

Eisenhower To Campaign Through Four Key States

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
President Eisenhower set himself today for his biggest 1954 campaign effort so far—a major speech tonight to a Citizens for Eisenhower dinner to be followed tomorrow by a seven-league-leap visit to four key states.

The President's speech here tonight in behalf of the Republican congressional ticket is to be telecast and broadcast nationally.

It is scheduled for 9:30 p.m. EST. Tomorrow, Eisenhower's personal plane, the Columbine, will carry him first to Cleveland, then to Detroit, Louisville and Wilmington, Del., in that order. At each place, the President is to make airport talks, with GOP candidates for office standing by. He is due back in Washington late tomorrow.

The White House said last night

the flying trip expenses will be paid by the Republican party. In each of the states to be visited—Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Delaware—GOP candidates are locked in tight battles, the outcome of which could determine whether the Democrats or the Republicans will control the Senate next year. Also at stake in these states are 50 House seats and two governorships.

Wilmington had a Democratic visitor yesterday—Adlai Stevenson, the party's 1952 presidential candidate. He told an estimated 10,000 persons gathered in a downtown square that GOP spokesmen have conducted a campaign of "slandering, epithets, accusations and Communism in government."

He singled out for special mention Vice President Nixon, who has been carrying much of the Republican campaign load in speeches all across the nation. He accused Nixon of playing a "cynical numbers game designed to suggest that thousands of our public servants were disloyal." He also criticized Atty. Gen. Brownell, who he said "sought political profit by impugning the loyalty of former President Truman."

Nixon arrived back in his home state of California yesterday after following the campaign trail through several Rocky Mountain states and Oregon. He said in Long Beach the election is "not in the bag" for either side because of what he said is a large group of as-yet-undecided voters. But he said he detected a shift of moderate Democrats to the GOP in states he has stumped.

Nixon's scheduled visit to Spokane, Wash., Saturday has touched off a political row in that city. Spokane's nonpartisan Mayor Arthur Meehan yesterday designated Saturday "Nixon Day." Democratic leaders objected. "We feel this is a direct insult to 5,000 Democrats in Spokane," Mrs. E. Dawson Whitaker, the county Democratic chairman, told the City Council. Democratic leaders demanded that Nixon be restricted to a nonpolitical talk.

In Washington, AFL and CIO leaders tangled yesterday with Secretary of Labor Mitchell over Mitchell's claim that the nation is enjoying record peacetime prosperity. In separate statements, AFL President George Meany said Mitchell painted "a rosy but inaccurate picture" of the employment-employment situation, and Emil Rieve, chairman of the CIO Economic Policy Committee, spoke in a caustic vein of "a sudden pre-election sympathy for the jobless."



QUEEN MARY JOHNSON, Merril, queen of the 18th annual Klamath Basin Potato Festival rides the float which led the motorized division of last Saturday's parade in Merril. The flower girls are Cindy Hodges, left, and Cindy Duncan.

Brownie Scouts Hold Meeting

MACDOEL — The newly organized Macdoel Mt. Hebron Brownie Scouts had their second meeting, a Halloween party, at the home of their leader, Mrs. Kenneth Ainsworth, Tuesday afternoon. The afternoon was spent making black cats and playing games. Refreshments were served to the following Brownies: Cydney Pappum, Lynn Garay, Joanne Butler and Sandra Seifer, Macdoel; Marietta Wiggins, Susan Criss, Cathy Truax and Denise Cavenier, Mt. Hebron. Bonnie Anderson and Patsy Proctor were unable to attend. The leader, Mrs. Ainsworth, was assisted by Mrs. Paul Cavenier, Mrs. Keith Truax

Jane's Reports Naval Strength

LONDON (U)—An authoritative naval publication says the fighting power of the U.S. Navy equals the combined strength of the other major navies of the world. The Americans also appear to be taking greater scientific strides than any other navy.

"Jane's Fighting Ships," a standard reference work on the world's navies, said in its latest edition yesterday the U.S. Navy of 5,000 vessels is the largest peacetime fleet ever maintained by any nation. Russia topped the United States only in numbers of submarines, Jane's said, but added that the Soviet Union is building up "substantial forces" of cruisers, destroyers and submarines.

Italy's Death Toll Reported

SALERNO, Italy (U)—The wreckage of towns along the ravaged Gulf of Salerno gave up still more bodies today and the final death toll from Italy's greatest flood disaster was expected to reach or exceed 400.

The known dead numbered 288 this morning when seven more bodies were dug from wrecked homes at Molina di Vietri and Ponte Romano.

Hope was abandoned for many of the 200 or more persons listed

as missing. It was believed many were swept out to sea or buried beneath their broken stone homes.

State funeral services were held in Salerno's cathedral today for victims of the flash floods and landslides which hit a 10-mile stretch of shoreline late Monday and early Tuesday.

Property damage was estimated in the millions of dollars. Hundreds were injured and about 5,000 left homeless.

By last night beds had been

found for all the homeless and blankets, food and medical supplies were arriving in a steady stream.

HONORED
TOKYO (U)—Mme. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit of India Thursday was given the key to Tokyo. She is the 21st person to receive the honor.

Adlai Granted Free Time

NEW YORK (U)—The National Broadcasting Co. has granted free radio and television time for a talk by Adlai E. Stevenson—to answer recent speeches by President Eisenhower—and says it is considering a Republican counter-demand for gratis broadcasting.

NBC, in agreeing Wednesday to Mitchell's request, said it acted in accordance with a "long-standing policy of maintaining balance and fairness in political broadcasts."

It added that a review of such broadcasts over the "past several months" showed the Democrats were entitled to the free time.

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