

## Warren and Stassen Already Loom as GOP Contenders for 1952 Election

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### Truman Didn't Dodge

Only a few White House insiders knew it at the time, but President Truman could have avoided the split with the South on the civil rights issue. However, he decided that the question was too important for any compromise.

In a White House conversation, Morris Ernst, a member of the civil-rights committee, urged Truman not to send the committee's report to congress, but rather to the governors and mayors of the different states. Ernst pointed out that southern leaders had always contended that this was a state, not a federal, problem; therefore a bitter fight could be avoided by handling the report that way.

Truman's reply was brief and to the point.

"I would not be doing my duty as President," he said.

Ernst, who had been a close friend and advisor of Franklin Roosevelt, then asked Truman why he had such a passion for civil rights—even more so than Roosevelt.

"When I was young," re-

sponded the President, "I saw fiery crosses burned on the hills above Independence and 3,000 hooded men parading. I got worried about a return of that sort of thing. We cannot let it happen again."

### Dewey-Go-Round

Dewey was so certain of victory he had set up secret offices in Washington and recruited a staff to study Truman's budget and prepare his own budget to be submitted in January.

Certain White House speech-writers were so sure of Truman's defeat they were ashamed to let anybody know they had a hand in his speeches. Of Truman's last speech-tour they said: "We are just rehashing old stuff and dishing it out to keep poor old Truman slap-happy."

Note: Most of the whistle-stop speech-writers were youngsters who had tried to ditch Truman at the Philadelphia convention . . . Remark-

a lonely, crestfallen receptionist at Republican national headquarters the day after election: "Everything's gone. What happened? . . . Maybe it should have been Stassen." Stunned by defeat for the second time, Governor Dewey will not get another chance to run for president. GOP leaders are categorical about this. Already their eyes are roving for a new white hope to run against the Democrats in 1952.

### Watch Earl Warren

Two certain contenders are California's Gov. Earl Warren and Pennsylvania university's new president, Harold Stassen, both with liberal backgrounds. The fusty, starch-collared crowd, who have held such a grip on the Republican party, are almost certain to be swept out like old cobwebs.

Modest, friendly Earl Warren who reflects the California sunshine, is the real man to watch. Like Franklin D. Roosevelt before him, he was beaten for the vice-presidency but came back to be president. Warren has not lost his place in the national picture. Instead he will move up as Dewey slides down.

Unlike Thomas "Elusive" Dewey, Warren came out openly on the issues—high prices, housing, veterans' benefits. He even criticized the 80th congress, though it hurt his own party.

Stassen also is still a power to be reckoned with. He got most of the cheers, though not the votes, at the Republican national convention. In recent weeks, however, he has behaved more like a party hack than the independent liberal he pretends to be. After bitterly denouncing Dewey in Philadelphia, Stassen miraculously showed up in the starting lineup for Dewey's presidential campaign—in fact, was the kickoff speaker for Dewey in Detroit, September 7.

### Stassen's Conversion

The inside story of Stassen's conversion has never been told. It is the story of moneyed Republicans who paid off with a university presidency.

The University of Pennsylvania was searching for a new president to move into the chair of retiring George W. McClelland. Foremost contender was law school Dean Earl Harrison, once a commissioner of immigration and naturalization, who also made a survey of European displaced-persons camps for President Truman.

However, Harrison had been a Roosevelt man, also had not taken politics into account. For years a powerful Republican clique on the university board of trustees had tried to operate it as a subsidiary of Drexel and company, the Philadelphia branch of J. P. Morgan.

The leader of the clique, Robert T. McCracken, saw a chance to heal the Dewey-Stassen breach. Together with Edward Hopkins, Jr., a partner in Drexel and company, McCracken offered the university presidency to Stassen.

### TEST YOUR I. Q.

#### QUESTIONS

1. What confederacy of Indian tribes once dominated the whole northern region of the U. S.?
2. What is the distance between degrees of longitude at the equator?



3. How did Mother Goose originate?
4. What American statesman is identified with the "Open Door" policy for China?
5. What two presidents died in the White House?

#### ANSWERS

1. The Iroquois, or Six Nations.
2. 69-1/6 miles.
3. In 1697 Charles Perrault, French author, published a collection of fairy tales. On the cover was pictured an old woman telling stories to a small group. A placard near the picture was titled, "Tales of My Mother Goose." Mother Goose was proverbial in French folklore as an imaginary relater of incredible tales.
4. John Hay.
5. William Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor.

### AMELIA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Carson, of Chambers, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Harley and Patty Carson at Grand Island over the November 13-14 weekend. While there they attended the football game Friday night between Grand Island and Lincoln. The score was 53-7 in favor of Grand Island. Mr. and Mrs. C. Small and family attended the football game at Atkinson Armistice day between O'Neill and Atkinson. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jeffries and Mrs. Wolfe, of O'Neill, spent the November 13-14 weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bayne Grubb and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Sladek, of Amelia, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Reimers, of O'Neill, on Sunday. Syrena Withers accompanied her parents to Atkinson Friday, November 12, and spent the weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Hayth. Bob Leder, of North Platte, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leder, at Amelia Saturday and Sunday, November 13-14. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sammons and family, of Amelia, were Sunday evening, November 14, guests of Mr. and Mrs.

L. Barnett and family. Mrs. Ott, Mrs. Lloyd Adams and Donnie went to Atkinson Saturday, November 13. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White went to Cody Friday, November 12. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shode were guests at the Frank Pierce home Sunday, November 13. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Deale Mitchell were Sunday, November 14, dinner guests at the Herb Dultz home. Bob, Ralph and Joan Adair were Sunday, November 14,

guests at the Bob Rees home. Mr. and Mrs. Silas Johnston and Paul were Sunday, November 14, guests at the Leo Gilman home. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Tippy, of Iowa, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Devere Withers, of Amelia, last week. They left Friday for Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Doolittle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Art Doolittle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Art Doolittle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fullerton

and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. Slaymaker, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Doolittle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Slaymaker and Pat Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Doolittle and family were Sunday, November 14, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Kennedy and family. The occasion being the birthday anniversary of Earl Doolittle, Buddie Fullerton and Larry Kennedy. Miss Mary Lou Spath visited last week at the George Fullerton home at Amelia.

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