

# Stevenson 'Exhilarated' by New Mexico Meeting; Takes Caravan Into Northwest

Santa Fe, N.M. (U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson, "exhilarated" by talks with Democratic leaders here, today took his caravan of campaign trouble-shooters into the Pacific Northwest.

The Stevenson plane left Santa Fe and landed for fuel 15 minutes later at Albuquerque. About 100 persons were on hand at the airport. The chartered DC7 took off for Portland, Ore., after a 40-minute stop. It was due in Portland about 11:35 a.m. (PST).

Stevenson told reporters at Albuquerque the Santa Fe meeting was "a great success" and "confirmed our confidence in a Democratic victory."

"Everyone shared the feeling of Sen. Kefauver and myself that we should carry our campaign direct to the people," Stevenson said.

A reporter noted that six of the seven states at the meeting went Republican in 1952.

"We've had the impression there is a very sharp change in most of these states," Stevenson replied.

A reporter asked: "What kind of a change?"

"Toward the Democrats, Natch," Stevenson said.

Stevenson complimented New Mexico Democratic leaders. He said Gov. John Simms handled the meeting "admirably."

"Certainly here is a political leader who should be encouraged," Stevenson said. "He has my confidence and admiration and I earnestly hope his excel-

lent conduct of his office is rewarded by re-election."

Stevenson said he was "especially pleased" to receive the approval of the Democratic farm plank of New Mexico Sen. Clinton Anderson.

He said Anderson had tentatively agreed to help him in arranging details of his coming campaign.

Kefauver said he was impressed by the "fine spirit of unity" and the "confidence" expressed by delegates to the meeting.

He said some delegates had supported Gov. Averell Harriman of New York for the presidential nomination and some backed Sen. John Kennedy of Massachusetts for vice president, but "everybody was outspoken in their determination to do everything possible for the entire ticket."

From Portland, the barnstormers were scheduled to motor to Bonneville, Wash., dam.

Stevenson, sunburned and eating a box lunch en route, and then to Vancouver for a five-state party meeting.

Sources in the Stevenson camp said one topic that would come up was the chances of two Democratic senators from the Northwest to win reelection—Wayne Morse of Oregon and Warren Magnuson of Washington. Morse and Magnuson were named co-chairmen on the meeting.

Both senators face tough competition in November from prominent Republicans—Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington against Magnuson, and former Interior Secretary Douglas McKay against Morse.

A rugged day was in store for Stevenson and Kefauver. After their Vancouver parley is over, they will take off tonight for another session Wednesday at Sioux City, Iowa, a total of 2,600 miles of flying in 18 hours.

Stevenson, sunburned and

looking tired after a busy day, told reporters when the Santa Fe meeting broke up Monday the talks were "even more satisfactory than I thought possible."

Stevenson said he received "state-by-state assurances of victory" and the "enthusiasm and spirit" displayed by Democratic leaders of seven states who attended "exhilarated me."

Asked by reporters whether he would attack President Eisenhower directly in the campaign, he said "I hope I shan't attack him at all." Instead, he said, he would concentrate on the President's conduct of his office and his "failure of leadership."

House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) told the meeting, however, that he believed Mr. Eisenhower "should not be spared."

Rayburn said when the President's cabinet is "criticized for its shortcomings, it's the whole administration, and Mr. Eisenhower is the head of it."

# Crops Suffering Insect Damage, Report Declares

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department said today crops are suffering widespread damage from insects across the country.

Officials said it is too early to determine the extent of damage caused by the insects, but they agreed it is heavier than normal.

The department's weekly cooperative economic insect report said grasshoppers and European corn borers continue as leading problems in several states. Cotton insects also are on the increase, and vegetable insects are damaging crops in various sections of the country.

The department said several insects have increased their range. For the first time, the sweetclover aphid has been found in Mississippi, Virginia, and Kentucky; the spotted alfalfa aphid in North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Virginia; the Rhodes grass scale in Arizona, and a barberry leaf-worm in Delaware.

The tobacco budworm showed up in Hawaii and a lily aphid in California also for the first time.

The department said grasshoppers continued as a threat to legumes and fall planted small grains in Wisconsin, Utah, Missouri, and some other states. A heavy population of grasshoppers also is present in Northwest Idaho.

The European corn borer, always a heavy destroyer, has caused widespread damage this summer and continued to reproduce heavily in areas of Illinois and Minnesota.

