

Morse Draws Blame, Praise For Stand On Ike Campaign

By FRANK W. VALLE
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Oregon letter-writers are divided about equally between praise and condemnation of the decision by Sen. Morse (R-Ore.) not to campaign actively for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

An aide to the senator said about 150 letters have been received from Oregon since Morse took his stand. Another 500 have come in from non-Oregon residents.

Among the senator's constituents, the reaction has been equally divided. But Morse himself told a newspaper he expects his home state reaction to be against him before the final letter on the subject is received.

"Your friends stop writing but your enemies keep right on," he explained.

Outside of Oregon, the response has been favorable by a 3-1 majority, Morse estimated. The senator said he was particularly struck

by the large number of favorable letters received from ministers "who saw the moral issue involved."

On the other hand, some of the "anti" letters charged the senator with being "a chronic aggriver" and "acting like a small boy whose jolly-pop has been stolen."

Morse disclosed several weeks ago that he had reversed his earlier decision to campaign for the Republican nominee. After Eisenhower's meeting with Sen. Taft (R-Ohio), Morse charged the Republican nominee and his cabinet members with having compromised principles for political expediency. He said he would vote for Eisenhower, however.

The Oregon senator re-emphasized in an interview Tuesday that his decision was not based upon any personal feud with Taft, although the two have differed frequently.

Morse said he respects Taft because the Ohio senator "is no compromiser of political principles." He said he had agreed to go before the Republican convention, had Taft won the nomination, with a plea for party unity.

When Eisenhower won the nomination, however, Morse said he felt the "victory meant an endorsement of what we had been led to believe were more liberal Republican views on the part of Eisenhower in respect to both foreign and domestic policies."

"It seems to me," the senator continued, "that this far in this campaign Eisenhower has compromised those views and that is the real reason for my withdrawing my offer to make a campaign speech."

Army Unveils Atom Gun With Range of 20--Miles

By ELTON C. FAY
 AP Military Affairs Reporter
 WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has unveiled a new 20-ton atom gun and shown that it can "roll" smoothly across fields into position to fire super-explosive barrages within 20 minutes.

It is the world's first atomic artillery piece.

The gun, which the army calls an "all-purpose weapon," was put through its paces at a special preview for photographers at the Aberdeen, Md., proving grounds recently.

Ordinance experts have been trying out its mobility and firing capacity for months at the giant testing grounds, but standard ammunition was used rather than atomic rounds.

The Army indicated that the weapon can use either atomic or standard rounds merely by changing the type of missile.

The gun has a caliber of 300 millimeters, approximately 12 inches. Thus, in itself, disclose how compactly the Atomic Energy Commission scientists now are able to build atomic missiles which at one time could barely be crowded into the bomb bay of a B-29.

There was talk at the demonstration of a 20-mile range for the gun.

This approximates the range for coast-to-coast and naval guns of somewhat similar caliber.

Twenty miles would be a practical distance for placing the gun safely behind friendly lines, firing over those lines and laying down an atomic barrage on enemy infantry and armor without endangering friendly troops from the blast, heat or radiation.

In the non-atomic demonstration at Aberdeen, conventional propellant charges of standard powder, in bags, were loaded behind an ordinary test projectile.

The rate of fire seemed to be approximately that of any of the large caliber, non-automatic guns used by the Army and Navy.

This is how the "all-purpose weapon" looks to visitors:

Its tube is almost 40 feet long, designed to stabilize the missile by a spinning motion, just like a standard gun.

The elevation of its muzzle, or maximum range, appears also to be like that used in a standard gun.

A two-gun battery is used in the Aberdeen tests.

Nine other vehicles are used in support, including two power-generating trucks.

The power unit is hooked to the

gun by electrical cable, thus supplying electrical power for traversing and raising the elevation of the rifle.

Two engine cabs, looking much like the hauling end of the tractor trailer rigs you see on the highways, but with heavier construction, supply the power for moving the chassis through 500-horsepower engines.

The gun and its mount are suspended between the two cabs.

In its movements, the gun handles almost exactly like a fire department's aerial ladder truck.

The driver in the rear cab has a telephone headset connecting him with the forward cab driver who keeps the "rigger man" informed of his steering moves.

Essentially, the atom gun is a vastly improved version of the familiar railway gun—but with the major advantage of not being pinned down to railroad lines.

The gun, wheeling off a highway over which it can move at the speed of most heavy-laden trucks, trundles out onto a field, climbing over humps and rough ground on the many wheels of its two tractors and followed by the supporting units of trucks.

