

Stevenson Asks Demo ty For Unity; Says Fifth Fleet Order Okay

At Yalta, Tehran and Potsdam.

The proposed Eisenhower resolution would denounce Russia for violating World War II agreements with the United States by enslaving free peoples. The resolution is an apparent change of position from that proclaimed by the President in his Feb. 2 State of the Union message.

He said then he would ask Congress to make clear that the U. S. recognizes no commitment "contained in secret understandings of the past with foreign governments which permit enslavement of foreign peoples."

The resolution submitted by Eisenhower did not denounce any agreements but only Russian violation of them.

Stevenson went on to say: "The proposed resolution relates to the breach of those agreements by the Soviet government, shameful violations which have long been denounced by everybody. Democrats and Republicans alike. Let us, I say, no longer make cynical political capital by pretending that our country ever conspired in the tragedy that has befallen great nations."

"Tempting as it is, I shall not dwell on the unworthy and misleading words that have been uttered of late about the Seventh Fleet, words implying that President Truman's purpose was to protect Red China and not Formosa."

In the audience were Dore Schary, MGM production chief and leader of the Hollywood-for-Stevenson organization in the presidential campaign, and actress Lauren Bacall.

Stevenson plans to rest and visit friends in the Los Angeles area this week end and fly to San Francisco Sunday evening. He sails Monday on a trip around the world.

Stevenson told the diners that many questions await resolution by the Congress and the people.

"One of the first is tideland oil. On this issue I have long since expressed my views. But, however the Congress may decide the question, let us make sure that it does not set in motion the piecemeal dismemberment of our great public domain which is held for the benefit of all the people of the United States."

The former Illinois governor added: "There are those who interpret the election as heralding an open season for the retail and wholesale transfer to the states of our great national assets—the forests, the grazing lands, the water and the minerals. Already the Republican chairman of the Senate Interior Committee has darkly hinted that such plans are afoot."

Applause and laughter mingled when he said:

"I had been under the very distinct impression, a few months back, that the Republicans had made off with the Democratic farm plank. I guess I was wrong. They just borrowed it temporarily and returned it immediately after the election."

He concluded: "In defeat we can make ourselves servants of the national purposes for peace. There is no greater and no better political destiny."



A DAY'S OUTING was just as popular in 1908 as it is today. This picture was snapped at the old Brookside Ranch, home of L. B. Applegate and includes Fred Murphy, Ethel McCauley-DuBois, Bessie Applegate, Ruby Hillis, Ray Telford, Louise Sargent Ferguson, Allie Pool, Mrs. L. B. Applegate, Maud Baldwin, John McCall (reading) and L. B. Applegate. The old ranch site, once one of the beauty spots of the valley, is now gone, the trees vanished and even the stream dried up.

Starting of "The Robe" Puts Hollywood In Gala Mood Of Optimism Again

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Touring the 3-D front—

According to the gagsters, Hollywood is suffering from dimension precocox or the 3-DT's. Whatever the ailment, the patient seems to be enjoying it. Optimism, which went out with the 16-inch TV tube, is again in style here.

The big event of the week was the kickoff of "The Robe," the first feature film to be made with the Cinemascope process. Now if you were paying attention when class met last time, you will know that Cinemascope is the 20th Century-Fox gadget that projects movies on a huge, wide screen. No glasses needed for this baby.

The start of "The Robe" would have been a gala event in any case, since it has been postponed for a little over 10 years. But since it is also the debut of Cinemascope, the studio had to go all-out. Press luncheon and everything.

I cased the set beforehand and found it in a frenzied, slightly confused state. The camera seemed normal enough (it is merely equipped with a trick lens that widens the scene).

It was a big, outdoor set, and it seemed strange to see actors busy in all parts of it. The camera takes them all in.

"It's frightening," commented Richard Burton, the star of the picture, "to think that some actor 200 feet from you can be stealing the scene!"

Several shots were made, al-

though airplanes constantly assaulted the sound track. "Spies from MGM," muttered Director Henry Kostler.

