

Ike Backs Shivers For Texas Post

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower appears to have invited a test of his political popularity in Texas that could reverberate in the fall campaign for control of Congress.

The President's unusual action yesterday in endorsing Gov. Allan Shivers, Texas Democrat who is bidding for a re-nomination that is normally equivalent to reelection, may make Shivers' connection with the President one of the chief issues in an Aug. 28 runoff primary.

Texas Democrats in Washington who asked not to be named disagreed about the possible effect of Eisenhower's news conference statement that Shivers has made a good governor.

Some thought it might rebound to the benefit of Ralph Yarborough of Austin. Yarborough ran 23,852 votes behind Shivers in the first primary last Saturday when he carried it by 12,000 votes in 1952 and that his public praise will help Shivers.

Other Texans said they believe Eisenhower is just as popular in their state as he was when he carried it by 12,000 votes in 1952 and that his public praise will help Shivers.

Shivers, who backed Eisenhower in the 1952 presidential race and has maintained close relations with the President, has been under fire in Texas in connection with a personal land deal and an investigation of insurance companies.

Texas generally said these matters—plus the action of former Vice President John Garner in criticizing a third executive term bid—may have been more compelling than any issue of party regularity in Shivers' slide from the 2-1 vote margin he rolled up over Yarborough in 1952. Yarborough had supported this year of most Democrats who call themselves liberals.

Although Eisenhower disclaimed Republican party interest in the outcome of the Shivers-Yarborough runoff, he said he likes and admires Shivers, thinks he has been a good governor and was pleased that Shivers had supported him in 1952.

Eisenhower said he was interested because he was born in Texas. But veteran politicians said they couldn't remember a modern parallel in which a president of one party so openly stuck a political finger into another party's primary contest.

The outcome between Shivers and Yarborough is figured to be close.

Cease-Fire Team Agrees To Meet

MONTREAL (AP)—Canada sent a five-man delegation flying toward New Delhi today to make arrangements for the Indochina Cease-Fire Commission with India and Poland, the supervisory group's other two members.

The Canadian Foreign Office announced last night Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent's government had accepted the Geneva conference's request that it serve on the commission. Canada was the last of the trio to agree.

India, chairman of the commission, announced earlier this week she had invited Poland and Canada to send representatives to New Delhi to make preliminary arrangements for the group.

Frank Hayburst shot a bush rabbit at Oak River, Manitoba, and when he reached if the body was inside a tin can. But the rabbit's legs were free. He thinks the rabbit got into the can, open at both ends, when young and small.



ROY MOTT, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mott, 206 Gage Road, is home on boot leave from San Diego. Young Mott was employed in the mailing department of the Herald and News before entering the service in April. He expects to be assigned to sea duty on his return to San Diego.

Police Seek Indictment

CLEVELAND (AP)—Cuyahoga County law officers today planned a meeting to decide their next step in the case of the brutal slaying of a Bay Village socialite.

Since July 4 when 31-year-old Marilyn Sheppard was found dead in her blood-soaked bed, police have been unable to come up with enough evidence to charge anyone with the crime. But today, the chief law enforcement officials of Cleveland and the swank suburb have a meeting scheduled with County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullinan.

"We're going to decide whether present findings justify an arrest," Cleveland Police Chief Frank W. Story said yesterday. He said it was his personal opinion they don't. However, final decision on the filing of charges rests with the prosecutor.

The victim's husband, Dr. Samuel Sheppard, prominent 30-year-old osteopath, has been undergoing most of the police questioning—much of it bearing on his relationship with a pretty laboratory technician who used to work with him in Bay View Hospital.

The girl, Miss Susan Hayes, 24, came here voluntarily from California to testify, yesterday was quoted by officials as saying she and the doctor carried on a romance earlier this year, and for some time past.

Story said a session on "what was done, what was not done and what can be done," in the case was held in central police station. "We consolidated our thinking," Story said, but no new information was brought out.

Cleveland police didn't take part in the original investigation because the slaying was not in the city proper. They entered the case recently on invitation from the suburb's city council.

So far, officers have failed to find the weapon with which Mrs. Sheppard was hacked to death in her beautiful lakeside home. Her husband testified at an inquest last week that he was awakened by her screams after a nap on a down-stairs couch and ran into her room. There, he said, he grappled with her assailant and chased him outside.

