

‘PROSPERITY WITHOUT WAR’

Mitchell Pledges Employment Boost

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Labor Mitchell has pledged “any government action necessary” to boost employment and living standards, carrying out the “prosperity without war” theme to which the Republicans have pitched their campaign to win control of the next Congress.

Following President Eisenhower’s lead, Mitchell told a nationwide television and radio audience Tuesday night that 1954 has been “the most prosperous peacetime year in our history.”

He lashed out at “politicians trying to get your vote by distorting facts and trying to scare you.” He said that while there was some prosperity during the 20 years of Democratic administrations, “it was built on the suffering and tragedy of two wars.”

Joe Demands Peress Data

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.), evidently as a part of his defense against censure charges, renewed Wednesday a request for information about the Peress case from an old adversary, Secretary of the Army Stevens.

One of the grounds cited by a special six-man committee in recommending that McCarthy be censured by the full Senate was an accusation that he abused Brig. Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker last February while questioning him about Maj. Irving Peress.

With Senate debate on the McCarthy censure issue due to start in less than two weeks, McCarthy made public a “Dear Mr. Stevens” letter to the secretary renewing a request for a full report on the promotion and discharge of Peress.

Declaring that “months ago” during the McCarthy-Army hearings Stevens “conceded we were entitled to” such information, he wrote the secretary:

“You did send a list of names of some 30 officers who had contact with Peress or who were in his command.

“Significantly, you omitted the name of the individual who signed the honorable discharge, as well as the name of his commanding officers at the time he was promoted and the time he was honorably discharged. . .

“If you feel that some presidential blackout order prevents the Congress from obtaining this information, will you at least tell us what, if any, action was taken against the individual or individuals who ordered the promotion and the honorable discharge of this Fifth Amendment Communist, and whether they still hold the same or higher positions than they held at that time.”

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Nixon Attack Raises Issue

Public Use of FBI Files Involved

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Times said Wednesday the issue of public use of FBI files has been raised by Vice President Nixon's attacks on Rep. Robert L. Condon (D-Calif.).

The Times said Nixon based statements linking Condon with communism on a report which the newspaper reported was sent to all naval commands by the director of naval intelligence.

In a dispatch from Washington, the Times said although Nixon did not mention the FBI in his political speeches this week in the Far West, it was known in Washington that “the basis of the naval intelligence report was data supplied by the FBI.”

Asked at San Francisco airport for comment on the Times story, Nixon declared he had not been using FBI files. He said his charges are based on Condon's being barred from installation of the Navy and the Atomic Energy Commission.

The fact that Condon has been barred by these two branches of the government has been widely reported and is “old stuff,” Nixon said. Therefore, he added, the question of FBI files does not enter the picture.

The Times quoted from what it said was a mimeographed copy of Nixon's staff notes. These referred to the Navy report on Condon and made three specific references to FBI reports.

The Times said Navy security officials “deplored the introduction of intelligence into the political campaign but would make no official comment to confirm or deny that the report on Mr. Condon had been sent out to all naval commandants.”

Phosphorus Blast Kills Two Men

FT. CARSON, Colo. (AP) — A truckload of phosphorus left after the filming of a war movie exploded and killed two men Tuesday. A third was injured critically.

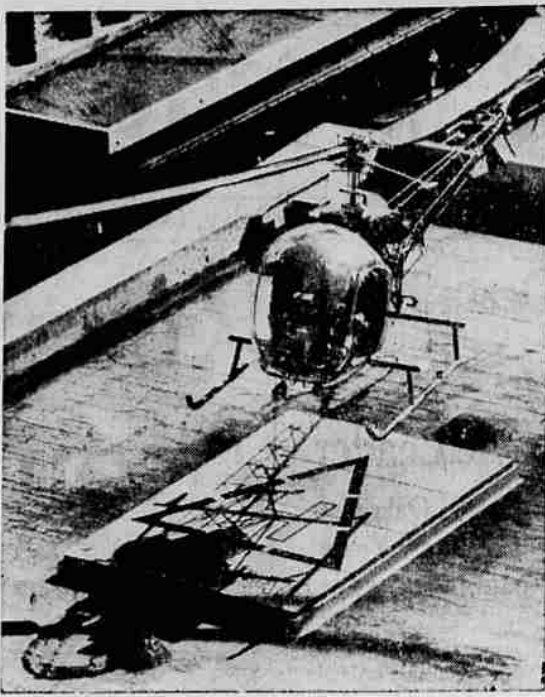
Killed in the violent blast were Louis Sarkas of Encino, Calif., and Royal Lowe of Van Nuys, Calif., both about 45 and employed by Warner Bros. Studio.

Paul Zook, of Colorado Springs, was injured.

The men had driven the phosphorus, used for battle effects in the Korean War picture “Target Zero,” away from the main building area to dispose of it. Officials said Sarkas and Lowe were in the truck when it exploded. Zook was about 20 feet away. The cause of the detonation was unknown.

Plane Crew Killed

MERCEDES, Argentina (AP) — An Argentine air force plane from the Villa Reynolds base in this central Argentine province crashed Tuesday and all 10 of its crewmen were reported killed.



NEW ROOFTOP LANDING FIELD — Helicopter Pilot Bob Gilbreath of Phoenix, Ariz., drops down in first demonstration of new CAA approved landing field, an 11x16-foot by 8-inch platform, for rooftop landings in cities. Use of the platform eliminates extra supports for roof. Demonstration was made in Phoenix this week.

Company Studies Atom Plant For Sea Water Distillation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bethlehem Steel Co. has embarked on a study of atomic power plants to turn the oceans' inexhaustible store of moisture into fresh water for parched regions remote from natural supplies.

The company's shipbuilding division also will design atomic power plants to drive commercial vessels along the sea lanes now dominated by steamers fueled by coal or oil.

Bethlehem's new atomic power studies, to continue for one year, were announced by the Atomic Energy Commission. They are in addition to design studies the company is making of atom power plants for large naval ships. The naval project was jointly announced Oct. 15 by the AEC and the Defense Department.

17 PROJECTS — The new studies will be industrial rather than military. They bring to 17 the number of projects undertaken by private industrial groups on development of nuclear power for peacetime purposes.

Bethlehem already had been involved in development of machinery for the atomic submarines Nautilus and Sea Wolf through its central technical department at Quincy, Mass.

Along with the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. of Newport News, Va., it also is under contract with the government to figure out designs for aircraft carriers and other large naval ships to be driven by atomic plants which are being developed by Westinghouse Electric Corp.



Cold Weather Piles Snow In Dakotas

By UNITED PRESS

The coldest weather of the season moved out of the West Wednesday in the wake of snows that piled up as high as 12 inches.

Temperatures skidded deep into the 20's in the Rocky Mountain States and Western Plains and got as low as 17 at Ely, Nev. Another cold mass dropped the mercury to 28 at Caribou, Me.

The oncoming cold front created temperature ranges of almost 50 degrees in Texas—from 28 at Delhart to 75 at Galveston.

Ahead of the cold front light rains or drizzles spread from the Great Lakes through the north-east states.

The blanket of fog that shrouded the Midwest Tuesday was blamed for the crash of an air force F80 shooting jet near Bluffton, Ind., in which the pilot was killed.

Slack highways and poor visibility caused scores of auto accidents, including one in which Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama, campaigning for Democratic candidates, suffered a cut knee near Evansville, Ind.

The cold chased snow clouds from the West and Great Plains, leaving 12 inches on the ground in South Dakota's Black Hills.

In East Texas, meanwhile, the Sabine River was above flood stage.

A crest of about 10 feet above flood stage was expected to hit Gladewater early next week.



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