

EISENHOWER

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CINERAMA OPENING TONITE!

50,000 people split the air with Rebel yells when General Ike began his culminating campaign swing today, began it in a big way; In South Carolina, heart of the Deep South. Astonishing to have a Republican candidate stroming down in Dixieland. Still more astonishing when a G.O.P. presidential nominee is hailed by Southern crowds, and introduced by the Governor of South Carolina. But, then, Governor Byrnes already has announced that he will vote for General Ike; though not on the Republican ticket. He'll vote for him - as an Independent. So that's the twist in the South Carolina campaign - Eisenhower listed on the ballot as an Independent candidate.

In Columbia, South Carolina today he referred to something said by President Truman in Nineteen Forty-Eight - when South Carolina seceded, and went Dixiecrat, together with other Southern states. The President

then remarked that he was proud that he was able to win without the Solid South.

Today General Ike said: "As Republican candidate for President, I want you to know that I am proud to come here and ask for the help of the Solid South to win this election."

From South Carolina, the General flies to Lindale, Ohio, where his campaign train is waiting. Then, coast to coast for eight thousand miles, a solid strenuous month of campaigning. The climax in his bid for the presidency.

TRUMAN

(President Truman blazed away at General Ike more violently than ever today.) Whistle-stopping in Montana, he charged that the General, in the Truman words - "Either doesn't know what has been going on in this country, and in his adopted Party, or he doesn't care."

(He accused General Eisenhower of having done "a great deal of harm" back at the end of the Second World War - when the General gave the opinion that the Soviets wanted friendship with the United States.) "His foresight was not nearly as good as his hindsight," said the President. ~~He said the General's advice carried a great deal of weight, and therefore did a great deal of harm.~~

STEVENSON

(In the Stevenson camp, they ^are hailing the Truman whistle stop technique ~~with~~ ^{that} blasting style. The staff of Governor Stevenson is represented as comparing the slam-bang Truman assaults on Eisenhower with the more moderate reserved way of the candidate.) This enthusiasm, we hear, is accompanied by jubilation over the response to the Stevenson radio-television speech last night, in which -- the candidate repeated his explanation of that Illinois "fund" and gave an incisive analysis of Communism and what it means.

A press aide at Springfield, Illinois, says that the Governor ~~has~~ received "several thousand" telegrams this morning. ~~also~~ He calls it, the biggest response to any Stevenson speech in the campaign thus far.

STEVENSON - PERSONALITY

The news wire gives us a background for the kind of campaign Governor Stevenson is running. (Unorthodox - no campaign-train playing the whistle stops. The Democratic nominee travels mostly by air, and believes it's the correct way for him - considering the advantages enjoyed by General Ike)

United Press Correspondent Lyle Wilson writes:

"The Governor is an obscure man, compared to Dwight Eisenhower, World War Two Supreme Commander in Europe. (For every voter who would recognize Stevenson on sight, it is reasonable to believe there are thousands who would instantly know the General.)

A lot of people look like Stevenson, including a couple who ride in his airplane."

Personal Campaign Manager Wilson Wyatt looks ^{a bit} like the candidate, and he ~~got~~ ^{gets} the applause at some airplane stops.

Same for Stevenson's brother-in-law, Ernest Ives, who rides the airplane too. "All three," notes Lyle Wilson, "are diffident, slender men, well dressed in well cut clothes."

There was an odd incident at Evansville, Indiana.

"There," writes the news man, "a small airport crowd was confused, as the candidate's personal party stepped out from the airplane. Wyatt got a little bloop of applause, and there was an uncertain hand-clap or two for Ives. But," says the reporter, "the most applause was for Vic Sholtis, a volunteer campaign worker."

Sholtis doesn't look like Adlai Stevenson at all.

But - he waved, gave a salute. Lyle Wilson says he overheard a couple of women arguing. One saying: "Well, he waved, didn't he? That's got to be Stevenson." The candidate, himself, was not noticed at all.

So that's why the Governor feels he can't compete with General Ike, along a whistle-stop trail, where the crowds turn out to see one of the most familiar faces in the country. - one of the most familiar faces of our time.

BEDELL SMITH

General Bedell Smith made a couple of telephone calls today - following his declaration yesterday that there were Communists in all the government security agencies, including the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency, of which he is the head. ~~He called~~ ^{This morning he phoned} the two presidential candidates, Governor Stevenson and General Eisenhower. Explaining to them - what he really meant.

(At a news conference today, Bedell Smith played down the startling statement - saying he meant that the Reds were smart enough to worm their way into government agencies, if they could.) Any Communists in Central Intelligence, he added, are where they can do no "serious harm." He said his purpose was to warn that all high government officials must assume that the Reds would get in, if they could. ~~They would be~~ "ordinarily vigilant" if they did not accept that assumption.

