

**WASHINGTON DATELINE**

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**Dunes' Shenkers at Demo Conv**

NEW YORK CITY -- Lillian and Morris Shenker, prominent St. Louis attorneys and Jewish community leaders, came to the Democratic National Convention with an "open mind" about a Presidential candidate and returned home as "strong supporters" of Jimmy Carter.

Morris Shenker, long active in the Democratic Party, has attended nine national conventions. He described the 1976 event as the "best organized" of all, adding:

"Obviously, the credit for such efficient organization must go to Chairman Robert S. Strauss and to S. Lee Kling." (Kling, a St. Louis businessman, was treasurer of Arrangements Committee of the Convention. He is also Finance Chairman of the Democratic National Convention and chairman of its National Finance Council. He was assisted by another St. Louisan, Frank Jacobs, a vice chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Finance Council.)

Mrs. Shenker, aside from practicing law in St. Louis in her husband's law firm, is Executive Consultant, Design and Planning at the Dunes Hotel and Country Club in Las Vegas, Nevada. She also expressed enthusiasm about the convention. "It was like a breath of fresh air blown to the Democratic Party," she told me during an interview at the New York Hilton at Rockefeller Center. "What a sharp contrast from the last two conventions!! There was none of the negativism and divisiveness of previous years -- and it all ran smoothly and efficiently."

Morris Shenker, in a separate interview in his suite at the Americana Hotel, said he was "exceptionally impressed" by Presidential nominee Jimmy Carter. "The more I see of Mr. Carter, the more I think of him," Shenker told me. "He says what he means and he means what he says."

"I haven't known a presidential candidate who appeared to be more disciplined and hard working than Carter. He has a quality of sincerity combined with concern for people that is lacking in many politicians."

Shenker, who is active in numerous Jewish organizations and civic affairs in St. Louis and in Las Vegas, where he is Chairman of the Board of the Dunes Hotel, continued: "Jimmy Carter relates well with people from all walks of life. He communicates with them rather than to them. The way he talks, the expressions he uses, the belief in himself and his cause -- all these make it easy to believe him."

Shenker met Carter for the first time at a breakfast hosted by S. Lee Kling at New York's Statler Hilton at the close of the convention.

"I'm leaving New York completely satisfied that Jimmy Carter can lead this country, and that he can restore the American people's confidence in their government," Shenker concluded.

As for Carter's choice of a vice president, Shenker observed: "I subscribe fully to Senator Mondale's principles and ideals. Walter Mondale and Jimmy Carter will make an excellent team. Senator Mondale will contribute much to the campaign and to the victory in November."

Mrs. Shenker added that Jimmy Carter "will be able to inspire confidence in our country and in our people -- and this is what has been lacking in the last few years."

"I firmly believe that Carter is a winner and that he is the kind of man our country has long needed and has long waited for," she said. "I came here with an open mind and with no allegiance to anyone, and I really have the feeling now that our party is going in the right direction."

A highlight of the Shenkers' New York stay was a visit to the Dance Festival at the Clark Center for the Performing Arts at the City University, where their daughter, Patty, 24, was both choreographer and dancer. Patty created and danced "Clara's Lament" based on the story of the American composer Robert Schumann and his widow, Clara, who helped immortalize her husband's music through her own piano virtuosity.

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Thus declared Dr. David Hyatt, a Catholic and President of the National Conference of Christians and Jews upon his return from a two-week study tour of Israel with a contingent of 50 Americans. "The action which

Israel took should have been undertaken by a UN anti-terrorist peace-keeping force," Dr. Hyatt stated. He termed Israel's actions "efficient," "brilliant," "brave," and "magnificent."

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