

Wilson, Finletter Tell Defense Views Under GOP, Democratic Administrations

Editor's note: National defense policy is a big issue in this political campaign. Leading spokesmen for the two major parties present their views on it in the following statements written for the United Press.

The Democratic spokesman is Thomas K. Finletter, who was secretary of the Air Force in the Truman administration, 1950-52. Many believe he would be appointed secretary of defense if Adlai Stevenson were elected President.

The Republican spokesman is Charles E. Wilson, who has been secretary of defense throughout the Eisenhower administration.

THE REPUBLICAN CASE
By CHARLES E. WILSON
Secretary of Defense
Written for United Press

The clear objective of our National defense policy is to preserve the security of the United States and its fundamental institutions.

Shortly after the shooting was ended in Korea by concluding an honorable armistice, our military programs were reviewed. A new policy of strength for the long pull was adopted. This "new look" emphasized air power and new and more effective weapons with a saving in manpower.

Great progress has been made in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of our entire military establishment. Our retaliatory striking power is today greater and more effective than ever before. This striking power is not based on a single strategy but remains flexible to meet whatever emergency may arise. It is this capability that makes our armed forces the effective guardian of world peace.

Rapidly Improving System

We are rapidly improving our continental defense system.

Our reserve forces are being steadily strengthened as an important part of our military establishment.

Our military services have the most modern and effective weapons and equipment that science and technology can provide. A carefully planned research and development program is designed to insure that this continues to be true.

To halt any important part of this program without reliable checks on the activities of other governments, particularly the testing of new weapons, could only imperil the safety of our country.

We have made military careers more attractive through the enactment of numerous career incentive laws and are studying what further improvements should be made in this area.

New Procurement Policies

We have adopted and spelled out new policies in defense procurement to make sure that small business concerns have a full and fair chance to obtain defense contracts and sub-contracts.

We in the Defense Department recognize the obligation we share with the rest of the executive branch, the Congress and the American people to improve understanding throughout the world of mankind to avoid the destruction and horror that would result from a global war using today's fantastic weapons. Through maintaining a sound defense as a continuing policy we will preserve what at times may seem to be an uneasy peace until men of good will, through

out the world, have had time to complete the foundations for a just and lasting peace.

I am frequently asked, "Is the United States secure against attack?"

Can Inflict Defeat?

My reply is that we are. I am confident that, in any war in which the United States may become engaged, we have today the weapons and military power to inflict a disastrous defeat upon any enemy.

I am also frequently asked, "Is any nation ahead of us in the arms race or likely to be ahead of us in the next few years?"

My reply is that no nation is ahead of us now, nor will any be in the years ahead if we resolutely follow our present programs under President Eisenhower's leadership. Fortunately for the world as well as our own country, he combines actual experience in combat with a thorough understanding of the peacetime instincts and desires of the American people. No other citizen is so well qualified to deter-

mine our military requirements and guide us on the road to peace as is our commander-in-chief.

THE DEMOCRATIC CASE
By THOMAS K. FINLETTER
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Written for United Press

The Democratic case on defense is that the present policy of our government is unnecessary taking chances with the security of the United States.

The purpose of defense planning in peace time is to give our country the forces it needs (1) to prevent war by making other nations fear to attack us and (2) to be ready for war if nevertheless war should come.

In the day of the hydrogen bomb the first of these purposes is all important. Nobody will win the next war. There must be no next war.

Planning for Future

Under the Truman administration the United States had a defense force which was overwhelmingly superior to the Rus-

sians, particularly in air atomic power. There was a great gap between us and the Russians, not only in bombs but in the airplanes and missiles which would carry these bombs. Also we were planning for the future. We had a good program to keep ahead of the Russians in research and development, that is in the quality of our aircraft, missiles and weapons.

We have lost this advantage. The gap between us and the Russians has been nearly closed. Testimony before the Symington committee in the Senate has shown that most of our lead in the quality of airplanes has been lost to the Russians in the past three and one half years. Our great deterrent power is approaching the point where it may be lost completely.

Some Unavoidable

Some of this is unavoidable. The Russians are putting on a crash program for the A-bomb, the H-bomb, the airplanes and missiles (both in numbers and in quality) and above all in their planning for the future, that is in research and development. Still, there is no reason why this great United States could not put on a crash program too. There is no reason why we should lose this race to the Russians.

