

Ike May Take Political Tour

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—The White House said twice today that a last minute political tour by President Eisenhower is under consideration, but that no decision has been reached.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty repeated that this is still the situation, in the face of speculation that Eisenhower will surely make the trip.

TV, Radio Time Asked By Demos

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 (AP)—Democratic National Chairman Stephen Mitchell today demanded equal time from radio and TV networks in return for recent speeches by President Eisenhower and Monday night's televised Cabinet session.

Mitchell said the President's speeches, which were labeled "non-political" contained an "unusual amount of partisan political content" and he described the televised Cabinet session as "a charade for political purposes."

Mitchell asked that the networks give free time for radio-TV coverage of a speech by Adlai Stevenson, 1952 Democratic presidential nominee, either Thursday or Saturday night.

The National Broadcasting Co. later said it had offered Mitchell a half hour at 8:30 p.m. Saturday on television, and a half hour on radio at 10:30 p.m. the same night.

The Columbia Broadcasting System turned down Mitchell's request, saying its policy was "not to provide time to reply to the President . . . or members of his Cabinet, appearing and speaking as such, or reporting to the people on their activities . . ."

Mitchell made his request for time to reply to the President's speeches in telegrams to the presidents of the networks. His request was released in Washington.

GOP Will Act To Boost Jobs, Says Mitchell

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell said tonight "employment is increasing" nationwide and the Republican administration is determined to take "any government action necessary" to expand job opportunity and boost living standards.

Mitchell, taking to television and radio, in a nationwide address described by the Republican National Committee as a major campaign speech, reiterated what President Eisenhower told the nation last night—that 1954 is the "most prosperous peacetime year in our history."

Saying "a lot of politicians" are trying to "scare" the voters "by distorting facts," Mitchell said in his prepared address:

"All over the country employment is increasing, new jobs are opening up. . . . We are determined to expand employment, and to improve the opportunities and working conditions of those who have jobs."

The Commerce Department reported meanwhile that joblessness dropped 358,000 in October to the lowest level of 1954—2,741,000—while employment remained virtually unchanged.

Tit for Tat . . .

Red Delegate's Barb Backfires

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 26 (AP)—Charles Malik, Lebanon's philosopher delegate, today turned a barbed quotation directed against him by Andrei Y. Vishinsky right back at the Soviet delegate.

Malik is a former professor of philosophy. Vishinsky is a former lawyer.

Yesterday in a reference to Malik's background, Vishinsky quoted this passage from the German poet Heinrich Heine: "Seventy-seven professors: Oh, my fatherland, thou art done for!"

Malik did a little research last night and returned this morning with another quotation from the same work:

"Seventy-seven lawyers: Oh, my fatherland, thou art betrayed!"

Air Raid Drill Gives Citizens Needed Lesson

HARRISBURG, Oct. 26 (AP)—State Civil Defense officials today viewed Pennsylvania's fifth—and longest—post war air raid alert test as having provided needed lessons.

"We all learned something again and that's what the tests are for," said Richard Gerstell, state Civil Defense director, in looking back at last night's surprise alarm. "In general the response was very good. There were exceptions of course but it was a test. Everybody found places that needed improvement."

The alarm, flashed throughout the state by a bell and light signal system, set the sirens off with the red signal at 7:30 p.m. Fifteen minutes later came the all clear.

For the first time Pennsylvanians were asked to pull shades across doors and windows to cut down on visible light and as a precaution against flying glass during a real raid.

Late today Hagerty repeated that no decision has been made. Hagerty also disclosed Eisenhower has accepted two speaking dates after the election—to the National Council of Catholic Women at Boston Nov. 8 and at his home town of Abilene, Kans., Nov. 11. The Abilene speech will be in connection with the dedication of a wing of the Eisenhower Foundation building there.

As Hagerty put it, Eisenhower would like to speak to the people of the country and to workers in the political organization of the Republican party to see that everybody gets out and votes on election day.

Four Outlined
If the trip should materialize, there might be a flight to Detroit on Friday, with stopovers at Louisville, Ky., and Waterloo, Iowa, to be followed by visits on Saturday to Minneapolis, Boston and Wilmington, Del. One report said the President might also go into Ohio.

Eisenhower may disclose his decision at tomorrow's White House news conference. This will be his first meeting with the press in Washington since Aug. 17, in the waning days of the 83rd Congress.

