

TO: ALL ILLINOIS DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

FROM: ILLINOIS COMMITTEE FOR STEVENSON
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MRS. ROOSEVELT ENDORSES STEVENSON!

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced her enthusiastic support of Adlai E. Stevenson last week. Mrs. Roosevelt said: "I am about to exercise the prerogatives of a woman and change my mind. Up to this time I have been firmly saying I would come out for no-one as the Democratic nominee for the Presidency until the Convention and now I am going to join some of my friends in a plea to the Convention delegates to nominate as the standard-bearer of the Democratic Party Adlai E. Stevenson."

Mrs. Roosevelt added: "I think he's a candidate, whether he says so or not. It's obvious he will serve...and a great many people are asking him to...As a Democrat I know that this campaign is not going to be easy to win...Therefore, we as Democrats must nominate the strongest possible ticket and there is no question in my mind that this ticket is a Stevenson-Kennedy ticket."

Mrs. Roosevelt stated that there was "a growing sense on the part of the people that Adlai E. Stevenson has more wisdom, more experience and more maturity than any other candidate. In addition he has the humility, courage and flexibility of mind which makes it possible for a great man to recognize a mistake if he makes one and turn to another solution."

"The November victory seems to me of paramount importance to our nation. Our people need restored confidence in their own judgment and a sense of being trusted because they are informed. Above all the world needs a man in the White House whom they respect for his good judgment and resourcefulness."

"I believe only Adlai E. Stevenson can give them this assurance."

CAN STEVENSON WIN?

The influential ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH answered this question with finality, and in a highly unusual move gave Mr. Stevenson a ringing endorsement.

"Mr. Stevenson's superior qualifications are, in fact, generally conceded among Democrats. The principal argument against him is that, because he lost to President Eisenhower twice, he could not win against another opponent. This is a myth of expediency which has no basis in history or logic...It is now quite evident that no Democrat could have prevailed over the personal popularity of Dwight Eisenhower in 1952 and 1956. Authoritative studies, such as the recent one by Louis H. Bean which is being circulated by Senator Monroney, suggest that Mr. Stevenson lost, not because of any voter dissatisfaction with him, but because of the impressive stature of a military hero who seemed above politics."

"On the basis of the alternatives and conditions today, our choice for the Democratic nomination is Adlai E. Stevenson."

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MAGAZINE PUBLISHERS NAME STEVENSON STRONGEST DEMOCRAT

A poll of 323 top magazine men conducted at the Magazine Publishers Association Convention named Adlai Stevenson as the Democrats' "strongest vote getter." Stevenson received 52% of the votes, Kennedy 27%, with the remainder being divided between Symington and others. Stevenson was also picked as the candidate most likely to be nominated. Kennedy was named as the best choice for vice-president.

This poll, and the labor leader and newspaper men's polls reported in last week's newsletter indicate the views of individuals who have their fingers on the public pulse. They all choose Stevenson 2 to 1.

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LABOR COMMITTEE
FOR STEVENSON FORMED

Frank McAllister, Director of Labor Education at Roosevelt University announced the formation of an Illinois Labor Committee to draft Stevenson for President. The list of members includes two vice presidents of the state AFL-CIO and two executive Board Members of the Chicago Federation of Labor. Mr. McAllister stated: "It is the largest group to come forward in support of any Presidential candidate -- and we expect more officials to announce shortly."

McAllister recently conducted a poll of the 161 top labor officials of all the international unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO and the United Mine Workers which showed that these leaders preferred Stevenson 2-1 over any other possible Presidential candidate. "These Illinois leaders reflect here at home what the poll showed to be true throughout the country: Adlai Stevenson is the overwhelming choice of the working people," McAllister said. "He must be nominated." Among the Illinois labor leaders supporting Stevenson are:

Morris Bialis, Vice President, International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Executive Board Member, Chicago Federation of Labor; Thomas J. Burke, Vice President Building Service Employees International Union. Vice President Illinois State Federation of Labor and C.I.O.; Marie Caylor, Editor, the American Teacher, Leon M. Despres, Labor Attorney and City of Chicago Alderman of the 5th Ward, Nicholas M. DiPietro, Organizer, International Typographical Union, Local 16; Martin J. Dwyer, President, Elevator Operators Union and Executive Board Member of the Chicago Federation of Labor; John Fewkes, President of the Chicago Teachers Union; G.B. Goble, Vice President Brotherhood of Railway Clerks; Victor Gotbaum, Director, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Pres., Evanston Democratic Party, Chairman, Cook County City Branch of 13th Congressional District Committee on Political Education (COPE); Harry S. Kurshenbaum, Chairman of the 12th Congressional District Committee on Political Education and International Representative of the Textile Workers Union of America;

William F. Lennon, International Vice-President of the International Jewelry Workers Union, President and Business Manager of Local 4; Samuel Levin, Chairman of the Board of the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank; Richard Long, President, Illinois Federation of Telephone Workers; Frank McAllister, Director, Labor Education Division Roosevelt University, Member, American Federation of Teachers; Ed Marciniak, American Newspaper Guild, Horace T. Peterson, Secretary, South Chicago Trades and Labor Assembly; Alfred Rota, Vice President, Upholsterers International Union; Victor R. Reysa, Secretary-Treasurer, Local 1550 Retail Food and Drug Clerks Union; Joseph J. Seppi, Vice President of Illinois State Federation of Labor C.I.O., Vice President of Printing Pressmen's Union; P.L. "Roy" Siemiller, Vice President, International Association of Machinists; Gunnar Stoltz, Secretary-Treasurer, Retail Clothiers Union Local 1540.

DE SAPIO DEFEAT CALLED VICTORY
FOR STEVENSON

William F. Ryan, Democratic nominee for Congress in New York's 20th Congressional District and chief spokesman for the Democratic reform group, interpreted the group's recent victory over Carmine De Sapo as giving new strength to the "Draft Stevenson" movement. Ryan, Manfred Ohrenstein, candidate for the State Senate, and Allard Lowenstein and Robert Wechsler, alternate delegates to the Democratic convention, all defeated De Sapo's candidates in the June 7th primary and have all declared openly for Stevenson.

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-QUOTE OF THE WEEK -

In case you've been bothered by Republican complaints that the Democrats are endangering "national unity" by criticizing Eisenhower, we suggest that you read them the following:

"During recent years a theory has developed that there shall be no criticism of the foreign policy of the administration, that any such criticism is an attack on the unity of the Nation, that it gives aid and comfort to the enemy, and that it sabotages any idea of a bi-partisan foreign policy for the national benefit. I venture to state that this proposition is a fallacy and a very dangerous fallacy threatening the very existence of the Nation..."

The author of this "un-American" statement -- the late Senator Robert Taft!