

Kid Gloves Style Marks Early U.S. Election Moves

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WASHINGTON (CP) — A kid-gloves approach, an astonishing departure from the round-house blows that usually feature U.S. election battles, appears to be the main characteristic of the early stages of this 1956 presidential campaign.

With 40 days to go before the Nov. 6 polling date, both President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican candidate, and Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic presidential nominee, still are sparring lightly.

Compared with past campaigns, the appeal is high and gentle. Scarcely a word of old-time political invective has been heard since former President Harry S. Truman, the rough and tough old campaigner from Missouri, several weeks ago associated the Republicans with "legal racketeers."

OLD AND NEW ISSUES

The issues being tossed about are both old and new, ranging from the Alger Hiss case and hog prices to hydrogen bomb tests and the draft, but neither party seems to have yet found a promising vote-catching line of attack.

At stake in the Nov. 6 contest, in which an estimated 75,000,000 to 80,000,000 Americans will be eligible to vote, is possession of the presidency, which the Republicans captured in 1952 after 20 years of Democratic White House rule, and control of Congress.

Some political observers say they have detected a drift toward the Democrats, particularly in the low-income farm territories, and the trend obviously has been the Republicans' worry, Eisenhower, who launched his campaign with a no barnstorming pledge, is entering the fray with increasing frequency. Originally, he intended to make just six TV broadcasts

and one appearance in the farm area. Then a second farm appearance was added, and now a third. The New York Times, in a check of pre-election voting sentiment among Iowa farmers, reported it found that 10 per cent of Eisenhower's 1952 supporters plan to switch to Stevenson, with another 13 per cent undecided whether to vote for like again.

Eisenhower came out swinging in defence of his farm program Tuesday night in a Peoria, Ill., speech which made it clear that Democratic attempts to make hay with farm discontent have stung the Republicans, and particularly the president himself.

He promised to do all he could, short of "political quackery," to bring the farmers "the only kind of prosperity they want—prosperity that can be enjoyed in time of peace." But, to the surprise of most observers, he had no new farm plan to bring it about.

DEFENDS POSITION

The president vigorously defended his administration's program of flexible farm price supports and said the return to rigid, 90 per cent supports proposed by the Democrats would be "mockery and deceit."

This was in reply to Stevenson's promise of restoration of high supports and his charge that the country is confronted "not with a breakdown of our agriculture but a breakdown of our imagination and leadership" in that field.

One prime issue that may generate heat as the campaign unfolds is that of the president's health.

Stevenson touched on it briefly in his early campaign thrusts when he said that while every-one sympathizes with the "circumstances which have created a part-time presidency" the resultant situation would become worse with an Eisenhower victory since the future of the Republican party would depend on the Republican vice-president, Richard M. Nixon.

IN GOOD SHAPE

Eisenhower, in obvious reply, told the electors in one address: "I am confident of my own physical strength to meet all the responsibilities of the presidency, today and in the years ahead." Nixon, meantime, on a wide, 33-

state campaign swing around the country, placed before the American voter the vision of a four-day work week in the not too distant future and a doubled living standard for all within 10 years.

Stevenson, pursuing the same general welfare theme, unveiled the first of a series of policy documents on what he calls the "new America." He proposed that the U.S. commit itself to the basic proposition that older citizens should be able to enjoy the same standard of living to which they were accustomed before retirement.

To date, the vital issue of foreign policy has received little campaign attention beyond a recital of past party history.

POLISH ELECTIONS

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—Communist Poland announced Tuesday it had set Dec. 16 as the date for new parliamentary elections. The announcement was made by Warsaw radio, which also broadcast an unprecedented criticism by the trade union newspaper Glos Pracy of a lack of choice among candidates. The newspaper assailed Polish voting regulations as "undemocratic and backward."

BABY JET IS DEMONSTRATED

Canadian - designed CF-100 jet trainer was demonstrated before fighter towers over the French-built Fouga CM 170. The small high-ranking Canadian air officers (CP from National Defence).

