

Demo Leaders Cast Cautious Eye Over Eisenhower Plans

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Several Democratic senators said today that President Eisenhower calls his sound, progressive program will have to convince Democrats in Congress of its merits if it is to get their support.

While the Democratic comment included predictions that his proposals would not automatically be opposed on party lines, there were complaints about the exclusively Republican invitation list to last week's White House conferences on the legislative program.

Some Democrats criticized what they said was secrecy maintained about the outcome of the conferences. The President announced the scope of the discussions, but apparently is reserving most details for his nationwide broadcast on 4 and State of the Union message to Congress Jan. 7. He said he plans to work on those

late this week.

Some of his advisers have suggested a stripped-down program, limited to a few vital issues.

Whether or not this course is followed, Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) predicted Eisenhower may encounter more trouble within his own party than from Democrats on some proposals.

Humphrey said in an interview he thought there would be more division among Republicans than among Democrats on foreign policy, state-federal relationships and foreign trade.

Some Democrats, he said, felt that Atty. Gen. Brownell "went beyond fair play" in the controversy over Harry Dexter White. Brownell said former President Truman promoted White despite FBI reports of evidence linking White to Soviet espionage. Truman said an appointment of White was allowed to stand to avoid revealing FBI investigations.

But Humphrey added he doubts the Democratic feeling on this issue will affect his party's attitude on legislation.

Sen. Gore (D-Tenn.) agreed, in a separate interview, but said of the Eisenhower legislative program as it has been outlined so far:

"It doesn't seem to have a very large dynamo and it doesn't look like it is going to progress very far."

Sen. Monroney (D-Okla.) said in an interview, "It will be a good trick if the Republicans can cut defense expenditures and have stronger defense, if they can cut taxes and still balance the budget and if they can expand social security while freeing the payments."

Appearing last night on a DuMont television program, Monroney joined Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) in criticism of the administration for not including Democrats in the talks on legislative plans and for what Monroney called refusal of Republican leaders to make public the proposals they worked out.

Monroney said announcements made after the sessions gave the impression of "press agency" and a "snare job" on the public.

Sen. Duff (R-Pa.) and Rep. Hope (R-Kan.) on the same program praised the Republican proposals as "liberal and constructive."

In a final announcement on the legislative discussions Saturday, Eisenhower said the program will be based on the 1952 Republican platform.

He said the test of foreign policy

would be: "Does it advance the interests of America?"

The domestic program, he continued, would assure the people "that they can depend on this administration to protect the security, the welfare and the economic stability of each individual citizen."

Monroney commented, "We'd like to be in on the takeoff as well as the crash. The advice is all coming from one party."

Informed sources reported during the weekend that Eisenhower has tentatively approved military budget revisions that would mean reducing the strength of the Army

to about 1,165,000 men by July 1, 1955, compared with present strength of a little under 1 1/2 million.

The recommendations were said to envisage reductions in manpower for all the armed services except the Air Force, which would

be allowed to expand during the next two years from the present strength of a little over 930,000 to about 970,000.

Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R-N.Y.), chairman of the Senate-House Committee on Atomic Energy, said last night he thought Con-

gress would relax the secrecy on atomic matters now required by law enough to help U. S. allies and further the President's plan for an international information and materials pool to develop peacetime applications of nuclear energy.

Call Of Coed Calendar Too Much For New Mexico Lads; Now They're Going

By JULIUS GOLDEN

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—Thousands of men each year take a look at artistic girls on spicy calendars and sigh:

"Now, what could be prettier!"

"A college coed," scream three 20-year-old University of New Mexico juniors in answer. "And we're quitting school to prove it."

The three, Wally Decker of Springfield, S. D., Larry Ross of Albuquerque, and Hank Edwards of Chapel Hill, N. C., are in dead earnest. They've put out their first calendar with photos of scantily clad coeds in place of the painted long-legged beauties.

"This isn't just a crazy Joe College stunt," said Decker, a mechanical engineering student. "We've already got our first calendar on the market here. They're going like hot cakes."

The trio had to convince the university, the parents of 11 of the 12 coeds who were under 21, and a censorship board.

"The university was tough," Decker said. "The coeds were a catch. The parents took some talking, but the censorship board—oh, another!"

Ross, a biology student, dropped by to see Decker last month.

"One thing led to another," said Decker. "The next thing we knew we decided to make a calendar using college coeds as the come on."

The calendars—financed by advertising—feature a coed above each month and a cartoon alongside the dates. Not all the girls show their legs—but most do.

"But none are suggestive," Decker said. "The censorship board took care of that. A board made up of two deans and only one student can be pretty tough. They junked four pictures. I still can't see why, but I guess they had their reasons."

"We copyrighted our calendar and we're going to put one out next year. Then, in 1955, we'll go into the national field. I've quit school already and Hank and Larry are going to quit. Another buddy is going in with us."

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