

Quito, Ecuador —(U.P.)— Ecuador and Peru, in a step to normalize their relations, agreed Wednesday to reinstate their respective ambassadors.

Diplomatic relations between the countries were disrupted in March 1953 when the Ecuadorian government declared the Peruvian envoy persona non grata. Peru retaliated immediately.

Democrats Prepare To Exploit Ike's Health as Campaign Issue

Washington —(U.P.)— Democrats squared off today to exploit President Eisenhower's health as an issue in a campaign against a "part-time" president.

Their reaction to Mr. Eisenhower's second-term announcement ranged from outright de-

featism in some quarters to cheers in others. The cheers came from those who said they now would face the man who alone must take responsibility next November for the Eisenhower administration record.

"We can lick anybody they

put up," said former President Truman.

The Democrats approached the campaign with one eye on Mr. Eisenhower's cardiogram and the other on the farm vote. The Republicans felt that neither issue would mean much

against their "peace and prosperity" campaign with a candidate still riding a crest of popularity in public opinion polls.

Health is Issue

Nearly all Democrats emphasized that their 1956 campaign will be a rigorous one question-

ing whether Mr. Eisenhower's heart attack last fall would permit him to be a full-time president. Whether softly or bluntly, they were making an issue of the President's health.

Democrats said Mr. Eisenhower's candidacy would not affect their plans because they had already been assembling ammunition to campaign against the record of the Eisenhower administration.

Their three chief candidates—Adlai E. Stevenson, Sen. Estes Kefauver and New York Governor Averell Harriman—had all expressed the hope that Mr. Eisenhower could head the 1956 GOP ticket.

Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler contended that the Democrats were not raising the health issue against Mr. Eisenhower because, he said, the President had made the issue himself. He said the American people will never elect a president who "has had a serious heart attack and who is unable to be a full-time chief executive."

Humphrey Hears Speech

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), listened to Mr. Eisenhower's broadcast speech Wednesday night and said "it appears we will have a part-time campaign by a part-time president."

Stevenson said "it is fitting" that Mr. Eisenhower be the GOP candidate and that the President must carry "the burden of what will be a very vigorous campaign." Harriman said the lines have been drawn on the record of Mr. Eisenhower's administration "for which he must now at last take full responsibility."

"The campaign now can be waged on its merits," said Kefauver, "without mud-slinging but with no punches pulled."

Pierce Is Elected President of New Y's Men Club Here

Allan Pierce was elected president of the newly organized Medford Y's Men club at the YMCA last night. Other officers include Dick Loros, vice president; Glenn Jennings, secretary; and Ray Stickle, treasurer.

The club, for men between 20 and 35 years old, hopes to receive a charter to be affiliated with Y's Men international, which has chapters in 57 countries and operates as a part of the YMCA.

The Klamath Y's Men club sponsored the new club here, and last week visited Medford to stimulate and assist organization of the local club.

Purpose Stated

The purpose of the club is to cultivate Christian fellowship among all denominations, and to keep better informed on civic, economic, social and international subjects, according to Pierce.

Members who have applied for the charter and who are now participating include Petty Prentice, the Rev. John Reynolds, Dr. Milton Snow, Jennings Pierce, Larue Morris, Bob Jones, Steve Bear, Loros Stickle, Wayne England, Glenn Klein, Robert Smith, Rex Vowell, Frank Morris, the Rev. Bob Burger, Ellis Whittney, James Corwin, Dick Henselman and Bill Pearl.

Members of the YMCA basketball team which won the AAU sub-district playoffs here were honored at a dinner last night.

Miss Mary Vandenburg of the Child Guidance clinic, spoke on counseling individuals, emphasizing that every person has some form of counseling during a lifetime. She said counseling comes either through direct suggestion or by setting patterns which others follow.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the YMCA.

in "mortal peril" from possible explosions at the Naval Ammunition depot there.

He said Congress should grant the Navy's request to move the entire town.

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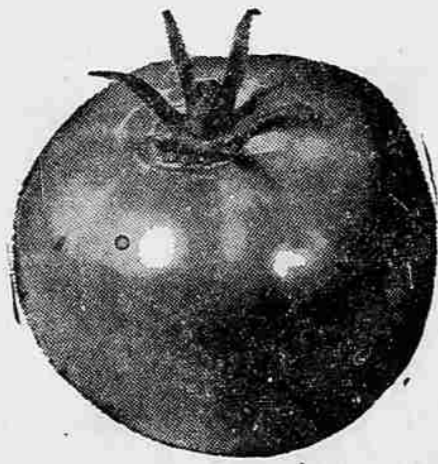
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