

CAMPAIGN

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President Eisenhower will definitely not do any barnstorming - during the coming campaign. So announced by G.O.P. Chairman, Leonard Hall, after today's conference at the White House. Hall told newsmen that the President will make five or six television appearances. And then he added - "no barnstorming, no whistle stops."

We've already heard that Vice-President Nixon will be the key figure in the Republican whistle stop campaign this fall. The G.O.P. Chairman says the Vice-President will be joined by members of the Cabinet - with emphasis on Secretary of Agriculture Benson, who will be defending his farm program as one of the chief issues. But Leonard Hall states that Secretary of State Dulles and Secretary of Defense Wilson - will not enter the campaign. That's because the administration wants to keep foreign affairs and defense out of the campaign, if possible - if the Democrats don't insist on ~~bringing them in~~ bringing them up

DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles left for Paris today.

He had a last minute conference with President Eisenhower on the possibility of expanding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. After that, the Secretary of State drove to the airport.

In a brief speech, he told reporters that Nato's military strength must be maintained at all costs. But he repeated what he said in ~~a speech~~ ^{an address} last week - that the members of Nato should have more cultural, economic and political ties ^{with each} / other. He hopes to start the formation of such ties - in his forthcoming meeting with representatives from the other Nato nations.

MAY DAY

The celebration of May Day in Moscow was conservative when compared with other years. This time, there was little belligerent talk - and almost no attempt to frighten the world by parading Soviet military might. Also, ~~this time~~ there was no giant portrait of Stalin beside those of Marx and Lenin - quite a change from the days when the old Dictator took the salute, with hundreds of his images in Red Square below.

(This time there was the usual parade of troops and civilians. But there were no jet bombers like those of the past two years. Jet fighters flew across - but Western experts say they're the old Migs, already well known.)

One interesting change - Westerners were allowed to take photographs, and the ~~entire~~ parade was televised.

The big speech ~~of~~ was delivered by Marshal Zhukov. The Marshal produced the usual Communist propaganda about warmongers in the West - and pictured the Soviet Union as the true friend of peace. But at the same time, Zhukov told the crowd that the Kremlin is following the Leninist principle of

peaceful co-existence. (Instead of shaking his fist at the West, he declared that the two different social systems could exist side by side - if the West really wants peace.)

Marshal Zhukov also did his bit to downgrade Stalin.

He said the new line about the tyrant is correct - and praised the ~~new~~ collective leadership now in power.

Our representative at the London Disarmament Conference - says there's not much point in continuing the talks any longer. Harold Stassen, pointing out at a news conference in the British capital - that Khrushchev and Bulganin^{had} virtually sabotaged the talks - during their London visit. The two Soviet leaders made disparaging remarks about the possibility of progress toward disarmament, under the leadership of the United Nations Sub-Commission. So Stassen believes it's about time for the Western nations to call their representatives home - and for the U.N. to get a report on what happened at the London talks - and why they failed.

WILSON

Our Secretary of Defense admits that the Russians are building more hydrogen bombers than we are. Secretary Charles Wilson, telling a news conference that neither nation is building them very fast - but we are definitely behind the Soviets. However, he added that the Air Force is adding to its number of heavy bombers - because of a speed-up in production.

Secretary Wilson refused to comment on yesterday's statement by General Curtis Lemay - that the Russians will be ahead of us in long range striking power by about Nineteen Sixty. Secretary Wilson said the General's testimony came from, as he put it, "a dedicated specialist" - meaning, that General Lemay was not speaking with the full picture before him. He was speaking as head of the Strategic Air Command - while the Secretary of Defense has to take every part of our military establishment into consideration. (That's why Secretary Wilson refuses to agree that the Soviets will be ahead of us by Nineteen Sixty.)

DEFENSE

A House Sub-Committee heard some cautious optimism today - about our ability to defeat a sudden aerial attack. The chief of Army Research,¹³ General James Gavin, testified that we have reached the point where enemy aircraft have little chance to get through. According to General Gavin, our anti-aircraft missiles can throw up an almost impenetrable screen.