The corn earworm has caused some concern in many areas from Rhode Island to Utah.

**BULLET WOUND FATAL**  
Vancouver, Wash.—(U.P.)—Alvin Dodge, 39, died late yesterday from a bullet wound accidentally inflicted by himself earlier in the day, Coroner Fred Apple reported.

**BELLY DANCERS CALLED**  
London—(U.P.)—Samia Gama is rallying her fellow belly dancers to the Egyptian flag in defense of the Suez, reports from Cairo said today.

# Investigation Ordered on Report Of Rioting on Mexican 'Hell Ship'

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. Robert H. Mollohan (D-W.Va.) today ordered a staff investigation of reported rioting aboard an immigration service "hell ship" deporting Mexican wetbacks.

Mollohan, reached by United Press at Elkins, W.V., said he wants additional information on the "deplorable conditions" on board the Mexican flag vessel Mercurio before calling a full-dress investigation by his House Government Operations subcommittee.

But he said a previous congressional inquiry of the ship chartered by the U.S. government to carry Mexican wetbacks from Port Isabel, Tex., to Vera Cruz, Mexico, revealed such poor safety and sanitary conditions that the alleged rioting "was about what you would expect." The subcommittee said conditions aboard the Mercurio were like a penal "hell ship."

**Makes Unscheduled Stop**  
An Immigration service

spokesman admitted the ship made an unscheduled stop at Tampico, Mexico, and that rumors had reached here of rioting by some 500 Mexicans on board.

But he said a Mexican official telephoned the service that the Mercurio put into Tampico because one of the passengers required emergency medical treatment.

Capt. Luis G. Sevilla, chief of the port facilities at Tampico, was quoted by the spokesman as saying that "30 or 40" Mexicans jumped off the ship when she docked. But he said the Mexican official reported none of the passengers "drowned" to his knowledge.

Reports reaching here described rioting over poor living conditions as the reason the Mercurio put in at Tampico. Thirty-six passengers were reported to have leaped overboard when the ship docked and four of them drowned.

Deputy Attorney General William P. Rogers defended conditions aboard the Mercurio only last week. He said U.S. and Mexican officials on board ate the same food as the border jumpers.

Mollohan's investigators have charged that about 500 Mexicans jammed aboard the Mercurio. The investigators said the ships is an old World War II corvette that normally carries about 70 to 90 passengers.

They said the ship has only two lifeboats with a total capacity of 48 persons, does not have enough life jackets and the passengers are crowded under filthy living conditions that include no sleeping facilities except the open deck.

Rogers said the ship was the most efficient method of preventing "repeaters" from returning illegally to this country. He said by transporting them deep into Mexico, it discouraged them from returning.

# Communist China Tells of Fighter Attack on Plane

Washington—(U.P.)—Communist China has informed the United States that Red aircraft attacked a plane in the general area and at the same time that an American Navy plane was shot down in the Far East.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles reported today that in a note received through diplomatic channels, Red China indicated there were no survivors.

Sixteen Americans were aboard the Navy plane. One body with metal fragments from gunfire has been recovered.

Dulles said Red China indicated belief that the plane attacked by Communist fighters was a Chinese Nationalist aircraft.

But there seemed no doubt in Dulles' mind that the downed plane was the American aircraft lost about a week ago.

Dulles said the United States had asked Red China, through British diplomatic channels, for information on the incident.

The secretary said he saw the reply only this morning, and that Red China concedes a plane

was shot down in the general area at the same time of the attack on the American plane.

He described the note as entirely negative with respect to survivors. He said the inference of the note was that Red Chinese aircraft made the attack.