Crews swarm out of the trucks. Hydraulic hoists lower the gun and its mount from the tractors, which pull away.

Times Hints Acheson May Take Firmer Korean Stand

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Times said Tuesday that Secretary of State Dean Acheson soon may warn Russia and her Allies that the United States will ask for further United Nations action in Korea if the armistice deadlock there is not broken.

The Times, in a dispatch from United Nations headquarters here, said it is believed Acheson will present the American stand on Korea to the U. N. General Assembly soon after it opens Oct. 14.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman termed the Times report "speculative."

"It is understood that Mr. Acheson wants to be the first speaker in the assembly's opening debate, which will probably get under way Oct. 15 or 16, after the election of assembly officers," the Times dispatch said.

It quoted a well-informed source as saying Acheson's decision to speak at the start of the assembly was proper since it is meeting in the United States. Other sources, said the Times, remarked that the secretary might want to counter recent Republican attacks on the administration's Korean policy before the presidential election.

The Times story added that: "The United States proposals regarding Korea are not yet in final form and are still under discussion among the Western powers."

The United States also is expected to ask the assembly to approve the general policies already followed by the U. N. in Korea—including, at least by implication, approval of the way the United States has led the conduct of the war and the armistice negotiations.

Britain and France are understood to want the discussion of Korea postponed until after their foreign ministers arrive. Both British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman do not plan to come to the assembly until after the U. S. voting.

Dispatches from Moscow indicate Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky may not arrive until a few days after the assembly opens.

Costello To Testify

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senator Williams (R-Dele.) said Tuesday he has asked the Justice Department to delay any move to deport gambler Frank Costello because Costello could be an important witness at trials of some of his former key government officials.

Costello, who has been indicted in New York, said he should not be forced to leave this country until "satisfactory answers" have been obtained to these questions:

"Has the Treasury Department given Frank Costello a tax account a thorough going over and have all outstanding assessments been collected?"

"Who is responsible for this evidence, upon which he is now apparently being deported, lying dormant in the Justice Department files for the past 27 years?"

"Who in official circles has been giving Mr. Costello and the other racketeers of this country their protection?"

Williams, who has staged a one-man crusade against alleged tax evaders, wanted answers that "after we have obtained answers to these questions and to any others which might arise, then deportation proceedings can be resumed."

Costello now is serving an 18 months prison term for contempt of Congress during hearings by the Kefauver Senate Crime Investigating Committee.

'Wingless' Plane Flies

SANTA ANA (AP) — An aircraft engineer who insisted that a virtually wingless plane could fly has built one which rose 10 feet in the air on a trial run.

William Horton, 36, Monday lifted his wedge-shaped craft with a long spear-nose off the Orange County Airport taxiway.

Horton said the two-engine craft is designed to prevent the air surrounding it in flight from mixing with the air flowing over its lifting contour. This is done by fins, or "sealers," at the edges of the wedge. This, he explains, gives the plane vastly greater lift.

The aircraft is 40 feet long, 15 high and 26 wide. Horton hopes to complete taxi tests within three weeks, and then take his ship aloft. He has spent 18 months and \$50,000 building the craft.

Reds May Use Korea Mines

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — The U. S. Fifth Air Force Tuesday indicated the Reds may be getting materials for atom bombs from North Korean ore mines.

The daily Air Force summary said Allied F-85 Thunderjets attacked a "monazite mine, which produces a low grade ore possibly containing fissionable materials."

A headquarters spokesman said no other information was available.

No Price Tag For Race Bill

SALEM (AP) — A "price tag" will not be needed on the state ballot measure which, if passed by voters this November, would ban pari-mutuel betting at horse and dog races.

That was the ruling Monday of Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell in a suit brought by Henry Collins, Portland, former Oregon racing commissioner, and Dr. Frank Menne, also Portland, Racing Commission chairman.

They said they probably would appeal Judge Kimmell's ruling.

The 1951 Legislature ordered that all ballot measures contain a statement of probable cost to taxpayers. Menne and Collins wanted the racing ban measure — which they oppose — to carry a statement of how much the state would lose from racing revenues if the betting ban were approved.

But Judge Kimmell upheld the ruling made earlier by Attorney General George Neuner. He said that measures which might deprive the state of revenue were not required to carry the price tag.

Opponents of the trucking industry's bill to abolish weight and truck taxes have brought a similar suit. They contend the state will lose about 17 million dollars in highway construction funds if that measure is approved.

Judge Kimmell's decision Monday indicates he would rule against the price tag for the truck bill, too.

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