

### Kuchel Attacks Leader's Actions

Washington — (AP) — Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R-Calif.) today accused Gov. George M. Leader of Pennsylvania of trying to "weasel out" of his alleged suggestion that Vice President Richard M. Nixon retire to Alcatraz.

"Newspapers from coast to coast carried the item," Kuchel said in a statement issued by the Republican National committee. "He made no attempt to deny it until a howl was raised by decent citizens . . ."

Two GOP senators—Leverett M. Saltonstall (Mass.) and H. Alexander Smith (N.J.), and Rep. Pat Hillings (R-Calif.), demanded Monday that Leader apologize to Nixon.

Leader told an Oakland, Calif., Democratic rally last week "a little place" in adjoining San Francisco Bay would be a good place for Nixon to retire to. Alcatraz prison is on an island in the bay.

Leader subsequently denied at Harrisburg, Pa., that he was referring to Alcatraz.

But Saltonstall said Leader in his California speech "indicated clearly he meant Alcatraz island."

"Any explanations are obviously afterthoughts," he said. "It looks to me as if he felt Nixon's campaign was going so well he was scratching for something to say to discredit him."



**SHADES OF ELVIS**—Democratic Presidential Candidate Adlai E. Stevenson strums a guitar like an old hand during rally at Richmond, Calif. The instrument was presented to him by Jerry Walters, leader of the Gateway Singers, popular recording folk-singing quartet. In making the Democratic standard bearer an honorary Gateway Singer, Walters reminded Stevenson that his platform provided for everyone but aging folk-singers. Stevenson quipped, "It doesn't provide for aging orators, either."

### Pineau, Shepilov Open New Suez Talks

Paris — (AP) — French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau and Soviet Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov open a new series of talks on the Suez dispute here today.

The atmosphere was cleared somewhat by a statement in Moscow by Soviet Vice Premier Anastas Mikoyan upholding Israel's position on the Suez and by an optimistic editorial in Pravda, the official Soviet Communist Party newspaper.

Pineau arrived home from the U.N. Security Council Suez debate Monday only four hours after Shepilov flew in from New York.

"No one could doubt that we shall discuss the Suez problem on which we already have put forth four views in New York," Pineau said. "Needless to say, our views were not identical, but this does not prevent us from discussing the matter again."

### Western Electric, CWA Disagree on Movement

Winston-Salem, N.C. — (AP) Western Electric Co. and the striking Communication Workers of America disagreed today on the effectiveness of a rumored "back to work" movement by the company's employees.

A union spokesman said Monday night the movement was a "complete failure," but company officials said more employees represented by the union had reported for work Monday than at any other time during the long strike.

### Nevada Finally Gets Place In World of Petroleum

Ely, Nev. — (AP) — After nearly 50 years of exploration, the state of Nevada has finally made itself a place—still small to be sure—in the fabulous world of petroleum.

Scores of holes have been drilled in the rolling, sometimes jagged hills and mountains of the Great Basin range and in the sagebrush and sand covered deserts covering much of the state.

But until the Shell Oil company successfully completed its Eagle Springs Unit No. 1 in Railroad Valley, 60 miles southwest of Ely near U.S. Highway 6, none of the wells had produced petroleum in commercial grade and quantity.

Since the Eagle Springs discovery well was completed in June of 1954, two more producing wells have been completed in the same field and further exploration to determine its size and potential reserve is continuing.

**More Holes Needed**  
Walter L. Smith, district geologist for the Shell Oil company, in an interview with United Press, said it was "just too darn early" to forecast whether Railroad Valley would be a "major field," adding "it will take many more holes" to prove the area.

How long it would take to provide the necessary production proof, he said, "depends on work by the industry as a whole."

Many other major companies and independents have started exploration programs in Nevada, beginning with the first—

"dry hole"—drilling in 1912. But it was not until the Korean War, starting in 1950, that efforts were intensified and a systematic program started. Two major efforts were made at Hayden Creek, 40 miles west of Ely, and Summit Springs, 24 miles northwest of this White Pine County seat, but neither paid off.

Other programs have been conducted east of Elko, where Richfield Oil has just abandoned a dry hole; in Pine Valley near Diamond and in the Las Vegas area, but none has yet been successful.

**Shallow Soil**  
Oil from Shell's Eagle Springs units is trucked 450 miles to a refinery at Bakersfield, Calif., by tankers that travel east with loads of fuel oil for mining operations in the Tonopah area.

Smith said that the Nevada desert, despite its desolate appearance, is a "geologist's paradise" because the Great Basin country has a shallow soil mantle and little vegetation, permitting experts to "read" the geology virtually on the surface.

The fact that most of Nevada is government-owned public domain eases the problem of exploration access and land titles. Weather is such that drilling can be conducted from May 1 to Oct. 1, at least, in most years.

The Railroad Valley petroleum producing zone is at a depth of 6,445 to 6,878 feet, where the oil is found in fractures of a "tertiary" volcanic rock. Eagle Springs Unit No. 1 originally was drilled to 10,358 feet for exploration, but plugged later in the production zone.



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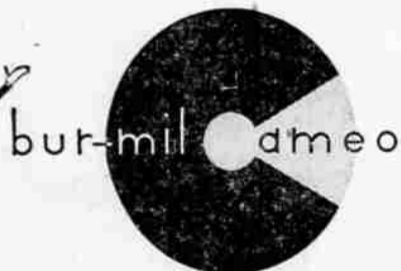


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