

Nixon to Answer for GOP Against Stevenson's Blast

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—The Republican party passed over Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) today and gave Vice President Nixon the job of answering Adlai Stevenson's blast that the party is "half McCarthy and half Eisenhower."

GOP Chairman Leonard W. Hall moved in ahead of McCarthy to get free radio and television time equaling that given Stevenson, titular head of the Democrats, for his speech at Miami Beach Saturday night.

Then Hall announced the vice president would appear on a combined radio-TV broadcast from 10:30 to 11 p.m. (EST) next Saturday "to speak on Republican party leadership and the Eisenhower administration program."

Nixon Plans Reply

Nixon also will reply to Stevenson, Hall said, and the vice president will speak "as the official representative of the Republican party in this matter."

In Miami, where he has been vacationing briefly, McCarthy said he means to see to it that he too gets free air time, as well as the National GOP committee.

McCarthy announced yesterday he would ask the networks for a chance to answer the Stevenson speech, which he called "a very clever political talk designed to cloud the issues."

But Hall, making no direct mention of McCarthy, told the Columbia Broadcasting System and the National Broadcasting Co.:

"This is not a matter for personal rebuttal by any individual. We will designate our spokesmen who will speak for the party."

Both CBS and NBC announced they would give the party a rebuttal period but were turning down free time for McCarthy.

McCarthy in Miami

Interviewed in Miami, the Wisconsin senator declared he personally wants 30 minutes on the air to answer, among other things, Stevenson's charge that he is sowing "slander and dissension" across the land.

If the free time is not forthcoming, McCarthy said, he will take the question up with the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates radio and television stations.

McCarthy spoke before learning CBS and NBC had refused his request. By then he was en route by plane for New York and could not be reached for further comment.



Richard M. Nixon To Answer Stevenson

Puerto Ricans Rounded Up For Probing

NEW YORK, March 8 (AP) — More than 110 Puerto Ricans, including the wife of a would-be assassin of former President Harry S. Truman, were rounded up in New York and Chicago today in a swift probe into the shooting of five congressmen in Washington last week.

Mrs. Rosa Collazo, secretary of the local branch of the Puerto Rican Nationalist party, was subpoenaed before one of the three grand juries probing party membership here. Her husband, Oscar, is serving a life sentence for an attempt to assassinate Truman on Nov. 1, 1950.

Adlai Favored By Truman

BOSTON (AP) — Former President Harry S. Truman said today he hopes Adlai Stevenson again will be the Democratic candidate for president and that he will campaign for him if Stevenson wants him to.

Truman made the remark at a news conference which preceded a luncheon in connection with a program to raise funds for a Truman library.

The former President said he wants to keep the Democratic party alive and he praised Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass) as a "great senator," adding that "we need a lot of people like him."

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U.S., Japan Sign Mutual Defense Pact

TOKYO, Tuesday, March 9 (AP)—Japan and the United States, bitter enemies only nine years ago, took a big step yesterday toward becoming armed allies against the threat of Communist aggression.

U.S. Ambassador John Allison and Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuo Okazaki signed the long pending U.S.-Japan mutual defense pact. Allison said the pact "takes us one step nearer the time when the United States can withdraw its forces from Japan."

It still must be ratified by Japan's Diet before going into effect but Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida was confident this could be accomplished before the month's end despite Socialist and minor leftist opposition.

Once ratified the pact will: Put an estimated 100 to 130 million dollars into Japan's economy for military purposes the first year and an untold amount in succeeding years.

Furnish Japan destroyers, jet planes, tanks and jeeps and help boost the defense force from 120,000 to 160,000 men in a year—although still far short of the 300,000-man force favored by the United States.

Provide a 700-man U.S. military advisory group to serve with the Japanese defense force.

The defense pact does not specify details of the military aid the United States will supply. These must be spelled out in subsequent negotiations. But a well-placed American source assured "We can support any program Japan wants."

Billion Dollar Excise Tax Cut Is Expected

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—The administration abandoned hope today of keeping the House from cutting excise taxes almost a billion dollars.

The strategy now is to count on the Senate to prevent a reduction which House Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) said President Eisenhower feels "goes a little too far."

The excise tax bill comes up for House debate Wednesday. And it came up for discussion today at the regular Monday conference at the White House between the President and Republican leaders in Congress.

Martin told newsmen afterward administration forces will make no attempt to stop House passage of the measure. For one thing, the parliamentary situation will be such that no individual members can offer amendments.

