

Nixon Criticizes Stevenson For Action In Hiss Trials

By RONALD AUTRY
 NEW YORK (AP)—Sen. Richard M. Nixon, delivering a major attack on Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson last night, called him disqualified for the presidency by his record on communism.

The Republican vice-presidential candidate asserted on a nationwide radio-television broadcast that the Democratic standard bearer "has failed to recognize the threat of Communism. He added:

"In my opinion his actions, his statements, his record disqualify him from leading the United States and the free nations in the fight against Communism at home and abroad."

Stevenson's election, the California senator said, "would mean four more years of the same policy which has been so disastrous at home and disastrous abroad."

Nixon attacked Stevenson for his character deposition for Alger Hiss, former State Department official convicted of perjury after he gave out government secrets for a pro-Russian spy ring.

And he said the Illinois governor's speeches show "he has failed to recognize the threat of Communism."

Nixon devoted most of his address to the Hiss case, then led up to Stevenson's deposition.

He criticized Stevenson on four grounds in the Hiss matter:

The deposition was given after some facts in the case had become known—Whittaker Chambers' meeting with Hiss and the revelation of Chambers' famous pumpkin papers.

The deposition "was voluntary on Mr. Stevenson's part."

"It was given at a time when he was governor of Illinois and the prestige of a great state and the governor of that state were thrown in behalf of the defendant in this case."

"And fourth, it is significant to me that Mr. Stevenson has never expressed any indignation over what Hiss has done."

Before Hiss' first trial, several government officials gave character depositions for him.

Stevenson was asked in the deposition what he had heard about Hiss' reputation "for integrity, loyalty and veracity."

He said, "It was good."

The first Hiss trial ended in a hung jury in 1949. He was convicted at a second trial and is serving five years in prison for lying before a federal grand jury.

A few months ago, Stevenson gave his view of the deposition on a television show. He said:

"As a lawyer, I think that one of the most fundamental responsibilities, not only for every citizen, but particularly of lawyers, is to give testimony in a court of law, to give it honestly and willingly, and it will be a very unhappy day for Anglo-Saxon justice when a man, even in public life, is too timid to state what he knows and what he had heard about a defendant in a criminal trial for fear that defendant might later be convicted."

The 30-minute Nixon speech over the CBS television and the ABC radio networks drew comment from the Democratic camp.

Wilson Wyatt, Stevenson's campaign manager, said in Springfield, Ill.:

"A group of leaders of the American bar, many of them prominent Republicans, have reviewed the matter of Gov. Stevenson's deposition in the Hiss case. We are informed that these distinguished attorneys will make public their view in a statement to be issued in New York tomorrow."

At Peoria, Ill., Sen. John J. Sparkman of Alabama, Nixon's Democratic opponent, said:

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READY FOR SPEED TEST—British naval architect Frank Hanning-Lee helps adjust the helmet of his wife, Stella, before a speed trial run in their jet-powered hydrofoil speedboat Oct. 9 on England's Lake Windermere. Mrs. Hanning-Lee may pilot the craft in an attempt to break the world's water speed record. British jet ace John Cobb died in the explosion of his jet boat two weeks after setting a new mark of 206.89 miles an hour.

Surgeon General Dedicates Lebanon Hospital

LEBANON (AP)—The surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health Service Sunday dedicated the Lebanon Community Hospital, the 1,000th hospital project completed in the nation with federal aid.

Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, the surgeon general, told a gathering of 270 the most important feature of the national hospital program "is that once a hospital is built, the government has not a single string attached to it, although the construction grant may have covered as much as three-fourths of the cost."

The hospital was built under the Hill-Burton Act of 1946, which makes federal money available to help pay for hospital construction and modernization.

In addition to the 1,000 projects completed, 800 others are under construction, he said, with about 60 per cent in rural communities.

The 1,800 projects will add some 68,000 new hospital beds, but another 850,000 are needed in the nation, Dr. Scheele said survey's indicate.

He praised the careful planning of the new 49-bed hospital and paid tribute to the people of Lebanon who raised money for it.

More than 3,200 people have made individual donations," he said, and churches, lodges, unions, industry and business contributed.

Gov. Douglas McKay introduced Dr. Scheele. He described the project "as the greatest cooperative community effort that I know of."

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The three, Clifford Billings, 24; and Claude Smith, 23, and his brother Lewis, 22, were recaptured yesterday.

They escaped Sunday from City Jail, gaining their release by forcing turnkey Marvin Besteman to accompany them. Besteman, held at gunpoint throughout the fugitives' short-lived freedom, escaped unharmed.

Police captured the Smith brothers in the home of a friend in Lansing. Billings, described as the leader of the jailbreak, was captured later while hiding in a farm ditch near Lansing. All surrendered meekly.

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