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STEVENSON TO 'FIGHT' IKE.

At Chicago excitement mounts as Democrats elect their presidential candidate. Senator Kefauver leads on the first ballot. Averell Harriman is fourth; second is Governor Stevenson. The second ballot still gives nobody the winning lead. There's added excitement when a small fire breaks out in the crowded hall.

As delegates prepare for the third ballot, the deadlock looks as bad as ever. Then suddenly events take a dramatic turn as Averell Harriman withdraws and transfers his votes to Stevenson. When Kefauver smilingly concedes defeat and Senator Russell follows suit, it's Governor Stevenson that President Truman presents as the man Democrats will try to make his successor at the White House. First man 'drafted' as candidate in 72 years, Governor Stevenson will have Harry Truman in there fighting for him.

As battle lines shift quickly, the Democratic convention begins its nominations. Eleven candidates are named, but four men stand out in the contest.

A bitter fight develops when Virginia, Louisiana and South Carolina refuse to accept the "loyalty oath." As Jimmy Byrnes gives his state's position, a fire interrupts the hectic fourteen hour session.

There's another kind of fireworks as the balloting begins.

Kefauver, Russell, Stevenson and Harriman quickly move to the front.

Stevenson nominated --

The four top candidates spar for delegate strength on the first two ballots, none is within 250 votes of the 616 needed to nominate at the end of the second roll call.

There is a dramatic break on the third ballot, Harriman withdraws in favor of Stevenson.

Minutes later, Kefauver and Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois, enter the tension--charged hall and move to the rostrum. Kefauver, who led on the first two ballots, gallantly concedes defeat and swings to Stevenson.

The hall is on its feet as Stevenson's last major foe, Sen. Russell, smiling and waving, bows out for the Illinois governor



Seconds later, Governor Stevenson leaves Blair House to rush to Convention Hall to accept the nomination. He's the first candidate of either party to be drafted since James A. Warfield in eighteen eighty. At the Hall, the President Truman greets the man who may succeed him. The President tells the convention he'll do everything in his power to help the man he voted for. And Stevenson, who'll run with the Alabama's Senator Sparkman, says he accepts with humility and high honor his nomination as Democratic candidate.