

Nixon Charges Stevenson As Follower of Acheson

By DICK HOENIG
 ABOARD NIXON TRAIN (S) — Sen. Richard Nixon's 11-car special train through seven Northwestern Pennsylvania cities today with the California senator ready to consider the "backbone" of the presidential candidates a major campaign issue.

The Republican nominee for vice president will give six rear platform talks at New Castle, Meadville, Oil City, Titusville, Corry and Sharon in his second successive 14-hour day plugging for Pennsylvania's 32 electoral votes.

He is scheduled to make a major address at Erie tonight before leaving for a tour of New York State.

Nixon brought up the backbone issue in every one of six speeches through Central and Western Pennsylvania yesterday. He explained it stemmed from a statement by

Gov. Adlai Stevenson, Democratic presidential candidate, which Nixon said implied Dwight D. Eisenhower lacks backbone.

"I am willing to accept this as a campaign issue," Nixon said. "Where was Stevenson trained? In the State Department under Dean Acheson. Never has there been less backbone and more spineless policy than that of the present State Department."

"Stevenson has about as much backbone as Acheson and that is as little as a man can have, in my opinion," he continued.

In his final speech of the day before an announced crowd of 16,000 at Wilkes-Barre in the Luzerne County coal region, Nixon predicted:

"Mr. Stevenson's stirring reference to Dwight Eisenhower's alleged lack of backbone was as big a technical error as his 'mess in Washington' admission and it will plague him from now until election day."

Sighting another statement attributed to Stevenson the senator defended his running mate's military service record.

Nixon quoted Stevenson as referring to the general as a "fancy khaki-colored package being sold by political hucksters of the Old Guard."

"And what is wrong with serving in the colors of your country?" Nixon asked. "The people of the United States as well as 15 million ex-servicemen will resent this slur against Eisenhower."

In fact, speaking of colors, I would rather have good old U. S. Army khaki in the White House than State Department pink," he added.

Britons Slate 2nd A-Blast

LONDON (S)—Britons speculated today that their second atomic explosion within the next two months. The wave of conjecture followed an announcement that Britain's three top atom men would fly to Australia in early November.

The three are W. G. Penney, scientific director of Britain's first atomic explosion Oct. 2 in the desolate Monte Bello Islands off Western Australia; Sir John Cockcroft, boss of Britain's Harwell atomic energy plant; and Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, the nation's atomic energy czar.

Penney left Australia by air today to report to Prime Minister Winston Churchill and the British Cabinet on the effects of the Oct. 2 explosion. He was flying in a special Royal Air Force plane.

The announcement said that Penney would return to Australia Nov. 5. He is scheduled to be followed by Cockcroft on Nov. 10 and Gen. Morgan the next day.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Supply, which supervises the nation's atomic program, said "no comment" when asked if Penney's return to Australia meant another atomic test in the offing.

Red Congress Mulls Changes

MOSCOW (S)—The big Soviet Communist party Congress was scheduled to begin discussion today of proposed changes in party statutes. The Congress yesterday approved the nation's current five-year plan designed to boost total Soviet industrial production by the end of 1955 to 70 per cent over the 1950 output.

The proposed statute changes—including setting up a presidium as the party's central agency in place of the present Politburo—were announced Aug. 29. Details of the five-year plan were announced at the same time.

In approving the economic program, the Congress set up a committee to consider changes recommended by delegates during the debate.

Hallinan Raps Truce Recess

NEW YORK (S)—Vincent Hallinan, Progressive party candidate for president, says the indefinite recess of Korean truce negotiations "is an ominous sign."

At a rally last night sponsored by the American Labor party, Hallinan said that President Truman should order the truce negotiators to resume talks with the Korean Reds and agree to a cease-fire.

"You are supposed to be a student of history, Mr. Truman," Hallinan said. "Did you ever hear of a war being fought over the issue of prisoners of war? Order a cease-fire and you can spend the rest of your life talking."

The American Labor party is the New York State arm of the Progressive party.

