts senator's physicians had found him "in excellent health and with a normal life expectancy."

By its action, the Kennedy camp in effect invited Johnson to do the same.

Kennedy and Johnson are rated in that order in early ballot strength among Democrats contesting for the presidential nomination at the national convention opening here next Monday.

The health of candidates has been a political issue getting increased attention since President Eisenhower campaigned for reelection after a 1955 heart attack.

It erupted in the Democratic pre-convention campaign Monday from a remark made by Kennedy at his New York news conference replying to former President Truman's anti-Kennedy statement last Saturday.

Answering criticism of his youth, the 43-year-old Kennedy said health and vigor were needed in the White House. And he referred to the illnesses suffered by recent presidents.

John B. Connally, chairman, and India Edwards, vice chairman of the Johnson for President Committee, held a news conference here soon thereafter. They were asked if they regarded Kennedy's remark as an oblique jab at Johnson, 51-year-old Senate majority leader, who suffered a heart attack in 1955.

Accept Medical Challenge
They replied they would be glad to match Johnson's medical record against Kennedy's history of Addison's disease. Connally also referred to Kennedy's long absence from the Senate in 1954 when the Massachusetts senator underwent operations for a back injury.

Mrs. Edwards said it was no disgrace to have Addison's disease but that she was wary of Kennedy's "muscle flexing" to show that "he is in better health than anyone else."

Robert F. Kennedy, brother and campaign adviser of the senator, called another news conference four hours later.

He said the senator never "had an ailment described classically as Addison's disease, which is a tuberculous destruction of the adrenal gland."

Admit 'Hellers' Free To Drive-In Show

If your name is "Heller," you will be admitted free to see the Technicolor comedy-western, "Heller in Pink Tights" now showing at the Drive-in theater.

When Roy Kalver read the item in Jack Heller's "After Thirty" column in Saturday's Democrat, in which Jack disclaimed any relationship to the "Heller" in the movie, Roy decided to admit free anyone with the name of Heller. This gives everyone with that distinguished cognomen to view Sophia Loren, who enacts the title role, to determine if any relationship exists. To see the free show just identify yourself to the cashier as a "Heller."

State Police Make Five Arrests Here

The state police made five arrests in Adams county over the holiday week-end, with three of the violators paying their fines in J. P. court.

John L. Doane, 61, DeGraff, O., was arrested Monday at 3:15 p.m. at the junction of US 224 and state road 101 when he ran the stop sign at the intersection. He appeared in court at 3:32 p.m. the same day and paid a fine totalling \$18.5.

Gloria J. Weaver, 18, Geneva, was arrested Monday at 9:55 a.m. on county road 28½ while driving without a driver's license. She appeared at 11 a.m. Monday and paid \$18.5.

Raymond Feenster, 29, Columbus, O., was arrested for driving 75 miles an hour on U.S. 27, 1½ miles north of Decatur, Saturday at 7:20 p.m. He appeared at 7:45 p.m. the same day and paid a fine of \$18.75.

Clarence Isaac Cooper, 24, Wabash, was arrested for speeding in Preble, Friday at 10:05 a.m. He was timed at 55 miles an hour in a posted 30 zone. Cooper will appear in J. P. court July 11, at 2 p.m.

Glen T. Hoffman, 21, Geneva, was arrested Saturday at 7:15 p.m. on U.S. 27, 1½ miles north of Decatur for driving at a speed of 85 miles an hour. Hoffman will appear in court July 23 at 6 p.m.

Elkhart Housewife Held For Shooting

ELKHART, Ind. (UPI)—An Elkhart housewife was in Elkhart County Jail today on charges of assault and battery with intent to commit murder in connection with the shooting of her husband Sunday.

Ernest Kanard, 42, was reported in fair condition at Elkhart General Hospital with a bullet wound in his chest.

His wife, Margaret, told police she fired a single shot at her husband when he threatened to beat her during a family quarrel.

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southwest of Valparaiso when he jumped off the end of a fishing pier. The boy could not swim and drowned before he could be pulled out.

Other Accidents

James L. Rice, about 35, Van Wert, Ohio, and Charles Bishop, 35, Nashville, Tenn., were killed Monday when their midjet racing planes crashed at a Fort Wayne air show. Another pilot said the right wing of Rice's tiny plane came off and hit Bishop's plane.

