

Stevenson Cuts GOP Politics

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—Adlai Stevenson accused some of President Eisenhower's lieutenants today of "playing ugly politics of group conflict and hatred."

Those to whom he alluded included two Cabinet members—Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson and Interior Secretary Douglas McKay.

Germans Argue Over Army Posts

BONN, Germany, Dec. 8 (AP)—A conflict has erupted in West Germany over selection of its new army's high command.

The powerful Citizens' Committee that screens the appointment of senior officers has just rejected two of Defense Minister Theodor Blank's closest advisers for top posts.

Officials Angered

Defense Ministry officials, angered by what they call a personal affront to Blank, are fighting back. They have protested to Parliament's Security Committee and are talking about a direct appeal to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

The Security Committee—the main legislative group on military affairs—has summoned leaders of the Citizens Committee and the Defense Ministry to a closed-door talk on the controversy.

Newspapers Predict

German newspapers are predicting a crisis pitting the Defense Ministry, an arm of the executive branch, against the Citizens' Committee named by Parliament.

This 38-member group was established to screen the characters and past behavior of all officers named to the rank of colonel or above. The idea was to keep former Nazis, war criminals, members of Hitler's SS Elite Corps and others considered politically unreliable out of the new army.

In a surprise decision, it rejected the nomination of former Col. Kurt Fett and Hellmuth Bergengruen to military rank. Both officers have played a leading part in the ministry's preparatory work for establishing the armed forces.

Reds to Free German War Prisoners Soon

BONN, Germany, Dec. 8 (AP)—West Germans received the cheering news tonight that thousands of their relatives will return home soon from Soviet Russia and Communist Poland.

Russians Promise

The Foreign Office said the Russians have promised to resume releasing German war prisoners. Dr. Heinrich Weitz, president of the Red Cross, said Poland has agreed to return 800 to 1000 Germans a month starting early next year. But the Poles have declined to discuss the release of 715 German war criminals until the Bonn and Warsaw governments establish diplomatic relations, Weitz said.

600 Prisoners to Arrive

The Russians notified the Bonn government 600 war prisoners will arrive next Tuesday. They will be the first to return home since Oct. 20 when Moscow suddenly halted the program of returning 9,628 prisoners. They agreed to free all these during Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's visit to Moscow in September. They released 3863 war prisoners and 1973 civil internees before stopping the transports. The Russian press complained German "war criminals" they sent home were welcomed like heroes.

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AFL-CIO To Expand Political Role

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—The AFL-CIO today moved to wage the "greatest organizing campaign in the nation's history" and to expand its role in politics.

Both actions were approved among a long series of resolutions adopted at the founding convention of the newly-merged 16 million member labor force.

Unions Pledge

Walter Reuther, former CIO president, said former CIO unions in the new organization had pledged four million dollars toward the organizing campaign.

Termining the forthcoming drive the greatest ever, he called on the AFL wing of the new federation to contribute proportionately.

Action Takes No Sides

The political action resolution took no sides between parties.

It said there was a need for an "expanding nonpartisan program of political education designed to protect and secure the legitimate economic and political aspirations of America's working men and women."

It said political activity among "wives, sisters, and daughters of our membership as well as among women workers should be intensified."

Russian Press Praises Tour

MOSCOW, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Soviet press today jubilantly hailed the Asian tour of Communist party boss N. S. Khrushchev as a great diplomatic success for the U.S.S.R.

The newspapers castigated Britain and the United States in terms as tough as any seen here in Joseph Stalin's day, and said the Soviet leaders' trip to India and Burma filled the Western powers with "anger and confusion."

The consensus of the Western diplomatic corps in Moscow is that the praise heaped on Bulganin and Khrushchev for their tour reflects a growing feeling of confidence among Soviet leaders that will lead to a new era in world relations.

These observers express this view: The Soviet leaders feel the Geneva conference removed the threat of an atomic war.

Typhoid Epidemic

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP)—An outbreak of 54 reported cases of paratyphoid here was termed an epidemic last night by the head of the State Department of Communicable Diseases.

"Is this, indeed, an attempt to stir up class conflict?" the announced candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination asked the AFL-CIO convention.

"No election, no office is worth such a price."

Stevenson told heartily cheering delegates and visitors:

McCarthyism Old-Fashioned

"Today McCarthyism is out of style. But I wonder if a similar hate campaign is in the making around distorted images of 'goons' and 'power-hungry labor bosses,' two ugly phrases we hear almost daily."

Stevenson, speaking in his usual polished manner with occasional quips that drew laughter, won standing ovations at the beginning and end of his speech.

He was applauded 27 times, somewhat more frequently than Gov. Averell Harriman of New York, a potential rival for the nomination, who addressed the convention Tuesday.

Receives Ovation

Another ovation was given Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, widow of the New Deal President.

She told the delegates the most important thing about the recent merger of the AFL and CIO is that,

"Since you have this new power you will accept greater responsibility as citizens."

The delegates also heard J. Adington Wagner, American Legion national commander, call for "greater frankness" by the Eisenhower administration "instead of attempting to sweeten the bitter failure that was Geneva."

Communists Allow Yule Broadcasts

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, said today that Radio Prague and Radio Warsaw have agreed to broadcast American-produced Christmas programs.


Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, a church spokesman, said this was the first time that Communist governments had opened their broadcasting facilities to American-sponsored religious programs. Government agencies of Poland and Czechoslovakia agreed to the broadcasts, he said, after being assured they would be non-political.

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Ike, Top Advisers Discuss Budget Cut

THURMONT, Md., Dec. 8 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower held three sessions with his top advisers at fog-covered Camp David today in an effort to trim the budget and perhaps offer a 1956 election year tax cut.

Two meetings of the National Security Council were preceded by an hour-long separate conference with Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey, Budget Director Rowland Hughes and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Humphrey reiterated his predictions that the budget will be brought into balance by next July 1 but said Eisenhower himself will say whether taxes can be cut in his State of the Union message to Congress in January.

Quizzed on Budget

Reporters asked Humphrey whether his forecast of a balanced budget by the end of this fiscal year took into account "indica-

tions of increased military expenditures."

"I don't give a damn what the indications are," he said, smiling. "I think we are going to balance the budget."

"What can you say about taxes now?" newsmen pressed.

"Nothing right now. I imagine the President will be saying something about it in his State of the Union message."

Uses of Tax Policy

A representative of the National Assn. of Manufacturers had something to say about taxes in Washington today, however. "Tax policy should not be used as a means for manipulating the economy or for other nonfiscal purposes," John C. Davidson, director of NAM's government finance department, told a Senate-House subcommittee on the economic report.

Davidson urged the committee to give first priority in tax reduction to "reducing discrimination in income tax rates."



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