

# Stevenson, Aides Map Plans

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson plans a meeting Saturday with two of the Democratic Party's top leaders for a discussion of the party's future plans and leadership.

Stevenson, an aide said Thursday night, will meet with Stephen Mitchell, Democratic National committee chairman, and Wilson Wyatt, the defeated presidential nominee's campaign manager.

# Traitor Trial Hears Colonel

NEW YORK (AP) — A retired officer captured on Corregidor with former Army Sgt. John D. Provo saw he told the latter he would try to have him "brought to justice" if he survived the war.

The 35-year-old Provo is on trial on treason charges. He is accused of going over to the Japanese after their capture of Corregidor.

A retired colonel, Theodore Teague, 61, testified yesterday in Federal Court that Provo twice advised him to betray a secret American code to the Japanese.

# Russia Has Most Subs

LONDON (AP) — Britain's authoritative naval yearbook, Jane's Fighting Ships, says the Soviet Union's submarine fleet still is by far the world's largest although it appears to be the same size as a year ago.

The 1952-53 yearbook, published yesterday, reported the same number of Russian undersea craft as in its last edition—370 afloat and 120 others being built. Jane's acknowledged, however, that Soviet military security limited the exactness of the information.

# Joe Continues Benton Suit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Counsel for Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) said today the defeat of Democratic Sen. William Benton in Connecticut's senatorial election would not affect McCarthy's two-million-dollar libel-slander suit against Benton.

# FDR Jr. Takes Home District

NEW YORK (AP) — Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., son of the late president, won reelection to Congress Tuesday as the nominee of the Democratic and Liberal parties.

Roosevelt defeated Clarence C. Van Bell, Republican, 51,288 to 49,856, in Manhattan's 20th Congressional district.

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# New York Demo Chairman Out

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul E. Fitzpatrick, Democratic state chairman in New York, which gave Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower an 842,056 plurality, announced Thursday he is resigning.

# Boy Murders Baby Brother

NEWPORT, Eng. (AP) — A 9½-year-old boy charged with murdering his 17-day-old brother was held in a special police home today to await further court proceedings.



MRS. STEVENSON VOTES—Mrs. Ellen Borden Stevenson, former wife of Gov. Adlai Stevenson, stands at voting machine after being the last person in the 40th precinct, 43 ward in Chicago to vote before polling closed. Mrs. Stevenson asked election judge for instructions on how to split the ballot.

# Ike May Face Demo Congress In '54

WASHINGTON (AP) — Statistics of almost 100 years confront President-elect Eisenhower today with the bleak possibility of having a Democratic Congress in mid-term.

There will be a congressional election two years hence, with all 435 House and 32 Senate seats at stake.

With only one exception, the dominant party in Congress has lost seats in "off-year" elections since 1858. The exception was in 1934 when Democrats boosted their margin in the House from 313 to 322 and in the Senate from 69 to 69.

That was in the middle of Franklin D. Roosevelt's first term. In 1946 President Truman saw the Democrats lose enough seats to drop control of both the Senate and the House.

Republicans will be in control of both the Senate and the House in the 83rd Congress, which starts its two-year term on Jan. 3.

But their margin of numerical superiority is so slim in both branches that they cannot afford to lose many seats in the 1954 mid-term election.

On the basis of last Tuesday's voting, Republicans will have 48 seats in the Senate, not including Stevenson-backer Wayne Morse of Oregon, and 220 or perhaps a few more in the House.

A majority of the Senate is 49, which the Republicans will have if Morse votes with them in organizing the body.

If Morse sides with the Democrats the resulting 48-48 tie can be broken by Vice President-elect Richard Nixon, a majority of the House is 218.

Off-year election losses of parties in control of Congress have been much heavier than that. Except for 1934, the losses have occurred in the House every off-year, and in the Senate in almost every such year.

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James S. Pope, executive editor of the Louisville, Ky., Times and Courier Journal, said in a lecture Thursday night that "There probably are thousands of documents in the files of those departments which have lost any security value."

Pope, chairman of the Freedom of Information Committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, said official suppression of news threatens freedom of the press. He said to keep the right to publish meaningful news, "The government must keep its hands not only off of the press but off the springs and channels of information that feed the press."

His committee, Pope added, found that much public information is being hidden behind "a red-type curtain" by public officials who don't want the voters to know what they are doing.

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