Naturally, the Congressmen immediately brought up the subject of the inter-continental missile - the so-called ~~the~~ "ultimate weapon." According to General Gavin, we have no sure defense against a push-button attack right now. But he predicted that the Army would work out something - some kind of defensive weapon that will defeat the inter-continental missile.

(The General wouldn't offer any guess as to how soon that will be. But he said the time is definitely coming when we will have the "ultimate weapon" licked.)

ALGERIANS

In Algeria, there was violence almost all across that protectorate today. In the mountains, a French convoy was ambushed by rebels - and a fierce fight with rifles developed. One French soldier was killed, and two wounded. The casualties of the terrorists are ~~UNKNOWN~~ unknown, because of their habit of carrying their dead and wounded away. In Algerian towns, three pro-French Moslems were stabbed to death - murdered by members of the so-called "Army of Allah."

In Algiers, a riot developed out of a funeral service for a dead terrorist. About four thousand people marched in the funeral procession - and fighting with the police broke out. Ten members of the procession were injured - before the police were able to bring the riot under control.

And France herself had more trouble with her Algerian immigrants. In Marseilles, they used a May Day celebration to start a fight with the police. They shouted, "freedom for Algeria!" - and waved the banner of the Algerian nationalists.

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Two hundred Algerians gathered before the riot ended - and twenty of them were injured. In Paris, the gendarmes rounded up more than two thousand Algerians - who converged on one square - to stage a demonstration.

ISRAEL

The Secretary General of the United Nations has accomplished his mission. Dag Hammarskjold, announcing in Jerusalem that Egypt and Israel have agreed to the establishment of U.N. observation posts on the Gaza Strip. The two nations have also agreed to special U.N. patrols along their common border.

The plan was originally drawn up by General Burns, of Canada, who is head of the U.N. Armistice Commission. Secretary General Hammarskjold accepted the plan - and got Israel and Egypt to agree to it. That's why he will be able to announce success - when he arrives in New York, probably at the end of the week.

SERGEANT

A Marine Court of Inquiry recommends a court-martial -- for Sergeant Matthew McKeon of Worcester, Massachusetts, who led a "disciplinary march" at Parris Island, South Carolina, three weeks ago. The Court of Inquiry has been investigating the reason for the deaths of six Marine recruits on that march.

Now we have the recommendation of the court. It charges that Sergeant McKeon had been drinking before he led the march. And so it rules that he ought to be tried - on four charges, including manslaughter.

Meanwhile, General Randolph Pate, Commandant of the Marine Corps, also recommends that the commanding officer at Parris Island be removed - and other officers transferred. General Pate, ordering a complete shake-up in training methods at both Parris Island and Santiago, California - the two places where the Marines have "boot camps."

INTRODUCTION TO RECORDING

Here's a report on an important, interesting development in Europe - as observed by Lowell Thomas, on his way to Katmandu, for the coronation of the King of Nepal. While making the long flight, Lowell has been giving us a few travel notes for this program. So here's another.

(RECORDING)

(Charlie: Maybe you could follow Recording with a line or two about your own experience with European airlines.)

When you hear about a crowd of fourteen thousand people gathered in a sports arena at the University of Minnesota - you naturally think of sports, maybe a baseball game, or spring practice for the Minnesota football team.

But the fourteen thousand who showed up last night - came to hear a lecture on poetry by the most highbrow of modern poets. They were there to listen to T.S. Eliot - who spoke for over an hour on the relation of "enjoyment to understanding", in poetry.

Afterward, Elliot was asked how he felt about his audience. He said he never spoke to so many people before - and suggested that it was more like a Billy Graham audience, than a T.S. Eliot audience. He added that he was astonished at the interest the crowd showed in what he had to say.

The President of the University was also astonished. Prexy James Morrow, calling the crowd "a Minnesota phenomenon." I guess no one would dispute that description - of fourteen thousand people in a Minnesota sports arena, just to hear T.S. Elliot speak about poetry.