Why is this happening? One reason is that the Eisenhower administration started in 1953 with a \$5 billion cut in the Air Force, and did it with no explanation to the people of the country why its Air Force should be cut by a third. The administration did this for fiscal reasons, to cut expenses, to balance the budget. Since then we have recovered some of the ground we lost to the Russians but not enough. We are not yet taking the Russian threat seriously enough.

Improvement Needed

I have emphasized air atomic power. There are many other things in defense planning and the defense establishment which need improvement. But this is the most important one. Because of it depends our hope that our people may be saved the horrors of hydrogen war.

I know the Republican answer to this will be that no such situation as I have described is possible as long as General Eisenhower is president. But I would point out that defense planning in peace is by no means wholly a military matter. It is a question of national policy about which men may differ.

Some time ago, on March 20, 1950, just three months before the Korean war started, General Eisenhower testified before a congressional committee that our military budget should not be over \$15 billion a year and that our Air Force should be about one-third of its presently planned size. Shortly afterwards we were spending at the rate of \$60 billion a year. Even now we are spending well over \$30 billion; and our plans are for 137 Air Force wings instead of the 48 which General Eisenhower recommended.

Not Faulty Judgment

No one will claim this judgment of President Eisenhower's at the time was a faulty military judgment. It is simply a difference in the philosophy of the force levels which are desirable as a matter of national policy. The present loss of American air atomic superiority over Russia is due not to a faulty military judgment but to the purposes our military forces should serve and above all as the amount of money we are willing to spend for them.

Stevenson Plunges Into Five-Day Swing In Vote-Rich Areas

Chicago—(UP)—Adlai E. Stevenson plunged into the final two weeks of his campaign today with a five-day swing centered on vote rich New York, Illinois and California.

Stevenson, still embroiled in a running fight over his ideas about ending H-bomb tests, was scheduled to leave by plane this afternoon for New York City. He will campaign in that area until Thursday, when he returns to Illinois for a visit at Springfield Thursday.

Stevenson will fly to California for addresses in San Francisco and Los Angeles Saturday. Enroute, he will stop at Albuquerque, N.M., and on his way back he will spend Saturday night in Phoenix, Ariz.

H-Bomb Hot Issue

The booty involved in Stevenson's tour this week is considerable—New York, Illinois and California carry 104 electoral votes of the 286 needed to win the presidency in the election two weeks from today.

Stevenson's view that this nation should take the lead in seeking an end to H-bomb tests shapes up as the hottest issue currently, and possibly until

election day.

The Democratic nominee added fuel to the fire Monday with a statement saying he agreed with President Eisenhower in resenting the way Russian Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin came out late last week in support of an end to the tests.

Bulganin endorsed the view of "certain prominent public figures" in America on the issue, a term taken by some to refer to Stevenson. Mr. Eisenhower said he regarded this as an interference in this nation's internal affairs.

Shares Resentment

Stevenson said "I share fully President Eisenhower's resentment," but added, "the real issue is what we are going to do to save the world from hydrogen disaster."

Stevenson aimed criticism at the President's strongly-worded reply to Bulganin.

"Viewed from the standpoint not of politics, but of peace, I think the President's reply is unfortunate," Stevenson said.

The Democrat said Bulganin may have offered to halt Russian H-bomb tests "for propaganda purposes only," but it was possible to move ahead now toward a stop to the further explosion of hydrogen bombs.

SP Workers Killed In Crash With Train

Klamath Falls—(UP)—Two Southern Pacific railroad employees were killed yesterday near Erickson, Calif., about 50 miles south of here, when the section car on which they were riding collided with the south-bound Shasta Daylight.

Southern Pacific officials identified the men as L. L. Wells, 65, and Ralph Farrar, 25. They were members of a welding crew working out of Penoyar, Calif., near Weed.

Two other men on the section car, Foreman Ray Studebaker, and Forest Bateman, a helper, jumped from the car and escaped with only cuts and bruises.

Portland Woman, 22, Charged With Murder

Portland—(UP)—Blonde Elnor Allen, 22, was charged with murder yesterday in connection with the fatal shooting Sunday night of Betty Jean Scott, 24, in the north Portland home where both lived.

