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ROCKS MORE THAN GEM

Stevenson Lauds Truman Gibes At GOP

Says Humor Seems To Be Main Issue By RICHMAN MORIN

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP)—Gov. Adlai Stevenson said today "President Truman deserves the main credit for the victory and courage of our foreign policy."

The Democratic presidential candidate, campaigning through New England, also peppered the Republican political foes with a new storm of barbed witticisms.

"To many considerable surprise they are now saying the central issue of our time is humor."

The governor has been accused of making the campaign, in Gen. Dwight Eisenhower called it, "a laughing matter."

RAIN FALLS Rain began to come down in heavy pelting drops in the first minute after the governor began speaking.

"I think the Republicans must have intended with our meeting," he said, and he suggested the reason he moved inside the city auditorium.

People yelled: "Keep going. Don't mind a little rain."

When they moved into the auditorium Stevenson talked politics, foreign policy and the particular problems of the New England area.

On the foreign policy issue, Stevenson repeated his assertion that prompt American action in Korea staved off Communist aggression both in Europe and Asia, and he said:

"Let there be no doubt where the main credit for the victory in the Korean war goes to."

At Springfield, a rug-making center, he was given a fancy, gold-colored coat and hat.

"I understand they don't need any rugs in the White House. So I am going to give you one to use in Illinois. I have just the place in mind."

At the Massachusetts state line he was joined by Gov. Paul A. Dever, U. S. Sen. Rep. J. F. Kennedey, House Majority Leader John W. McCormack, and Lt. Gov. Charles F. Sullivan.

In his Springfield address Stevenson replied to Republican criticism of his political liberalism with a barrage of quips, turns, digs and jabs.

He heaped coals of ridicule on the Republicans—but his jokes were designed to prove his basic campaign arguments.

His GOP presidential opponent, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, recently said a presidential campaign is "no laughing matter for new voters."

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IN HOT WATER

Furor Raised Over Senator's Expense Fund

General Expresses Faith In Running Mate

By JACK BEL

ABOARD THE EISENHOWER SPECIAL (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower defended Sen. Richard M. Nixon of California today as a "honest man" in the political furor over the disclosure concerning Nixon's non-official California expense account.

James Hagerty, Eisenhower's press secretary, called lawmakers aboard the campaign special train together as the train approached Nebraska City to read them this statement:

"I have long admired and applauded Sen. Nixon's American faith, and his determination to drive Communism out of the hands of our American people fairly and squarely."

"There has recently been leveled against him a charge of unethical practices. I believe Dick Nixon to be an honest man. I am confident that he will place the facts before the American people fairly and squarely."

"I intend to talk with him at the earliest time we can reach each other by telephone."

Hagerty told newsmen the first opportunity Eisenhower would have to contact Nixon would be when the train reaches Kansas City later today.

It said that some of Eisenhower's top advisers had already been in contact with Nixon but that the general would not discuss the matter until he had spoken to him personally.

"The Nixon disclosure last night has caused a great deal of concern among our friends who defend them are driven out of Washington," he said in a statement.

Existence of the fund was reported yesterday by Dana C. Smith, wealthy Pasadena, Calif. tax attorney. Smith said he helped raise the fund because the \$2,000 allowed Nixon for expenses by the government was not enough for a senator representing a state as large as California.

Nixon, as senator, receives a \$12,500 annual salary, a \$2,500 expense account, and more than \$50,000 a year to run his office and pay staff salaries and expenses.

"Democratic National Chairman Stephen A. Mitchell charged in Washington that Nixon was 'morally wrong' and demanded that he resign as GOP running mate to Dwight D. Eisenhower."

Mitchell's blast came as Nixon launched an extensive western whistle-stop campaign northward from his Pomona, Calif. home. He will find one difference in the Sacramento Valley into Oregon.

He took time out from his frequent platform speeches to issue a statement denying any wrong doing.

Nixon was pressed by reporters for a detailed explanation of expenditures and names of contributors just before he retired in Sacramento yesterday. He issued this statement—similar to his earlier one—and declined to elaborate:

"This is another typical smear which has found me ever since I took part in the investigation which led to the conviction of Alger Hiss. They have tried to manufacture and create an air of suspicion over a matter which is completely open and above-board in every respect."

"If they think by such tactics they can slow up my attack against communism and corruption they will find one difference. I intend to win."

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Tyner Household Is Peaceful Again

By ELIZABETH BLAIR Charlotte News Staff Writer

Two-year-old Ronnie Cecil Tyner is eating again—thanks to the 345 Charlotte News readers who answered her mother's distress call.

Ronnie refused to drink milk, or eat, after he bit a hole in the nipple in his bottle Wednesday.

"I certainly appreciate it," Mrs. Tyner said. "I'm going to take two of these nipples and have them gold-plated for him."

Even if Ronnie bites through as that nipple was sterilized and ready when Mrs. Dover left, he said.

She has four in reserve.

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GALLUP POLITICAL POLL

Independents Still Like Ike Over Adlai

By GEORGE GALLUP Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N. J.—Independent voters of the country, who represent approximately one-fourth of all voters—continue to favor Eisenhower over Stevenson today.

Past experience would indicate that independent voters are most influenced by political campaigns. They are the group most responsive to political change and are most likely to switch parties during the course of a campaign.

The shift was decisive factors in giving the Republicans Party control of both House and Senate in the 80th Congress.

General Eisenhower's managers would be making a mistake, however, to assume that the Independent vote this year is safely in the Republican bag.

The very thing that distinguishes an Independent voter is his tendency to shift sides. Typically he is far more open to persuasion than any regular Republican or regular Democrat.

In fact, that was clearly shown in an Institute survey of a month ago in which regular Republicans and Democrats said that here are the figures:

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A substantial number of Independents said they might, whereas 76 per cent of the regular Democrats said that. Here are the figures:

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Living Cost Sets Record For 3rd Straight Month

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government reported today that living costs reached another new high in mid-August, the third straight month they have set a new record.

The index prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics rose to 191.1 per cent of the 1955-56 average. This is 12.3 per cent above the pre-Korean period and three per cent above a year ago.

Slight increases between mid-July and mid-August in the cost of food and most other major consumer items were responsible for the new increase. The prices for apparel decreased slightly. Home furnishings remained unchanged.

The "old series" index, a living cost compilation on which many labor contracts are based—declined one-tenth of a point during the month to 182.3 of the 1955-56 average.

PRECAUTIONS OF FATHER GO FOR NOTHING

PETALUMA, Calif. (AP)—Mamuel F. Perry Jr. wanted to make sure he didn't run over his little girl.

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