New Cabinet In B. C. Takes Office

Victoria (CP) — Two new members were sworn in and several posts shuffled in the British Columbia cabinet Thursday. Premier Bennett, riding the wake of last week's overwhelming Social Credit election victory, created no new posts.

New members are R. Peterson, 32-year-old Vancouver lawyer, and Earle C. Westwood, 47, mayor of Nanaimo.

Most notable change was the granting of the lands and forests office to Ray G. Williston, minister of education last session.

Robert E. Sommers resigned the lands and forests portfolio last February following allegations of irregularities in that office. Mr. Williston held both the education and forests ministries from February until Thursday.

The resulting court case, in which Mr. Sommers sued Vancouver lawyer David Sturdy for slander, was one of the key points in the election.

Mr. Sommers, although re-elected by a strong majority in the Rossland-Trail riding, was not granted a cabinet post.

Premier Bennett had said during the election campaign that Mr. Sommers must clear himself with the electorate and with the courts before being readmitted to the cabinet.

The education portfolio went to Mr. Peterson. Mr. Westwood, a funeral director, becomes minister of trade and industry.

Former Escort of Princess Will Wed

LONDON (CP) — Peter Ward, third son of the Earl of Dudley and a former escort of Princess Margaret, Thursday announced his engagement to 19-year-old Claire Baring, lovely 1954 debutante and also a member of the Princess Margaret set.

Ward, 30, spent the Second World War in Canada in Ontario and British Columbia.

Edmonton Has First Frost of the Season

Edmonton (CP) — Edmonton recorded its first official frost of the season early Thursday when the thermometer dipped to 30, two degrees below freezing.

War Games In South China Sea

SINGAPORE (Reuters) — Eighteen warships of five South East Asia Treaty Organization countries converged on the South China Sea Wednesday in the biggest exercise held in Far Eastern waters since the Second World War. The exercise will last for a month.

The SEATO countries taking part in the exercise are Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Britain and the United States.

RINGS OF SATURN

Saturn is unique among planets because of its encircling ring system — two bright rings and an inner dusky one.

Says War Claims Commission Is Slow In Deciding On Award

OTTAWA (CP)—J. P. Grant, whose son was assassinated by the Germans after being taken prisoner in Normandy, said Thursday the Canadian war claims commission is "very slow in making up its mind" whether to award compensation for his son's death.

"My boy was murdered," he said, "and the man who ordered his murder and that of other Canadians is living well as a beer salesman in Germany."

Mr. Grant was referring to Maj. Gen. Kurt Meyer, commander of a Hitler Youth division in the 1944 battle of Normandy. Meyer served nine years in prison for responsibility in the mass shooting of 18 Canadian prisoners-of-war. He was acquitted of ordering prisoners to be shot.

SAYS CASE STILL OPEN — Mr. Grant, a First World War veteran who receives a disability pension, said he is in poor financial circumstances and had not

Third Mate Says Liner Off Course Before Collision

NEW YORK (AP) — The young third mate of the Swedish liner Stockholm testified Friday the ship was at least three miles off course before she collided with the Italian liner Andrea Doria.

Mate Ernest Carstens - Johansen, 26, told a federal pre-trial hearing that the ship changed course two degrees shortly before the collision to try to get back on the course set by the ship's master.

At that time, he added, the Doria already was visible on the Stockholm's radar.

The July 25 collision off Nantucket Mass., badly damaged the Stockholm and sent the Doria to the bottom. Some 80 lives were lost.

The Italian line is suing the Stockholm's owners for \$25,000,000 in damages. The Swedish-American line has a \$2,000,000 countersuit. Consolidated with these two actions for eventual trial are more than \$10,000,000 in claim by passengers and shippers.

The testimony also brought out that the ship's order pad was missing from the Stockholm after the crash. On it the captain of the vessel records any orders he has for the officers on watch.

Carstens - Johansen testified, however, that on that particular night there didn't happen to be any such written orders from the captain.

WEATHER AFFECTED

SYDNEY, Australia (Reuters) — Unexpected heavy rain fell over northern Queensland in the path of the atom cloud from Britain's latest atomic test. Steady rain began Friday night in parts of Queensland that had been without rain for eight months. It continued Saturday morning in heavier falls.

