

Stevenson, Truman Outline Strategy Of Demos 'Loyal Opposition' Policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman's defeated Democratic party's slight today on victory in 1954 without endangering the nation's welfare.

The retiring President and the man who tried in vain to be his successor yesterday summed up in that way the goals decided upon during their White House meetings.

In separate news conferences during the day, they said Republican President-elect Eisenhower's administration will get a fair chance to show what it can do.

The Democratic party, they said, will try to wipe out its campaign deficit and then go after recapturing Congress in the 1954 elections.

Front line leadership will come from Democrats in Congress but party members outside Congress will be free to express their views, they said.

Above all, as Stevenson put it, "Party interests must be subordinated to the interests of the country and the public welfare."

The Illinois governor, who like Truman will be out of public office next year, came to the White House Wednesday night to discuss the Democratic party's future.

He had planned to leave today but decided to spend the night as guest of Air Force Secretary Finletter and fly back to Illinois about noon tomorrow.

Stevenson received newsmen first yesterday after attending a White House session with Truman, the President's staff and other party leaders. He told reporters: "We do not intend to try to influence Democrats in Congress to obstruct, delay or in any way imperil the national welfare and the new administration's program in so far as it is compatible with the views of our party."

Both Stevenson and Truman refused to go into detail about their personal plans for the future. Truman said he had had all sorts of offers but is thinking now only about taking a rest. Stevenson said he wants to rest and possibly travel abroad.

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A few hours later Truman told his news conference, when asked to discuss his meeting with Stevenson, that the governor's report earlier was entirely correct. He said they discussed plans for keeping the party alive so it can take over Congress again in 1954.

Truman declined to comment on Eisenhower's Cabinet appointments, saying a comment in advance never does anybody any good. He said he wanted to give the new administration a chance to operate and, if it gets along all right, will be just as happy as anybody else.

Any mistakes will certainly be pointed out by the Democratic party, he added.

Man Buried In Landslide

ARLITA, W. Va., (AP)—A timber cutter was buried under a huge earthslide on a mountain in Southern West Virginia yesterday.

Another worker escaped when the onslaught of earth slid down Herndon Mountain, across a small valley and part way up the side of the opposite mountain.

Domenick Romano of Bluefield, W. Va., a partner in a firm which is doing strip mining work on coal fields in the area, said the man who was buried apparently ran the wrong way in an effort to escape.

His body was not recovered and he was presumed dead.

Identities of the two workmen were not immediately available.

Bradley May Visit Spain

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint Chiefs of Staff, may visit Spain next February to discuss the diplomatically-tough plans for U. S. air and naval bases there, it was learned yesterday.

A final decision on the Bradley visit, however, hinges on whether the incoming Eisenhower administration approves and a formal invitation is issued by the Spanish government.

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Truman's news conference rambled amiably and produced nothing startling. His other responses to questions included statements that:

1. He thinks Martin P. Durkin, Eisenhower's choice for secretary of labor, is a good man. The appointment of Durkin, a Democrat who supported Stevenson, was called "incredible" by Republican Sen. Taft of Ohio.

news conferences. He said these are unique to the United States and keep the public informed.

3. He would like to attend Queen Elizabeth's coronation in London next June but will be too busy.

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