French Ready Defenses; Expect Vietminh Assault

HANOI, Indochina, March 8 (AP)—The French tightened their defenses today from Hanoi to the key supply port of Haiphong. The entire area was alerted as rumors spread that the Red-led Vietminh are readying a big push to catch the eye of the big powers before they meet in Geneva.

The French declared a state of emergency in Haiphong, 64 miles east of Hanoi and rushed extra guards to a U.S.-serviced airfield crippled Sunday by a daring Red commando raid. It was the third such attack within a month.

Patrols were bolstered at all other air strips in the vicinity as word went out that Ho Chi Minh's forces plan to attack every area where American personnel work. Vietminh radio has accused the United States of intervening in the Indochina War.

Preparing for fresh surprises, the French set up barbed wire barricades around Hanoi's electric power stations and water supply systems. The Doumer Bridge—only span linking the Union war capital with Haiphong and other cities to the east—was placed under heavy guard.

Police Arrest 7 Hijackers

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 8 (AP)—State police arrested seven men today, charging they were members of a ring of cargo hijackers which looted trucks of more than \$10,000 in a series of robberies.

Capt. Jackson R. Dodson of the Greensburg barracks said some \$4,000 worth of goods has been recovered. Dodson said the gang stole easily disposable goods on orders from fences.

Dodson also said they stole cigarettes, tools, tires, a truckload of oleomargarine, movie projectors, batteries and jewelry.

Cellmate Says Wable Guilty Of 2 Killings

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 8 (AP)—A former cellmate of John Wesley Wable testified today that Wable admitted last September he was the gunman who shot to death tow truck drivers on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. A detective also testified Wable confessed he was involved in the slayings.

Charles Welch, 20, of near Uniontown, Pa., said he and the 24-year-old Wable, of Ohio, Pa., shared the same cell in the Fayette County jail in Uniontown last September, Welch said:

"One evening, he (Wable) asked me if I'd believe something if he told me. He told me he was the turnpike killer. I said 'Well, you could be and you couldn't be.'"

Welch and Wable were in jail at that time for minor offenses.

Wable is on trial for his life in the slaying of truck driver Harry F. Pitts, 39, of Bowling Green, Va., last July 28. He also is accused of killing Lester B. Woodward, 39, of Duncannon, Pa., three days before. Both were shot in the head as they slept in their trucks alongside the pike.

Earlier, a state police ballistics expert told the jury that the bullet which killed Pitts came from a gun identified as belonging to Wable.

Congressional Testimony Ruled by High Court

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—Testimony by a witness before a congressional committee may not be used against him in any criminal prosecution in any court, the Supreme Court ruled today.

It was the first time the court ever said specifically such testimony may not be used in state courts.

House Votes Down Anti-Union Shop Bill

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—The House Labor Committee voted down today a move aimed at barring union shops in labor contracts. The Senate committee, meanwhile, put off for two days consideration of amendments to the Taft-Hartley labor law.

Chances of early passage of T-H amendments proposed by President Eisenhower appeared slim. There was a likelihood of further hearings dealing with federal and state regulation of labor disputes.

Chairman H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) of the Senate committee said he expects Eisenhower to make his federal-vs.-state recommendations this week and that if they call for hearings "then we'll have hearings."

That would delay committee action on the T-H amendments until mid-April at the earliest.

The House committee voted down the anti-union shop proposal 18-6. Chairman McConnell (R-Pa.) reported after a closed-door session.

He said the proposal, offered by Rep. Wint Smith (R-Kan.) would have rendered illegal all contracts providing for union shops and maintenance of membership.

Checker Tournament Will Be Held Friday

The open checker tournament sponsored by the Checker Club will begin at 8 p.m. Friday in the Temporary Union Building.

Male players may enter the minor division of the tournament at this time.

Dean Appears At Inquiry

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—Maj. Gen. William F. Dean testified today he himself lacked the "intelligence or strength" to live up to the military ideal and tell his Communist captors nothing but his name, rank and serial number.

The 54-year-old general, for three years a war prisoner in Korea, appeared at a military court of inquiry as a witness for Col. Frank Schwable, Marine flyer who falsely "confessed" to germ warfare under Communist pressure.

Dean withheld his personal views on the conduct of Schwable, who may face a court-martial if the four-member inquiry court rules against him. The court also can recommend no charges be filed.

Under questioning Dean testified that if he ever went to war again he would carry poison to swallow if he were captured—so as to avoid giving military information to the enemy.

Wants Reds Banned

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R-Mass.) today asked Congress to bar from the Capitol any visitor who won't say he or she isn't a present or former member of the Communist party.