

# Loyalist Democrats Demand Free Radio, TV Time Equal to Shivers'

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DALLAS, March 1. — Texas' Democratic advisory committee Tuesday demanded free and "equally good" radio and television time for all stations carrying Governor Shivers' address at the Texas Independence Day celebration to be held in Dallas Wednesday.

The demands were made by Chairman Jim Sewell of Corsicana who heads the Loyalist Democratic group set up by the National Democratic Executive Committee to serve as a liaison with Texas. A link had been missing since the Texas State Democratic Executive Committee broke with the national group and supported President Eisenhower in 1952.

Shivers will speak over a statewide radio and television hook-

up at a \$50-a-plate dinner in Dallas Wednesday night sponsored by the State Democratic Executive Committee and the newly-chartered Texas Foundation, a tax-exempt organization set up by Conservative Democrats to promote interest in government.

## 'Equally Good Time.'

"We are requesting equally good time from all radio and television stations carrying the governor's speech," Sewell told the Times Herald by telephone.

"We are basing our request on the grounds that the governor's speech will be of a political nature before a political gathering," Mr. Sewell said.

The advisory committee chairman said the time would be sought for a speech by U. S. Senator Kefauver of Tennessee "or some other speaker." Kefauver is scheduled to make two speeches in Texas May 6-7 before Loyalist Democratic groups.

Shivers' Dallas address will be broadcast as a public service. Conservative Democrats sponsoring the dinner said the broadcast speech would be "nonpolitical" and would be followed by a political talk which will not be broadcast. Proceeds from the dinner will go to the Texas Foundation rather than the state executive committee.

## Climax Celebration.

The governor's talk will climax

a day-long celebration that ~~also~~ will feature a parade and a host of Texas-born Hollywood celebrities.

Scheduled for 11 a. m. Wednesday, the parade will pass Dallas' downtown section. The dinner will begin at 7 p. m. Entertainment by Hollywood stars will be from 8 to 9 with Shivers' address scheduled for 9 p. m.

Sewell began contacting radio stations Tuesday morning to demand equal free time for Loyalist Democratic speakers. The time demand likely will signal the beginning of a concerted attack on the Texas Foundation, which Loyalists have termed a "subterfuge" to gain use of tax-deductible funds for political purposes.

State Democratic Chairman George Sandlin of Austin, who also is one of the incorporators and directors of the foundation, said the organization was non-political.

As for Loyalist demands for free radio time, Sandlin said:

"Let them have it. I believe in free speech."

## Utility Board Bill Sent to Subcommittee

AUSTIN, March 1 (AP).—The House state affairs committee Monday sent to subcommittee for one week a bill by Representative

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