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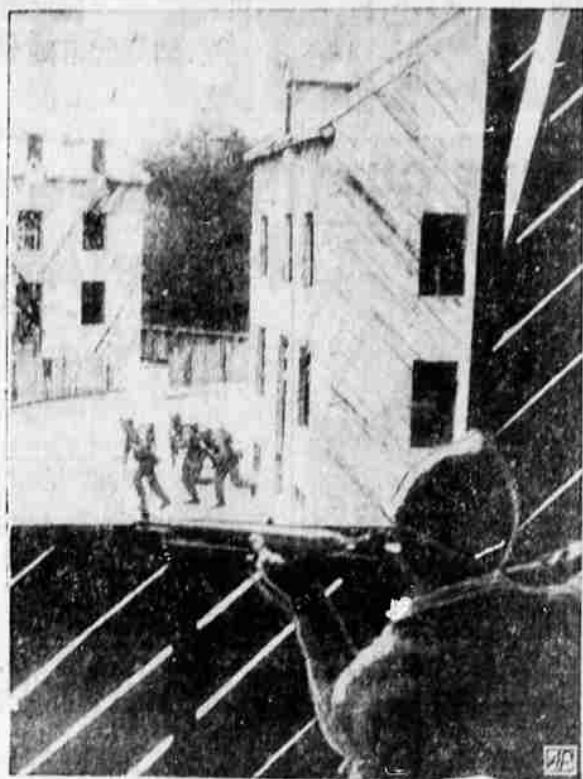
SAIGON, Indochina (S) — The U. S. is backing the French-sponsored Viet Nam government in Indochina because "we have faith in her future, her strength and her independence," American ambassador Donald Heath said Monday.

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"SNIPER" ON TARGET—An unidentified "sniper" gets set with rifle poked from window of his house hideout as a trio of "enemy" soldiers storm across the street of an attacked village during a demonstration of house-to-house fighting technique at Camp A. P. Hill near Bowling Green, Va. The village was specially constructed for this type of training and was used for the first time in demonstration.

Suitor Shoots Former Girl

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (S) — A rejected suitor fired a five-shot fusillade through a dining room window last night and wounded 24-year-old Jane H. Spaulding as she sat eating dinner with her family, police said.

One of the revolver bullets hit Miss Spaulding in the shoulder and ranged into her neck. She was in fair condition at a hospital. Four others at the table were not injured.

Police arrested William Pfingfelder, 29, a securities analyst. He was booked on charges of assault and illegal possession of a weapon.

Nassau County Detective Chief Sylvester Finnell said Pfingfelder was a rejected suitor of the young woman and recently had failed to effect a reconciliation.

Demos Put Bite On Wrong Man

NORTH PROVIDENCE, R. I. (S) — Bayard Rustin, Republican nominee for U. S. senator, says the Democrats went to the wrong man for money.

He told a rally audience last night that he received a telegram signed by Sen. Kefauver, Sen. Fulbright and Sen. Douglas asking for "the largest check possible" for a "Volunteers for Stevenson Radio and TV Fund."

Rustin said his wife wired back: "Delighted your fund so inadequate. My husband is Republican

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MacArthur Name On Ballot Worries Washington GOP

SEATTLE (S)—Washington State Republicans, anticipating a very close race between their presidential nominee, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Democrat Adlai Stevenson, are worried because Gen. Douglas MacArthur's name also will be on the ballot.

The general is the candidate of the Christian Nationalist party, which has its headquarters in Los Angeles. His vice presidential running mate is Jack Tenney of Los Angeles.

They were placed on the ballot by the Los Angeles group under a state law which allows 25 persons to make a minority party nomination on primary election day.

Republicans since have asked Secretary of State Earl C. C. Coe to remove MacArthur's name. Coe said he didn't think he could and referred the matter to the state attorney general, Smith Troy, who hasn't found any legal reason for removing the name.

R. Mort Frayn, GOP state chairman, said it is conceivable that in an extremely close election MacArthur could draw enough Eisenhower votes to give Stevenson the state's nine electoral votes.

Washington has voted Democrat in every election since 1928. President Truman's margin was 69,850 votes in 1948 but Henry Wallace polled 31,692 votes which it is believed were largely taken from Truman.

Gen. MacArthur's consent was not necessary for the placing of his name on the Washington ballot. Texans also are concerned because they, too, are included in the 20 states in which the Christian Nationalists are represented on the ballot.

Some 300 women, noting that the general is on the ballot twice in that state as a candidate of the Christian Nationalists and Constitution parties, have asked him to take his name off the ballot there.

1952 Worst Polio Year

NEW YORK (S)—The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis says this year's polio epidemic, which has passed its peak, now stands as the nation's worst on record.

With 3,227 new cases reported in the week ended Oct. 4, the foundation said last night, the total for 1952 numbers 42,572 cases—329 more than reported in all of 1949, the worst previous year.

But last week's new case total, the foundation said, represents a 9 per cent drop from the previous week—the second decline noted.

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