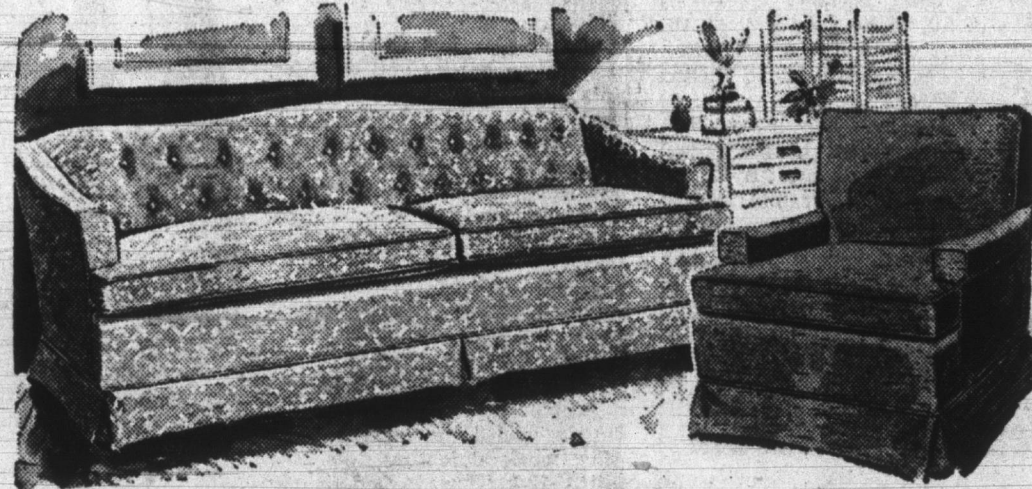
Mrs. Cora Jean Jones, 22, Indianapolis, was killed Monday when a truck driven by her husband, Ronald L., 27, had a blow out while entering a service station. She and her son, Ronald Jr., 2½, fell from the cab and struck their heads on the service station pavement. The boy was described in fair condition at Marion General Hospital. Indianapolis police arrested Jones on charges he was driving with faulty brakes.

Mrs. Mary Sellers, 54, was killed during Sunday's storm when an uprooted tree crashed down on her mobile home on the west side of Lake Shafer.

Tracy Pickens, 2½, Rochester, was killed Saturday when her family's auto slipped out of gear and rolled over at their new farm home.

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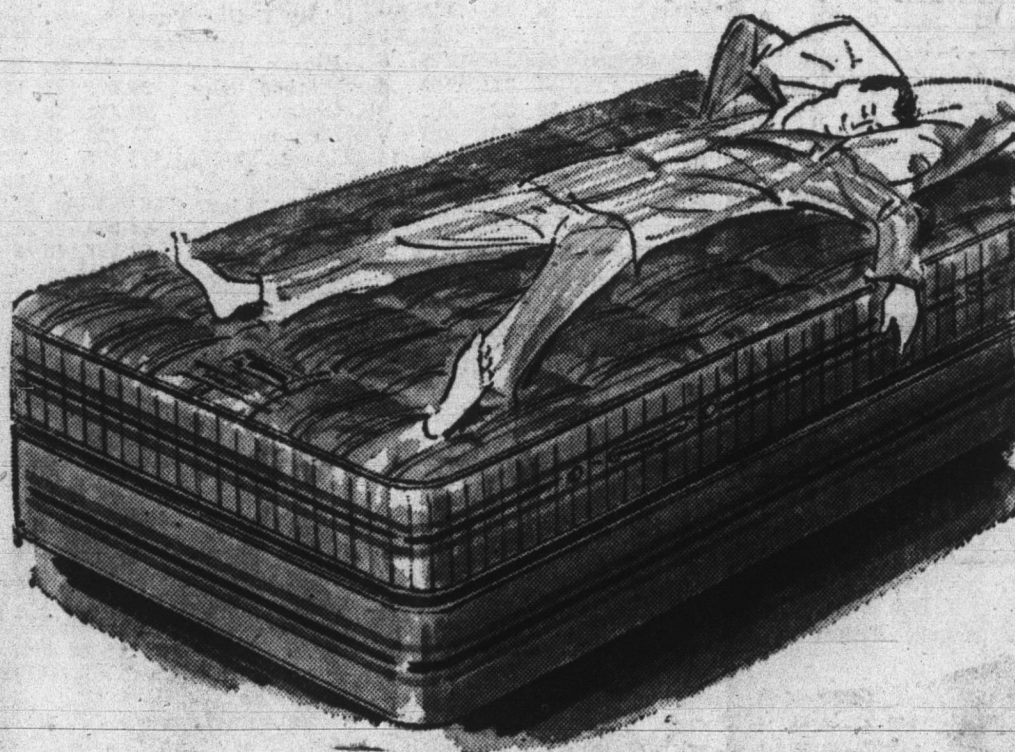
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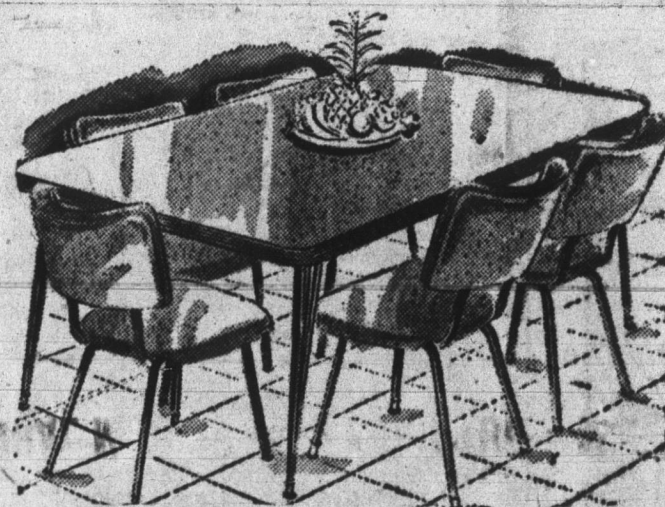
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