Red Cross Society Gets Cheque From Gum Company

The Prince Edward Island Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society has just received a cheque for \$17.43 from the Wm. Wrigley Junior Co. Ltd. as the result of the sale of "Wrigley's" products at their exhibit in the Pure Food Building at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

At this Wrigley exhibit, there were on display ten attractive panels, one for each Canadian Province. Visitors to this exhibit could purchase from one to ten packages of the Wrigley brands of gum and then select the province they wished to favor by depositing their money in a sealed container attached to each panel. The entire receipts from the sale of this gum went to the leading charities in different cities and in this way the Prince Edward Island Red Cross benefited to the amount of \$17.43.

Mr. Grant, whose heart condition prevents him from working, said the war claims commission "hasn't closed the door on the case."

He added that he received a "good hearing" from both Chief Justice Thane Campbell of Prince Edward Island, commission chairman, and secretary Paul Theriault.

Officials of the war claims commission were not available for comment.

Horse-Tractor Switch Cause Of Accidents From Fatigue

TORONTO (CP)—The farmer may love his tractor but it doesn't have that old horse sense. The result: Farmers are running into more accidents since the mechanization of agriculture. The cause: Fatigue.

The American Medical Association, in a recent report to the Health League of Canada, says it is alarmed at the high accident death rate in farming. It says 61.7 per 100,000 farm residents die each year as a result of accidents—mostly caused by fatigue.

Farming rates third among major industries in the number of accidental deaths. The explanation is this: The horse had to have a rest during the course of the day. Everyone, including the farmer, realized it, so the farmer rested too. The machine, on the other hand, continues as long as the fuel supply holds out and so does the farmer.

Dr. Franklin H. Top of Iowa City said in the report that the farmer works his tractor from 10 to 15 hours a day, several days a week. You wouldn't catch a horse doing that.

ROSE DREW LINE — The horse would toll just so long and then take a rest. The farmer was forced to hold up, whether he liked the idea or not. What's the solution? Well, the Health League, realizing the horse is probably gone for good as far as the farm is concerned, would like to see farmers take a lesson from industry. It suggests the men of the soil take mid-morning and mid-afternoon rest periods.

Studies have shown the majority of farm accidents happen during peak mid-morning and mid-afternoon periods. These, the league suggests, would be the ideal times to take a break. It's up to the farmer to decide when he needs the rest. The tractor has no horse sense.

CONSERVATION AWARD

TORONTO (CP)—James Alfred Vance, 64, of Woodstock, Ont., a professional engineer, is to receive Canada's highest conservation award at a ceremony in London, Ont., next Tuesday. It was announced Saturday. The Julian Crandall trophy is presented annually by the Canadian Tourist Association to the one judged to have contributed most to the conservation of Canada's renewable natural resources, soil, forest and water.

CLASH IN PANAMA

PANAMA (P) — National guard troops broke up a political rally Tuesday night in Colon in a clash during which six guardsmen suffered bruises. Eight demonstrators were arrested. Guard headquarters said the meeting was sponsored by Victor Florencio Goytia, a defeated presidential candidate, and Helodoro Patina, leader of an opposition political group.

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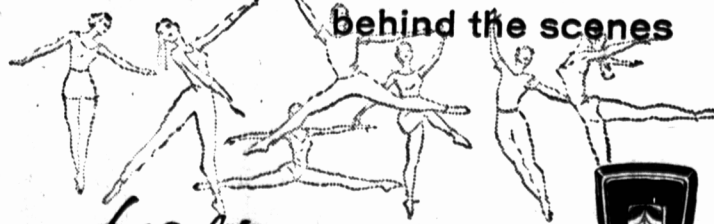
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still undergoing a process of re-development." "As a nation we have had to make adjustment after adjustment and to accept our growing pains as part of our natural process of development." The industrialist said versatility is the key to progress on the Atlantic coast and Canadians elsewhere are "stimulated" by Maritime talk of developing a "high degree of efficiency in the production of a smaller line of products."

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