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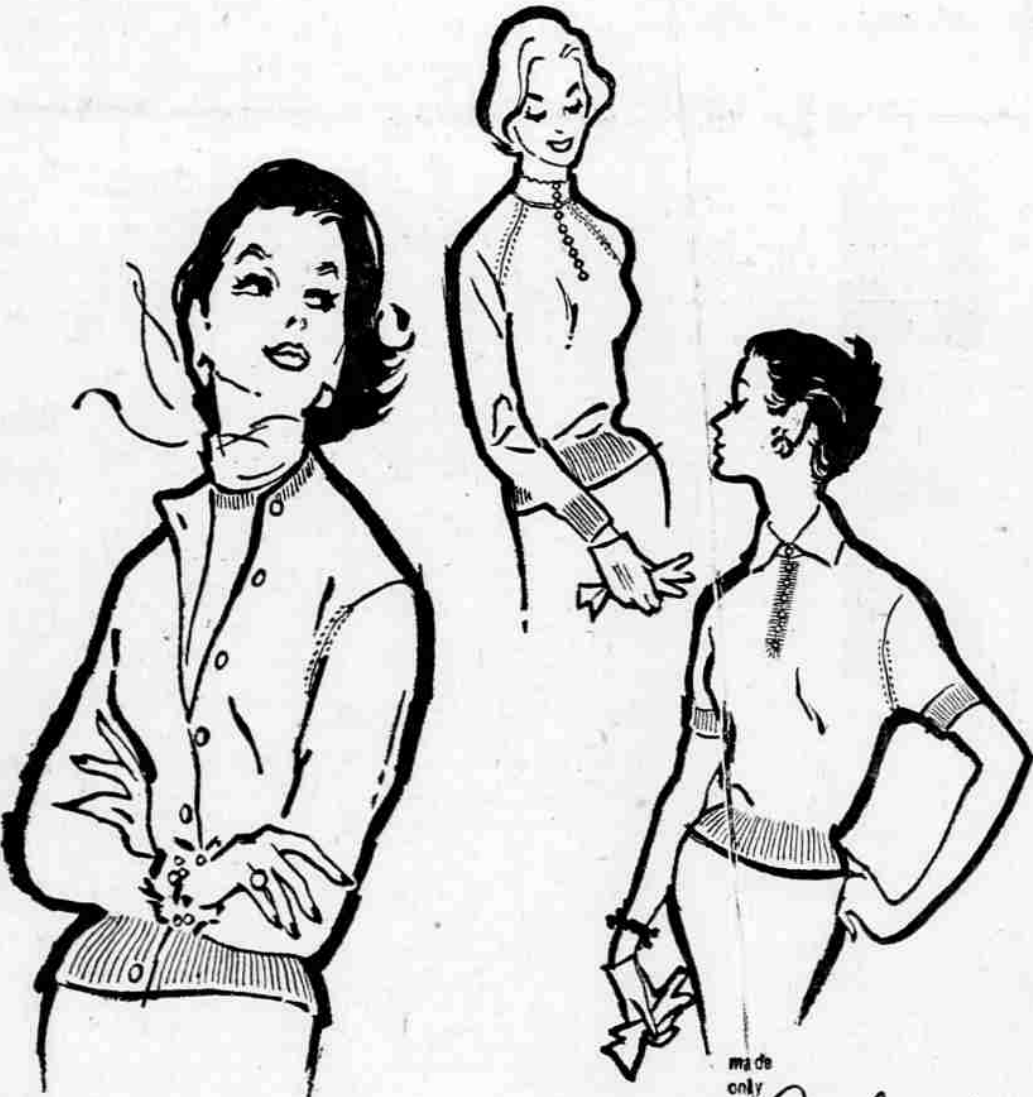
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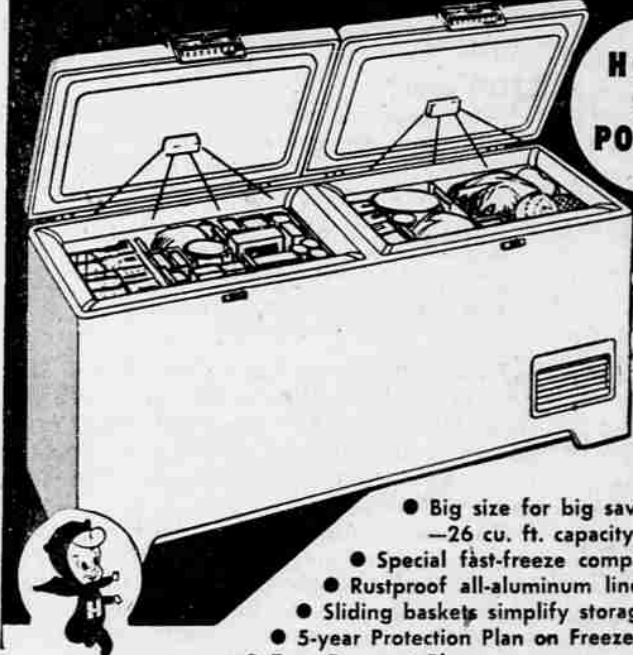
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