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U.S. Aid To Egypt Planned

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is ready to offer military and economic aid to Egypt as part of its drive to bolster the Near East against possible Communist aggression.

Officials reported today that negotiations for separate military and economic agreements with Egypt would begin within a few weeks.

Egypt's agreement with Britain over the future of the Suez Canal is viewed as clearing the way for American assistance, previously withheld on the ground it might encourage the Egyptians to balk at a compromise.

Officials voiced confidence that military and economic understandings can be signed quickly permitting Premier Abdul Nasser to modernize his army so as to play a bigger defense role with Western nations in the region.

Egypt, it is hoped, will change its attitude and lead other Arab governments into a Western-backed Middle East defense alliance, already being fashioned by Pakistan and Turkey.

President Eisenhower told his news conference yesterday he was highly pleased that the Egyptians and the British had finally settled their three-year-old dispute. He expressed hope Egypt would now go along with her Western friends to help build more security in the Near East area.

Officials declined to say how much aid Egypt would be offered. Israel is expected to protest any such military shipments, but American officials are determined to go forward anyway because in their view such equipment is intended to guard against possible aggressive moves by Russia and not to renew the war against the Jews.



"Look back and see if his tail's wagging or if he really means it!"

GAS THEFT

BOONE, N. C. (AP)—Bill Gragg suspected someone was stealing gas from his truck so he put on a lock-type gas tank cap.

Next morning his suspicions were confirmed.

Along with the gas the new cap was missing.

Marines Lose To War Game Empire

OKINAWA (AP)—Marine reconnaissance troops sneaked ashore here two days before a recent scheduled maneuver and "captured" the intelligence officer of an Army outfit—but the umpires made them give him back.

The Army officer protested that the "war" hadn't started. The chief umpire agreed.

Eisenhower Lists Laws Not Passed

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower yesterday listed six parts of his legislative program whose failure to pass this year he said would be more than bitterly disappointing to him.

Sicily Women Smuggle Salt

TRAPANI, Sicily (AP)—Nervous women with flowing petticoats are carrying on a bizarre smuggling traffic here in western Sicily. Beneath their ample gowns they carry packets of salt.

Salt is under state control, and subject to tax, on the Italian mainland. On Sicily, home of one of the world's biggest salt beds, it is uncontrolled and untaxed.

And there's too much salt in Sicily. The beds of Trapani are piling up great surpluses because big customers such as Japan and India have found salt closer to home. The big customers now are fishermen, who buy thousands of tons to preserve their catches.

A good fishing year can mean a salt year. Some of the biggest sales are made to Norwegian fisheries, but last year was a poor one for the Norwegians. The result: 3,000 Trapani workers fear they will lose their jobs.

Trapani keeps on producing its salt at the rate of 180,000 tons a year. The Sicilian women, with flowing petticoats, keep on buying it cheap to sell at higher prices on the mainland blackmarket.

Another, a hike in the national debt limit, he termed a necessity. He did not list as still in front of the Senate, as he phrased it, an atomic energy bill which his lieutenants regard as "must" legislation.

Leaving out some of the respects in which these bills fall short of the President's requests, here is their status:

Farm—A modified system of flexible price supports has been passed by the House, but rejected by the Senate Agriculture Committee. Senate debate may start tomorrow.

Tax revision—The House passed a compromise bill 315-77 late yesterday, and Senate action may send it to the White House today.

Anti-Communist—Action is lagging on various antisubversive bills proposed by Atty. Gen. Brownell. None has yet passed both houses, and prospects are that not more than one or two will be enacted.

Housing—The Senate completed congressional action last night, sending to the White House a measure providing a smaller public housing program than the President asked.

Social security—The house has passed a bill to extend coverage to nearly 10 million persons. The Senate Finance Committee has recommended a trimmed-down version. Senate debate has not been scheduled.

Foreign aid—Authorization for the current year's program is before the Senate, having passed the House. The House passed yesterday the separate money bill to finance it. This is still in committee in the Senate.

Debt limit—The House passed a year ago a 15-billion-dollar hike in the legal ceiling, now 275 billions, baked, and still is sitting on the bill. The administration request may be modified.

Atomic energy—The House sent to conference with the Senate yesterday a bill to revise the Atomic Energy Act. Their differences must be resolved. Senate passage of its version Tuesday night followed a two-week debate which the White House termed a filibuster by opponents.



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