

# Adlai Stevenson: “A Verbal Flying Saucer”

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**WHETHER** he goes into the White House or not, Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic candidate for the United States Presidency, is sure of his corner in America's hall of fame.

**AS** the election battle moves towards its November climax, Stevenson emerges as the master of the telling phrase.

A verbal flying saucer whose very appearance no man had foreseen and whose course none can predict—Stevenson in speech after speech has shown himself a new phenomenon on the political horizon. He is a man who commands the English language in the

sense that he makes it do his bidding. Never from

**his bidding. Never from his mouth do you hear the cliché or the platitude.**

**Here are some phrases of his that have already registered in the United States:**

**On corruption in government:**

**'Whose fault is it? It's the fault of you, the people. Your public servants serve you right; indeed they often serve you better than your apathy and indifference deserve.'**

## **On Party Platforms**

**ON the party platforms:**

**"The real question is whether a platform represents the clicking of a ghost's typewriter or the beating of a human heart."**

**On the Republican Party:**

**"The boys whose elephant can't figure out whether to follow its trunk or its tail."**

**(The elephant is the Republican symbol.)**

**On Socialism and reaction: "I dislike creeping Socialism. But I dislike just as much a galloping reaction."**

**On electioneering: "The**

**On electioneering: "The sound of the tireless voice is the price we pay for the right to hear the music of our own opinions."**

**Here are some others:**

**"You can't bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift."**

**son to the Democrats as well as to the Republicans."**

**"The cruel grip of Soviet tyranny cannot be loosened by starting a war which would lead to untold suffering for innocent people everywhere."**

**"Time for a change? Change to what? Which party has anticipated the need for a change and done something about it?"**

**"A political party doesn't live on its laurel leaves."**

**"What can you say for the man who proclaims himself a patriot and then for political reasons attacks the patriotism of faithful public servants?"**

**"The fear of ourselves is not a real fear. Fears of war, depression and Communism—these are real."**

***Laws. Habits***

## **Laws, Habits**

**"L**AWS are never as effective as habits."

**"Anti-Negro discrimination in the South is the fire hazard in our nation's basement."**

**"Corruption in public office is treason, and it's trea-**

## **Fear Future**

**"T**HE Republicans have always been afraid of tomorrow."

**"Seldom has there been a bold idea for building America stronger, but Republican voices have been raised saying, 'You can't do that.'"**