

Stevenson Declines Ike's Invitation to Attend NATO Israel-Jordan Talks Continue

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—Adlai Stevenson has declined President Eisenhower's invitation to attend the NATO summit meeting in Paris because he would have no real authority there.

Stevenson disclosed that while he agrees with most of the

More Money To Be Spent On Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—The Eisenhower administration was today reported planning to spend an extra 2.5 billion dollars next year on defense and foreign aid to meet the challenge of Russia's military-scientific advances.

Plans for a bigger Defense Department budget and increased spending by mutual security agencies were laid before 31 congressional leaders from both parties at a five-hour White House briefing.

President Eisenhower, who, suffered a slight stroke a week ago yesterday, presided over the meeting for 2½ hours.

Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, chairman of the Republican policy committee in the Senate, reported the administration wants to raise the defense budget about two billion dollars for the fiscal year starting next July 1. He said most of the increase would be devoted to missiles and antisubmarine equipment.

Sen. Walter F. Russell (D.-Ga.), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told reporters after the meeting the defense program has not yet been firmed up. He said the legislative leaders were given a spending objective but that the administration was not yet sure it could stick to it.

administration proposals to be unveiled at the Dec. 16 conferences. "There are differences between us."

In an interview following up a public statement, Stevenson emphasized that the deciding factor in his decision was that, in Paris, he would be simply a consultant "without authority" to influence policies with which he would be identified.

His statement, issued some eight hours after he received a personal invitation from Eisenhower, set forth his reasoning in these words:

"I would be without authority and necessarily identified with decisions I might not always agree with and could not publicly oppose. I do not wish thereby to inhibit or mislead my friends here or abroad."

He said that "unless there are compelling developments I will not attend the Paris meeting."

Stevenson's statement confirmed speculation that he has some misgivings about the scope and practicability of some of the proposals he has studied so far as the State Department's Democratic consultant on NATO affairs.

Sources close to him said he was particularly dissatisfied with what they called lack of imagination in economic aid proposals.

Stevenson emphasized to a reporter that the question of authority was the big factor in his decision.

Eisenhower issued his invitation to the man he twice defeated for the presidency when they met for 10 minutes early this morning.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3 (AP)—UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld conferred with Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion and Foreign Minister Golda Meir today on the second stage of a peace mission that apparently encountered roadblocks in Jordan.

A communique said discussions extended over the main current problems effecting the Israel-Jordan armistice situation and further talks would be held tomorrow.

The UN secretary general flew to Amman, the Jordan capital, in a UN plane and landed at Jordan's Kalandia Airport north of the old walled city of Jerusalem.

House Rules Out '58 Tax Reduction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—House leaders generally agreed today that chances of 1958 tax cut have practically vanished.

Leaders in the House had hoped for a sizable reduction but that was before Russia's advances in satellites and missiles led to new emphasis on U.S. defense spending.

Speaker Sam Rayburn (D.-Tex.) and House GOP Leader Joseph W. Martin (Mass.) said today they would support the appropriation of every dollar necessary for national defense and security.

Reed Resigns As Head Of Rights Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—Stanley F. Reed resigned today from the new Civil Rights Commission he was to head, saying the position would be incompatible with his obligations as a retired Supreme Court justice.

Reed's resignation was accepted promptly by President Eisenhower.

First Heavy Snowfall Covers State

By The Associated Press
The heaviest snowfall of the season blanketed the Pittsburgh area Tuesday night and the Weather Bureau predicted snow for most of the state.

Several western Pennsylvania counties also felt the brunt of the storm which was expected to leave an accumulation of from 3 to 5 inches of snow by dawn.

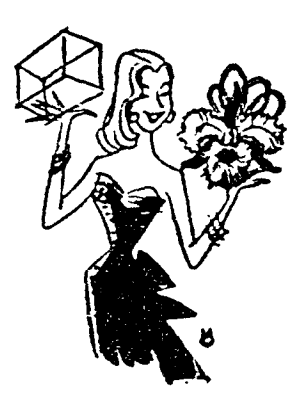
The storm, moving in from the west, hit Washington County and the Pittsburgh area late in the afternoon.

The Weather Bureau predicted 3 to 4 inches of snow would fall

by dawn in northwestern, central and northeastern parts of the state. From 1 to 3 inches was expected in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Many highways in the western section were in hazardous condition. State Highways Department clearing crews went into action.

Shortly after the storm began Tuesday afternoon, a Pittsburgh fireman, James P. Hennigan, 30, was killed as the hearse he was driving skidded on the Pennsylvania Turnpike and hit a truck near the Butler Valley Interchange.



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