

Squabbles Threaten To Dash Hopes Of Democrats For '48

Crump Branded 'Czar' For Challenging Editor To Get Out of Town

Scripps-Howard Supported Candidate For Senate; Says Political Boss Acts Like Stalin

MEMPHIS, July 8—Rep. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.), candidate for U. S. Senator from Tennessee, branded as a sign of dictatorship a suggestion by E. H. Crump, political boss, that either he (Mr. Crump) or a newspaper editor leave town.

Mr. Crump in a speech which he had the machine mayor of Memphis, James J. Pleasant, make for him over 11 radio stations in Memphis and west Tennessee yesterday, challenged Edward J. Meeman, editor of the Memphis Press-Sentinel, a Scripps-Howard newspaper, to disprove charges made by Mr. Crump against Rep. Kefauver.

The Press-Sentinel is supporting Rep. Kefauver. Mr. Crump is supporting John H. Mitchell, a circuit judge of Cookeville, Tenn., in the Senate race.

In state-wide newspaper advertisements Mr. Crump cited instances in which Reps. Kefauver and Vito Marcantonio (ALP, N. Y.) had voted the same way on a number of congressional measures.

The conclusion put forward by Mr. Crump on the basis of this comparison of votes was that Mr. Kefauver like Mr. Marcantonio was sympathetic with Communists.

Both Mr. Kefauver and the Press-Sentinel previously had pointed out that many Democrats, including House and Senate leaders, also had voted the same way as the New Yorker on many measures. Mr. Kefauver said the Democratic House leadership had voted like Mr. Marcantonio more frequently than he had.

In his radio broadcasts Mr. Crump proposed that "the Chamber of commerce or some other body appoint a committee of seven, composed of either clergymen, businessmen, labor, women or professional men, to go into the charges I have made against Kefauver's record... prob them to the bottom." If Meeman can prove through any reliable committee selected that these charges are false, I will get my hat and leave Memphis, never to return. On the other hand, if he cannot disprove these charges, then he will leave Memphis, never to return.

Mr. Kefauver, campaigning in west Tennessee, heard Mr. Crump's broadcast and immediately wired Mr. Meeman, taking over the Crump challenge and making a counter-proposal:

"I am willing to submit to the committee which he (Crump) suggests. However, Crump is not a candidate for the Senate. Neither are you. I am a candidate. So is John Mitchell. I have not depended on any mouthpiece in my campaign. Thus far, John Mitchell has largely relied on Crump to speak for him.

"I am the best man to present my record to any group. John Mitchell, if he thinks he can represent the people of Tennessee in the Senate, should be the best man to challenge it. Therefore, let us have this hearing—but with John Mitchell and me appearing."

"Whatever the results, I do not want E. H. Crump to have to take his family and move from Memphis, nor do I want you to leave. It is a dictatorship, indeed, that cannot tolerate two men of different opinions. That's Joe Stalin's way, but it is not my way."

In making public Mr. Kefauver's telegram, Mr. Meeman said: "The fantastic broadcast which E. H. Crump had made over 11 radio stations shows Crump's desperate fear that Kefauver will be elected over his opponent as was that other great Tennesseean, Cordell Hull, in 1930."

Mr. Meeman agreed with that part of Mr. Crump's broadcast which said Memphis is a "great and growing city that is getting better every day," but he added: "The building of Memphis is the work of all its citizens. The Press-Sentinel is proud of the part it has played in the progress of Memphis."

As to communism, Mr. Meeman said:

"Readers of the Press-Sentinel will recall the many articles I have written exposing communism's false claims and pointing out the menace of the Reds in foreign countries and at home, to the safety of America. I was one of the first editors to see this danger."

"There are those who believe that these articles of mine, printed from coast to coast in the Scripps-Howard newspapers, including such important centers of opinion as Washington and New York, were one of the factors which aroused this country to the danger we faced from Communist trickery and aggression."

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Factionalism Over Truman Shatters Unity

City Bosses Likely To Pull Punches

By CHARLES T. LUCEY
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WASHINGTON, July 8—The clawing and gouging between pro-Truman and pro-Eisenhower factions seemed sure today to leave the Democratic party so shattered as to cripple its presidential campaign.

That goes, regardless of who is nominated next week at Philadelphia—and the odds are back on Harry Truman again.

But nominee Truman is likely to get little comfort from any of the three party factions which have been trying to defeat him—the Solid South, the big city bosses of the North and the old New Dealers.

If the Philadelphia convention next week does trample on the President and turn to someone else, that someone—Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas or whoever—is sure to be hurt by continuing intra-party crossfire.

Hostile Bed Fellows

In terms of issues and principles, there is no reconciling some of the forces vociferous in trying to draft Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Those who follow the Roosevelt New Deal pattern, such as Leon Henderson of the Americans for Democratic Action and James Roosevelt, Democratic national committeewoman for California, have no bond with the conservative Southern Democrats.

The southerners are bitter against the President because of his civil liberties program, but the so-called liberal wing wants this program to go into the new Democratic platform. Yet both these groups joined hands to try to batter down Mr. Truman.

City bosses such as Jacob M. Arvey of Chicago and Frank Hague of Jersey City, who plied for Gen. Eisenhower, have one chief interest—to get someone at the head of the ticket to help them win or retain hold on the city halls and courthouses, with their thousands of patronage jobs.

Stalls Decision

Decision on the controversy over the state chairmanship was stalled temporarily last night by Mr. Springer with a statement that he would not call a session of the state committee in the very near future. Only the committee can oust Mr. Springer and without a call from the state chairman it would require a petition signed by a majority of state committee members to call the organization together.

The party faction which backed Mr. Creighton for governor nomination and beat Sen. William E. Jenner out of the job is dissatisfied with Mr. Springer. They feel he wanted the junior Senator for the party's governor candidate and is unhappy about the makeup of the present state ticket.

Aligned Against Jenner

It was possible, of course, that the candidates would get into the matter of the state chairmanship, but they would be helpless to act unless they could line up a majority of the state committee's 22 votes. Most of the candidates were aligned directly with the anti-Jenner faction in the recent state convention fight and share to some degree the desire to replace Mr. Springer.

Most prominently mentioned as possible successors to Mr. Springer are Walter Helmke of Ft. Wayne, another unsuccessful governor candidate, and Morrison Rockhill, former second district chairman who managed Mr. Creighton's pre-convention campaign.

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"I took Queenie to one veter-

inarian after another," Mr. Schneider said. "I spent \$200 for treatments. They gave her penicillin and other drugs. But they didn't seem to do any good."

Listened Over Phone

A few days ago Benjamin called up from California. The family held the telephone receiver to the dog's ear and Benjamin whistled and called to the dog. For the first time in weeks, the dog brightened up and barked.

"When I told the veterinarians about that," Mr. Schneider said, "they told me the dog was just heart broken, and dying from wanting to be with Ben. So I'm going to send Queenie out to California just as fast as the airlines can fly her."

"Plus tax

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