Detectives Einar Moen and Philip Jackson said that Mrs. Allen first told them an unknown assailant shot the woman but later changed her story and said it was accidental. The detectives said the two women apparently had struggled over an argument which involved Mrs. Allen's brother and younger sister.

James Willis Gipson, 34, was wounded in the arm when the pistol discharged. The detectives said Mrs. Allen told them she obtained the gun but that it went off again as she tried to set the safety, striking Miss Scott in the neck.

Mrs. Allen told police she first told the story of the unknown assailant because she was afraid she would lose custody of her five-year-old daughter.

Sioux Falls, S. D.—(UP)—Dwight Nystrom spotted some carp trying to swim upstream in a roadside ditch near Lake Madison. He got out of his car and clubbed eight of them to death with a number nine golf iron.

Ike To Undergo Physical Checkup During Week End

Washington—(UP)—President Eisenhower this week end will undergo the "head to toe" physical examination that he promised to have before election day.

The White House said results of the examination will be released at the latest on Monday—eight days before the voters go to the polls.

Enters Hospital Saturday

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty announced Monday the President will enter Walter Reed Army Medical Center Saturday and remain overnight while undergoing the "head to toe" check up.

Hagerty said the President felt "fine" after his five-day campaign swing to the West Coast last week.

The President today continued to press his reelection campaign. He prepared to release this afternoon a special reply to Democratic presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson's proposal to halt H-bomb testing. He will speak tonight at the 75th anniversary celebration of the AFL-CIA Carpenters Union at the Sheraton-Park hotel here. The talk will not be broadcast.

Interview Wednesday

The President will be interviewed Wednesday by a panel of GOP women in an afternoon television appearance. He will speak at Madison Square Garden in New York Thursday night.

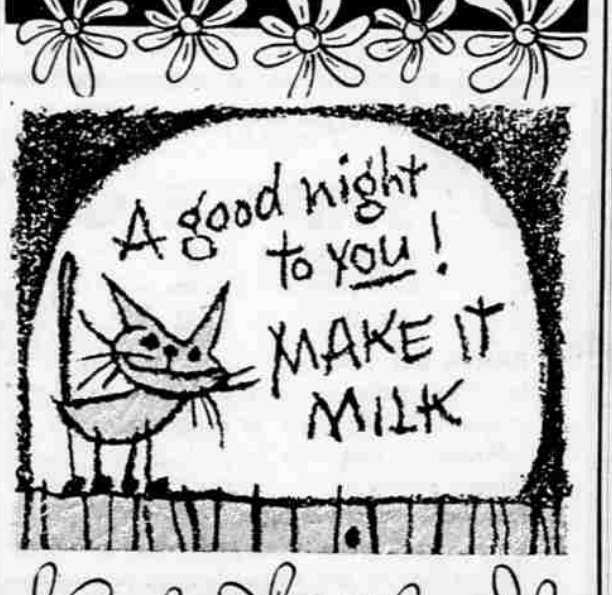
Hagerty said top military and civilian doctors who attended the President for his ileitis operation and after his heart attack will take part in examining him.

He said a report on the results will be issued if possible on Sunday but "no later than Monday."

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Kefauver Charges Soil Bank Money Used To Get Votes

Waterloo, Iowa—(UP)—Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) charged today that the Eisenhower administration is spending soil bank money as election bait in states where the Republicans are in political trouble.

"The soil bank is being cut and trimmed to fit the political needs of the Eisenhower administration," the vice presidential candidate said in a speech prepared for delivery before a combined AFL-CIO and national farmers organization meeting at the fair grounds here.

"I am sure Iowa farmers will not be fooled by Republican leap year sympathy," he said.

"Very little of the money is going to states that are considered to go Democratic," he said on his second trip to Iowa since Oct. 12. "Not much more of it is going to states that are considered safely Republican."

"The money is being spent in states where Republicans are in the most serious political trouble, states like Iowa," Kefauver said. "One fifth of the whole national total that is being spent on the soil bank is going into Iowa."

Kefauver said he was in favor of the soil bank which he said was originated by the Democrats anyway. But he said the Republicans have turned it into a short term, election year political operation.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

Queen To Receive Grunther and Wife

London—(UP)—Queen Elizabeth will receive Gen. Alfred Grunther and his wife in audience Wednesday when they arrive in London for a three-day farewell visit before the general relinquishes his post as supreme allied commander in Europe, it was announced today.



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