

# Political Kettle Drums Roar As Both Parties On March; But Issues Same

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Reaction to Adlai E. Stevenson's campaign proposals on the subjects of halting H-bomb tests and the military draft today highlighted a weekend of increasing political warfare.

Criticism came from President Eisenhower and other Republicans, while Democrats leaped to Stevenson's defense. It seemed probable Stevenson himself shortly would re-enter the fray.

The Democratic presidential candidate on several occasions has said the United States should take the lead in ending tests of nuclear weapons, sometimes qualifying this with the provision that other nations do the same. He has said the draft should be ended "at the earliest possible moment consistent with the national safety."

Eisenhower led Republicans in replying to both proposals, issuing a White House statement on the nuclear tests Friday night and a draft statement Saturday night. Eisenhower said selective service is indispensable under present world conditions. "Loose talk of

soon ending the draft," he said, would be seen by other nations "as letting down our guard."

He said this nation "is maintaining its military strength to safeguard the American people in their homes, to deter hostile attack at home and abroad, and to encourage the prospect of world peace. This administration is determined to continue that strength."

On Friday, Eisenhower said the H-bomb proposals can cause only "confusion and misunderstanding." He added that the tests are an integral part of the U.S. defense program and cannot be discontinued without foolproof agreements preventing other nations from resuming them.

Neither of the presidential statements mentioned Stevenson by name, but both obviously were aimed directly at him.

Stevenson has called for a fresh appraisal of selective service in the light of modern advances in warfare. He said in September the draft is "wasteful" and "inefficient."

Eisenhower said "to call the draft wasteful evidences either ignorance of our military needs or a willingness to take a chance with our nation's security."

The President scheduled no other political activity over the weekend. He makes a major radio-television campaign broadcast from Pittsburgh tomorrow night.

Stevenson rested today at his

farm home at Libertyville, Ill., preparing to take off tomorrow on a Western barnstorming tour.

In New York yesterday, he urged Americans to reject "contempt and indifference" until freedom is restored to "millions enslaved throughout the world."

Stevenson also drafted four energetic young campaigners—two governors and two senators—to help in a drive to saturate critically important California with the Democratic story.

The four are Governors Meyer of New Jersey and Leader of Pennsylvania and Senators Humphrey of Minnesota and Gore of Tennessee. Stevenson and the four aides will stage a series of separate and combined rallies in California Thursday and Friday.

Stevenson planned long-distance telephone "pep talks" today to party fund raisers in 48 states and the District of Columbia as part of a "Dollars for Democrats" drive.

In Washington, Vice President Nixon told a Zionist organization the U.S. Near East policy should be kept out of partisan politics. But Sen. Estes Kefauver, his Democratic vice presidential opponent, critically attacked the administration's foreign policy record in speaking to the same audience.

Kefauver continues his political

touring today with speeches in Dover and Wilmington, Del. Nixon launches another one tomorrow in Texas, scheduling stops at Fort Worth, San Antonio and El Paso.

Nixon issued a statement saying he intends, insofar as his campaign schedule permits, "to mail personally on the spot every distortion and every misrepresentation of the Eisenhower record" by Stevenson. He said Stevenson is making "ill-judged, ill-timed, ill-phrased remarks" which "must not go unanswered."

Sen. Humphrey enlivened the H-bomb discussion Saturday night by releasing a special Senate subcommittee staff study on disarmament. At the same time Humphrey supported Stevenson's stand on nuclear tests.

Sen. Bridges (R-NH), a member of the Senate disarmament group which Humphrey heads, protested he had not seen the study and questioned the propriety of releasing it.

Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) said Humphrey's action was "harmful to

to the cause of bipartisanship." He added it seemed to him Humphrey had sought to make it appear the subcommittee had approved the study.

Among other things, the study cited the manifold difficulties facing disarmament proposals from both technical and political angles. It urged also that some system of international control of intercontinental missiles, able to carry nuclear warheads, be worked out promptly.

In Chicago, former President Harry S. Truman said there is no disagreement between him and Stevenson on the H-bomb issue. Truman said "a lot of people are trying to misconstrue" what he and Stevenson have said about it.

At a news conference in Detroit Friday, Truman said if he were still president he would continue nuclear tests.

On Saturday, he said he was the first to favor banning nuclear weapons "if a foolproof system of international controls could be set up." He said Stevenson never has

proposed that this nation alone ban H-bomb tests.

Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler charged that Eisenhower is "trying to strangle discussion" of vital issues such as the draft and H-bomb tests.

Butler said he is "very much in favor of" a face-to-face debate between Eisenhower and Stevenson, as proposed recently by Gov. Meyer, and has been "pressing" GOP National Chairman Leonard Hall to agree to one.

Hall, Butler said, "has indicated that the President of the United States is above any public discussion" with his opponent.

Atomic scientist Ralph E. Lapp said last night a halt to H-bomb tests "must inevitably come." He

said adoption of Stevenson's proposal would not be "harmful to national security."

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey charged in a prepared speech today that the Democratic record and their campaign promises "are filled with concessions to the easy way which will destroy continuing prosperity."

He said recent Democratic administrations, deliberately fostered a policy of "wicked inflation," during which he said the cost of living doubled and the value of the dollar was halved.



**OTTO SMITH**, Klamath Falls print shop operator, has been named to the highest office in the Oregon jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus with his appointment as Master of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, Oregon District. It was incorrectly stated in Sunday's edition of this paper that Smith had won a "high Masonic honor."

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