"Supposing Cinemascope doesn't catch on?" I inquired.

"Then you will be looking at the biggest parking lot in Western Los Angeles," replied a bystander.

A half-hour's section of Warner's first 3-D epic, "House of Wax," was unveiled to the press this week. It's in natural vision and requires the glasses. All I can say is: Wow!

The film is a thriller, and the third dimension makes the proceedings seem real and life-like.

I hope Warner Brothers are prepared to cope with the possibility of theaters full of screaming women and children. Maybe some men, too.

Paramount also unveiled its Paravision, another process that creates depth via glasses. The color is also good and the illusion of reality is remarkable.

I watched some scenes of Arlene Dahl and Fernando Lamas. One scene gave amazing reality to Miss Dahl's contours in a low-cut gown.

Bill Thomas is the producer of the Paravision film, "Bangaree." I asked him how it felt to be a pioneer.

"They walk over the bones of pioneers," he replied grimly.

Jap Radar Setup Good

TOKYO (AP) — The commander of the Japan Air Defense Force today said the radar network protecting these islands soon will be even better.

Brig. Gen. Harold W. Grant noted the recent air duel between U. S. jets and Soviet-made fighters over Hokkaido, Japan's northern island. One Red plane was damaged.

"The speed with which our jets were directed to the intruders by radar," said Grant, "proved the defense force's alert ability to deal firmly with illegal overflights."

But, Grant said, improved radar defenses are to come soon.

The general made his remarks in a statement marking the first anniversary of the Air Defense Force as a Far East Air Forces command.

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Living Cost Figure May Show Drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's new yardstick for measuring the cost of living makes its first appearance today and indications were it would reflect a slight price decline.

A 1 per cent decline in food prices was believed sufficient to bring the living-cost level for mid-January down a bit, although keeping it still close to the all-time high.

The new index, several years in preparation, is designed to provide a more delicate and accurate measurement of monthly cost changes for goods and services purchased by city families.

Such indexes put out by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, an agency of the Labor Department, have been long accepted as a living cost barometer.

The new index is patterned after the bureau's prior one, but includes prices on more items and covers samplings in more cities. It includes priceings for the first time of such things as television sets, restaurant meals, legal services and banking fees.

The former index, using the five-year period 1935-39 as a base, reached 191.1 last August. In December it edged down to 19.7, just a fraction off the record.

Today's index reflects the mid-January living cost situation. The index is always a month late, and is a little later than usual this month because of the changeover to the new index.

It thus mirrors the price situation

before the new Eisenhower administration took over and started its widespread decontrol program.

The new measurement uses the 1947-49 period as a base—meaning that the price average for those years will be considered as 100—instead of the former 1935-39 average. The new index was known in advance to be in the neighborhood of 114.

Contracts between the major automobile producers and the CIO's Auto Workers Union, covering more than a million workers, employ the government index for adjusting worker wage rates according to living cost changes.

However, the union and the auto firms have failed to adjust these "escalator" clauses to the index changeover and it appeared that the adjustment due to be made on March 1 would be delayed indefinitely.

Without a switchover in the government index, the auto work-

ers probably would have taken a cent an hour pay cut, or possibly two cents an hour.

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LAND (AP) — Directors of Island Traction Co., Thursday determined the fare increase necessary to put its Ore-land and Bellrose interurban on a paying basis.

The company had threatened to go to court to seek permission to abandon service, a result of adverse ruling by Public Commissioner Charles L. Helms suggested, though fares were too low and for season, in part, the company was in the red on the inter-operation.

Some of the line teething at they would be willing to pay fares to keep the service.

Company To In Pay Boost

LAND (AP) — The Portland Coke Co. has granted a \$3.50 pay increase and improving conditions in a new contract just signed for 200 employees, a union spokesman said today.

N. Beyer, secretary of the P. Office Employees Union, said the contract, retroactive to Jan. 1, increases retirement benefits and clarifies the mill-leave clause.

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