

NATO Trip Out For Stevenson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Adlai E. Stevenson said today he doesn't plan to join the U.S. delegation to the NATO summit conference in Paris this month, but he left the door open to an invitation.

"I have not been invited and there hasn't been any discussion of that," the 1952-56 Democratic presidential nominee told reporters.

Manned Rocket In Five Years Seen by Expert

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (AP)—The nation's first manned space ship could be blasting off within five years, a U.S. missile scientist said today.

He listed this technically possible timetable for space accomplishments:

• A manned space station in 6-7 years.

• First flight around the moon in 8-10 years.

Kraft A. Ehrlicke, one of the top scientists working on the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile, said:

"Technically we are capable of having manned orbital gliders in five years."

Fate of Sputnik I Remains Unknown

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 2 (AP)—Rocket, rocket, where is that rocket?

American and British scientists say the carrier rocket that launched Sputnik I plunged to its death last weekend.

Soviet Russia in its English language broadcast tonight omitted mention of the final stage rocket for the first time. However, shortly afterwards a Finnish language broadcast from Moscow said the rocket had made 900 trips around the world by 7 a.m., EST.

Truck Driver Testifies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—A Denver truck driver testified today that to his knowledge his Teamster local did not elect delegates to the Teamsters convention that chose James R. Hoffa president of the big union.

63,500 Now Stationed

Britain to Slash Forces In Germany to 50,000

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Britain was reported today determined to slash her NATO force in West Germany to 50,000 men next year, despite objections from her allies. She now has 63,500 men there.

But government officials said Britain may make an effort to please her Atlantic Pact partners. In a compromise plan, this country is thinking of basing a special 5000-man unit of its national strategic reserve in Germany.

This would mean the 5000 men would be taken out of NATO control and placed under British control. That would make Britain's manpower in Germany number 55,000.

Informants said the deciding factor in the compromise would be the amount of help West Germany is willing to give toward the support of the British army

Stevenson said his job as Democratic adviser on the U.S. policy to be put forth at the Dec. 16-18 meeting of North Atlantic Treaty country leaders will be completed within another week or 10 days. Then, he said, "I will go about my business."

Whether Stevenson will be invited to the Paris meeting hasn't been decided, the State Department said.

Stevenson spoke to newsmen after an hour-long meeting with House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.). He said he briefed Rayburn on Atlantic Treaty matters likely to come up at a White House meeting tomorrow of congressional leaders, which Stevenson has agreed to attend.

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Labor Boss Asks End to Pay Demands

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Dec. 2 (AP)—A moratorium on demands for wage increases during 1958 was suggested to the 3 1/2 million member AFL-CIO building and construction trades department today.

Department President Richard J. Gray said he was proposing this "unorthodox policy" because of inflation and its resulting shortage of money and cutbacks in construction.

He said the Eisenhower administration is advocating a tight money policy which is aimed at slowing down construction.

A one-year moratorium on wage increases, he said, would be a step toward stabilizing wage gains and "obtaining full employment through increased production."

In conjunction with the proposed moratorium he proposed creation of a building and construction industry committee to urge related industries such as lumber and cement to join in the wage increase suspension.

It would also work out a program for increased production activity including an effort to force abandonment of tight money policies.

Trucker Charges RRs Seek to End Competition

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2 (AP)—The president of the American Trucking Associations, Guy Rutland Jr., today charged the railroads with trying to squeeze out trucking competition and establish a transportation monopoly.

Ike Snaps Back; Meets With Cabinet

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—President Eisenhower, snapping back from the mild stroke he suffered last Monday, presided over a Cabinet meeting today and then hit some golf balls on the White House lawn.

It was the busiest day Eisenhower has put in since his cerebral attack.

When it ended, Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, the President's personal physician, checked his pulse, blood pressure and temperature. All were described as normal, and James C. Hagerty, the White House press secretary, said Snyder reported:

"The President's condition is excellent and he shows no signs of fatigue." Eisenhower was with his Cabinet members for an hour and 40 minutes discussing budget problems and legislative recommendations to be made to Congress next month.

He also spent an hour in conference with Secretary of State Dulles. Secretary of Defense McElroy participated in the last 10 minutes of this meeting.

While the Cabinet was still in session—and to the astonishment of White House newsmen—the President donned slacks and a sweater and began practicing pitch shots to the green on the White House lawn.

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Strikers Veto Use Of Free Buses

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 2 (AP)—The Golden Triangle Assn., composed of businessmen in the downtown district, said today the union representing 2200 striking bus and trolley operators has refused to okay use of free chartered buses.

Joseph W. Feldman, executive secretary of the association, made the statement today as the strike against Pittsburgh Railways Co. reached the 50-day mark.

Feldman said the proposal to operate free buses was made to Gilbert Teitel, business agent for Division 85 of the Amalgamated Assn. of Street, Electric Railway & Motor Coach Employees. Feldman quoted Teitel as saying "that the union would prevent free bus service from operating by instructing its members not to drive the buses."

Death Penalty Sought

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 2 (AP)—The state indicated today it will seek the death penalty for Joseph Watreas at the opening of his murder trial in the strangulation of a Mazon town grocer.

Hammarskjold Ends Talks On Jordan-Israeli Peace

AMMAN, Jordan, Dec. 2 (AP)—UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold emerged grim faced from his final meeting today with Jordan officials.

A communique indicated he has made little headway in his new quest for Jordan-Israel peace.

Despite intensive negotiations over two days, it was apparent from the joint U.N.-Jordan declaration that the results of the talks fell far short of what the U.N. had expected.

Hammarskjold is far from finished, however.

He will leave early tomorrow for Israel and the second stage of his Middle East peace mission.

The third stage will take him to Syria. He returns to New York Dec. 8.

Obviously no decision was reached in the dispute over Israel's insistence on sending a supply convoy to Mt. Scopus, an Israeli area reached only by traveling over Jordan territory.

Unless settled quickly, the convoy dispute could lead to more serious difficulties on the already inflamed Israel-Jordan border. Jordan had a new promise of full support from Egypt in the quarrel.

In Israel, Hammarskjold will talk with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Foreign Minister Golda Meir.

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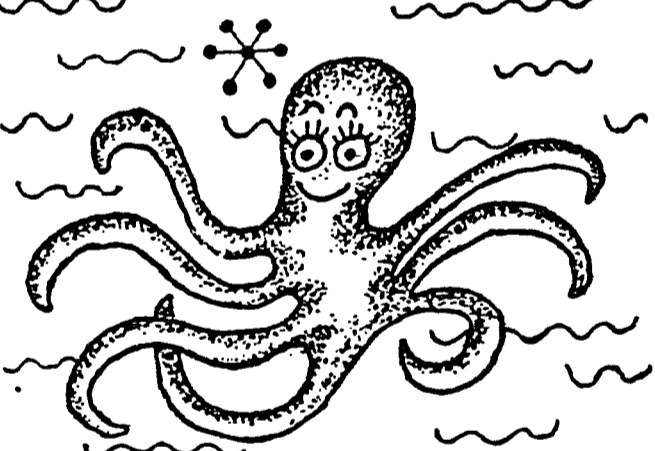
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