

Nixon Will Defend Party In Answer to Stevenson

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—Vice President Nixon said today he won't dodge "the issues" when he goes on radio and TV tomorrow night to answer Adlai Stevenson's charge that the Republican party is "half Eisenhower and half McCarthy."

Nixon, designated by the GOP National Committee to make the official reply to Stevenson's blast at Miami Beach last Saturday night, speaks from 10:30 to 11 p.m. EST over facilities provided by NBC and CBS.

Excise Tax Cuts Seen By Millikin

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—The Republican chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. Eugene D. Millikin (R.-Colo.) said today the Senate probably will go along with the House on a cut in excise taxes but he promised a battle against any further income tax reduction moves.

Millikin's stand, announced after a closed-door session of his committee, indicated the administration may be shifting its strategy, to accept a loss of 912 million dollars a year in sales taxes in an effort to block Democratic drives for higher income tax exemption.

Also at stake is the continuation of post-Korea tax rates on cigarettes, liquor, gasoline, automobiles and some other "luxury" items. These revenues, running at the rate of 1 billion dollars a year, are due to drop April 1 unless the excise bill passed by the House Wednesday is enacted. While the bill continues these levies, it slashes a number of other excise rates.

The House would trim excise rates on a wide variety of goods now ranging up to 25 per cent down to a flat 10 per cent.

Unemployment Hits 3.6 Million

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—The Census Bureau reported today the nation's unemployment rose 584,000 in February to a total of 3,671,000.

Unemployment as reflected by an old sampling method, which Secretary of Commerce Weeks said is being discontinued, rose over one million in February to a total of 3,385,000.

The 3,671,000 unemployed for February reflected in the new official sample compared with 1,788,000 in February last year, which was the lowest since World War II, and 4,684,000 in February, 1950, the highest since the war.

Brazil Supports U.S. Anti-Communist Plan

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 12 (AP)—Brazil today threw its unconditional support behind the U.S. plan to fight communism in the Americas.

U.S. Secretary of State Dulles, apparently confident that a major diplomatic victory was assured at the 10th Inter-American conference, announced he would leave for home "sometime tomorrow."

But one of the toughest problems still facing the United States remained unsolved—how to satisfy Latin-America's insistent demands for economic help. That one seemed to be getting bigger by the minute.

The conference devoted its major efforts today to finishing up work on the anti-Communist measure so a vote can be taken on Saturday.

Foreign Minister Vicente Rao of Brazil urged delegates to adopt without qualifying amendments the Dulles proposal for uniting the Americas in opposition to communism.

Mexico, among others, sought amendments on the basis that the original proposal endangers the principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of a country.

Rao said that although the American proposal calls for consultation when international communism dominates or controls a country in the Western hemisphere, it does not follow that sanctions would be taken against the country.

Scelba Opens Scandal Probe

ROME, March 12 (AP)—Demands mounted tonight on Premier Mario Scelba for a quick and thorough investigation of alleged scandal in high places in the Italian government.

They came not only from Scelba's hated foes, the Communists, but also from the three minor parties that have joined Scelba, a Christian Democrat, in his new coalition government.

The charges stem from courtroom testimony relating to the death of Wilma Montesi, a high society party girl.

Already Dr. Tommaso Pavone, the nation's police chief, has resigned to facilitate a sweeping inquiry. Scelba quickly named Raffaele de Caro, one of his key Cabinet ministers, to direct personally a secret investigation of the entire affair.

The first magazine published in Philadelphia, "American Magazine," was published in February, 1741.

Both the national committee and Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R.-Wis.) demanded equivalent free time on the air to answer the Democratic leader, but the committee's request was the only one granted by the broadcasting networks.

Nixon referred to speculation, that he would make no reference to the issues that were discussed by Stevenson. He did not say he would mention McCarthy by name, but he emphasized that he would cover the field discussed by Stevenson.

Belgium Senate Approves EDC European Army

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 12 (AP)—The Belgian Senate approved the six-nation European army today and advanced the European Defense Community to its halfway mark.

The Netherlands and West Germany previously ratified the EDC treaty. France, Italy and Luxembourg still have to act.

France's final position on the army, which is intended to include half a million German soldiers, is one of the biggest question marks now.

Actually only the Netherlands has completed all the technical treaty ratification procedure.

West Germany's President Heuss has held up signature of the German ratification papers pending settlement of a constitutional dispute in West Germany over rearmament.

Robertson Attacks Hawaiian Statehood

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—Sen. A. Willis Robertson (D.-Va.) said today the Hawaiian Islands should not be granted U.S. statehood until "more definite progress has been made in dealing with Communist efforts to use Hawaii as a base for assaults on our democratic way of life."

Robertson told the Senate that admitting Hawaii to the Union now would "turn loose communistic aliens in the Hawaiian Islands who can flood our West Coast and permeate the entire nation."

The Virginian spoke out after the administration lost a fight against combining Hawaii with Alaska in a single statehood bill. The Senate voted 46-43 late yesterday against treating the two territories separately.

In producing 264 million tons of coal since 1806, Missouri has used up about 1 per cent of her reserves.

Germans Report Soviet Air Clash

MUNICH, Germany, March 12 (AP)—German police reported a Soviet-made jet fighter from Czechoslovakia shot up two U.S. military planes near the German border today but American authorities were unable to confirm the report.

A U.S. 6th Fleet spokesman in London said the Navy had planes from the Mediterranean—based carriers in the area today, but "whether they were Navy planes which were attacked we do not know yet."

The U.S. Air Force headquarters at Wiesbaden and the U.S. Army headquarters at Heidelberg said they were unable to confirm any attack on American planes.

Bavarian border police said eyewitnesses saw the attack at 7,500 feet in hazy weather and afterwards found empty aircraft gun shells on the ground near Waldmuenchen.

Wable Defense Seeks Mercy

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 12 (AP)—The defense appealed to a jury of seven men and five women today to couple mercy with justice and spare the life of John Wesley Wable, charged with being the phantom slayer on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The case is expected to go to the jury tomorrow.

Chief Defense Attorney A. C. Scales did not specifically ask for an acquittal. He declared if the jury believes Wable's story that a "Jim Parks" committed the actual slaying the highest possible verdict it could return would be second degree murder.

Wable had testified he gave his revolver to Parks. The man was identified by Wable as a counterfeiter for whom he has passed money. The state says Parks was a figment of Wable's imagination.

In 1752 the famed Liberty Bell was brought from London and hung in the tower of Independence Hall.



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