McCarthy Hits Bias

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy made a "prejudice" charge today against three members of the special Senate committee which recommended that he be censured for some of his official actions.

The Wisconsin senator also accused Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah), committee chairman, of "ducking" requests that he testify before McCarthy's Senate Investigations subcommittee.

McCarthy made public a letter to Watkins, in which he said:

"It is now unquestioned that three members of the committee, including yourself, indicated prejudice toward me before you were selected to act on that committee and failed to tell the vice president of your statement in that regard before he appointed you to this committee."

"This would appear to be a deliberate deception of the vice president and a fraud upon the Senate which obviously intended that an unprejudiced committee be appointed."

McCarthy's challenge of half the membership of the committee—it is made up of three Republicans and three Democrats—was the prelude to Senate debate of the censure motion when it meets in extraordinary session Nov. 8.

Watkins said in Salt Lake City he had not yet received McCarthy's letter and added:

"I'm not going to be provoked into any diversions whatsoever."

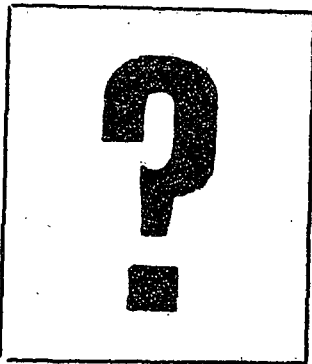
"I think it's unethical for me to start arguing this matter before the Senate considers it and before the official report has actually been filed with the Senate."

Queen Mother Is In U.S. for Visit

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 (AP)—Queen Mother Elizabeth of Britain arrived today on the huge liner that bears her name to pay a 25-day visit and, in her own words, see "as much as I can."

The Queen Mother will spend nine days in New York and later go to Washington to visit the President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

Have You Entered Players' Prize Pin-up Contest?



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Floods, Landslides Kill 217 in Italy

SALERNO, Italy, Oct. 26 (AP)—Torrential cloudbursts and landslides smashed 10 miles of coastal hills along the famous Salerno-Amalfi tourist coast today, killing 217 persons or more.

Military police who compiled the official casualty toll said 52 more persons were missing and believed dead in modern Italy's worst flood disaster.

Unofficial sources put the toll along the northern shore of the Gulf of Salerno at 270 dead and 170 missing.

In Rome, Giacinto Bosco, under-secretary to Premier Mario Scelba, said at midnight the death toll had reached 193. He said he feared scores of the missing never would be found alive.

Hospitals for miles around were jammed with the injured, at least 150 of them gravely hurt. Thousands were homeless.

Firemen, soldiers, and volunteers worked through the night searching through hundreds of smashed buildings for bodies and trapped survivors. Some of the dead were sprawled on the muddy Salerno beach where American troops stormed ashore 11 years ago in crucial battle.

The stricken coastland extends from Salerno, about 30 miles south of Naples, south westward to Amalfi, which was untouched.

Rains began falling from Sorrento to Salerno early last night and turned into torrents by 11 p.m. The heaviest torrents lasted three hours.

The cloudburst softened mud holding together homes built of white volcanic rock and hundreds of them crumbled. In Salerno alone 5000 were homeless.

Two-foot walls of water surged down the mountains. The rains stopped for two hours, then resumed, and a light fall continued through the day.

Women Get Ulcers From Competition

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Milady's entrance into competition with men has resulted in an increase in stomach and intestinal ulcers among women in recent years, a Memphis doctor said today.

"Women want to be on an equal par with me," Dr. John E. Cox said. "They want the privileges of making a living and they want such things as suffrage. And so they can expect to take the tension that goes with competitive living—tension which I feel to be the largest single cause of stomach and duodenal intestinal ulcers."

Dr. Cox made the comments to a reporter at the 19th annual meeting of the National Gastroenterological Association.

Reds Set Off 5-Week Series Of Atom Blasts

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—A whole series of atomic blasts has been set off in Russia during the past five weeks or so—suggesting that the Reds may have developed, or are working on, a "family" of nuclear weapons, including artillery shells.

The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, in a terse announcement late today, said:

"The chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Lewis Strauss, stated that there had been a series of detonations of nuclear explosives in Soviet territory."

"This series began in mid-September and has continued at intervals to the present."

"Further announcement concerning this series will be made only if some unusual development would appear to warrant it."

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