

BEHIND THE CANDIDATES**Symington Makes Big Use of Staff**By **DAVID S. BRODER**
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Staff work plays a greater part in the presidential bid of Senator Symington, Democrat of Missouri, than it does in the campaigns of any of his prospective rivals.

As the only presidential hopeful with substantial executive experience, the former Air Force Secretary relies more on his staff than do Senators Humphrey, Johnson or Kennedy or Vice President Nixon.

The Missourian's skill in using other people's talents is acknowledged, even by those critics who claim he puts too great a burden on aides. His supporters contend, however, that Senator Symington's ability to attract and use top-drawer talent is, in itself, a recommendation for the job he seeks.

Whatever the merits of this argument, the Symington campaign setup is a model of efficiency compared to the rather lumbering vehicles some of the other hopefuls are riding into battle.

Two Key Aides

The two key men in the Symington campaign are a pair of transplanted Missourians, one already well known and the other certain to become famous if the Senator makes it to the White House.

The former is Clark M. Clifford, a successful Washington lawyer who was former President Truman's special counsel. Mr. Clifford heads the informal Symington strategy board that includes many another political veteran of the Truman years.

The ex-President himself has not formally endorsed Senator Symington, but virtually every Democratic politician believes that Mr. Truman is supporting his fellow Missourian, who held a series of high posts in the Truman administration.

The man many expect would be the Clark Clifford of a Symington administration is Stanley R. Fike, now the Senator's administrative assistant. Mr. Fike, who conceals a razor-sharp mind behind soft Missouri accents, was publishing a string of weekly newspapers in the suburban Kansas City area, when he was asked by Senator Symington to take over publicity for his 1952 Senate race. Mr. Fike moved to Washington with the Senator in 1953, and has headed his office staff and tended his press relations ever since.

His most important function, at the moment, is to serve as the link between the Capitol Hill office and Mr. Clifford's political operations downtown. Because Senator Symington has not yet removed the last veil from his candidacy, there is a reluctance to run his campaign from the Senate office. But the operations of the political and legislative staffs are fully meshed—and Mr. Fike and Mr. Clifford are the chief meshers.

Two Former Truman Aides

Grouped around Mr. Clifford at the political end of the operation are two of Mr. Truman's former Democratic National chairmen, Frank E.

League law graduates, Milton S. Gwirtzman of Yale and John H. Zentay of Harvard.

In addition to his campaign and office staffs, Senator Symington gets advice from a wide array of personal friends, former business and Government associates and present political colleagues.

His friendships are notable for their range. He numbers among his close advisers labor officials such as James E. Carey of the Electrical Workers and industrialists such as Frank Pace of General Dynamics and Thomas G. Lauphler, jr., of Consolidated Vultee. Finances in his past campaigns have been headed by a St. Louis Republican, Sidney Maestri, the board chairman of the Mercantile Trust Co.

There is no Symington braintrust, as such, but the Senator reads widely and draws freely on the thoughts of men who impress him. His favorite sources are notably nonpartisan. A book called "What We Are For," written by President Eisenhower's one-time speech writer, Arthur Larsen is a favorite with Senator Symington. Other recent books that have influenced the Senator's thinking are Barbara Ward's "Five Ideas That Changed the World," Emmett John Hughes' "America, the Vincible," Lederer and Burdick's "The Ugly American,"

Four of five articles on the men who advise and assist the leading contenders for the 1960 presidential nomination.

McKinney of Indiana and William M. Boyle, jr., of Missouri, as well as F. Joseph (Jiggs) Donohue, a Truman-appointed District Commissioner who managed Senator Kefauver's 1956 presidential campaign. They advise the Senator of campaign strategy and contact party leaders on his behalf.

Field operations of the Symington forces—the Senator's equivocal status does not keep his backers from the ardent pursuit of delegates—are directed by Representative Brown, Democrat of Missouri. Mr. Brown, a smooth-talking former radio man, is noted for his 1956 feat of ousting Dewey Short from the Ozarks congressional seat most observers thought he had permanently acquired. He has been employing his talent on the Senator's behalf at gatherings around the country for the past year.

Heads Field Operations

Within the past month, a headquarters for Symington field operations has been opened in the Investment Building. William H. Perkins, jr., a Chicago insurance man, heads the staff on duty there. He is assisted by William J. Bray, a veteran Democratic campaign aide, and two young acquisitions from the staffs of the Democratic Senate and House Committees, Richard Davis and Conrad Cohen.

Because Senator Symington is relying chiefly on his performance in the Senate to establish his qualifications for the Presidency, the operations of his Senate staff are an integral part of his campaign effort.

The senior aide is slim, serious Edward C. Welsh, a professional economist who has been with Senator Symington since he headed the National Security Resources Board in 1950. Dr. Welsh, a Ph.D. from Ohio State, specializes in the national security and defense areas on which so much of the Senator's reputation rests.

When the Senator joined the Agriculture Committee two years ago, he brought onto his staff Edward Jaenke, 30, who had been teaching farm economics at the University of Missouri. Mr. Jaenke works closely with Richard M. Schmidt, jr., a former Denver prosecutor who was hired last summer to direct the Senator's investigating subcommittee's probe of the Agriculture Department.

The balance of the legislative work—and most of the Senator's speech writing—are handled by two 27-year-old Ivy

and "Protracted Conflict," an analysis of Soviet cold war strategy published by the Foreign Policy Research Institute of the University of Pennsylvania.

The Rockefeller Brothers Reports, the public statements of Allen Dulles, articles and books by Henry A. Kissinger and Walter Lippmann—all are grist for the Symington mental mill.