(The head of Central Intelligence is concerned about the political storm that is gathering over his remark about Communists in ^{our} security agencies.) He told the news conference

that he would seek the advice of the National Security Council, headed by President Truman - if that statement of his should become an issue in the presidential campaign.)

Well, it sure is likely to become an issue. The Republicans announced a radio-television discussion for tonight, but they now explain that the speaker, Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, will not tie her address to the Bedell Smith statement.

A spokesman for the G.O.P. National Committee says there will be no organized attempt to make the statement - a "political football." But he adds - that the National Committee cannot control all the Republican candidates.

That is followed by ~~along with that we have~~ a blast from Senator Jenner of Indiana, who says: "For all we know, there even may be a Red spy traveling with President Truman on that campaign train."

Here's later news. The Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities votes unanimously to subpoena Bedell Smith, and have him tell what he knows about that Communist infiltration. He is called upon to testify - October Thirteenth.

Add BEDELL SMITH

Here's later news. Governor Stevenson calls upon
Republicans not to use the story of Reds in Central
Intelligence as a political football.

BROWDER

In New York, Earl Browder and his wife were indicted and arrested today - charged with perjury. Accused of having made false declarations, when Mrs. Browder, born in Russia, filed naturalization papers three years ago. Not able to provide bail, they^are in jail - pending trial.

This is the latest in a curious page of recent history. Earl Browder, for years the big boss of the American Communist Party. In Nineteen Forty, convicted of passport fraud, and sent to prison. Then pardoned by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Wartime, the Soviets hailed as our Allies; But, no sooner was the war over, than the comrades kicked Browder out. Switch in the Party line^{-the} - ~~is~~
Cold War.

(Two years ago, Browder refused to answer questions about Communists in the State Department. Charged with contempt of Congress, and convicted;- but, a federal court reversed the decision. In spite of his expulsion from the Party, ~~and~~ the prosecutor called him - "leader of the most dangerous subversive group in this country.")

Mrs. Browder entered the United States illegally in Nineteen Thirty-Three, and was ordered to be deported in Nineteen Forty. But that was reversed. Once again, wartime friendship with the Soviets. She made a trip to Canada, and reentered this country legally, under a Soviet passport. Then she filed naturalization papers, which are still pending.

In these, both she and Browder ^{swore} ~~saw~~ that she had never been a Communist, never believed in Communism - even though, during her husband's career as the Red boss, she was his secretary. The statements are called perjury. Browder and his wife indicted - for a new paragraph in a strange page of recent history.

KOREA

(The warfront in Korea is ablaze at one point after another, across the peninsula. The Chinese Reds - hurling violent attacks, though limited. They've captured positions on hilltops. In some places, driven off by counter-attacks, but surging forward again.)

Meanwhile, we hear of Russians in Korea - the figure estimated between seven and twelve thousand. Not in the combat zone, but in rear areas, manning anti-aircraft batteries, and engaged in tasks of administration and supply.

PORTSMOUTH

Here's a salute to one of the historic cities of this nation - Portsmouth, Virginia, which is celebrating its Two Hundredth Anniversary. The early Colonists had a good eye for geographical importance, and noted that highly strategic ~~point~~ point - the entrance of Chesapeake Bay and the mouth of the James River. Inevitable spot for seaports and naval bases, like Norfolk, ^{and} Portsmouth. In Seventeen Fifty-Two, enterprising Colonists founded Portsmouth - now celebrating its Two Hundredth Anniversary.

LUCIANO

(In Rome, the authorities declare - they^{are} going to get Lucky Luciano. They ^{say} they're sure the deported American hoodlum is in the business of smuggling narcotics to the United States. So they^{are} going to get him - for income tax.)
This points to a strange situation over in Italy - for a dozen years or so.

(It all goes back to the time when Governor Tom Dewey of New York was the Manhattan District Attorney. One of his notable exploits was to send the racketeer leader to prison. After which Lucky Luciano was deported, sent back to his native Italy. The Italian police^{have} had their eye on him, and restricted his movements. Right now, he is not permitted to leave the city of Naples. They were sure he was up to no good, but they couldn't get anything on him;- and that has continued year after year.)

The police over there point out that Luciano, all the time, has been living like a king - with plenty of money. Right now, he occupies an expensive suite in a fashionable

apartment house - millionaire style. Time after time, the police have questioned him about his income, and he replies - he gets his money from "friends." Nobody knows who the friends are. ^PThe police are sure - he gets it from drug smuggling. Recently, in a Washington crime investigation, the statements were that Luciano is the "brains" of a multi-million dollar, international drug running ring. The Italian police are sure - that's correct. During recent months, in a series of drug raids, they seized nearly two million dollars' worth of narcotics - meant to be smuggled to the United States. Which they connect - with Luciano.

But they say they can't get evidence against him, that would stand up in court - for a conviction. So now they're going to resort to a familiar American device - income tax. We remember how our own federal authorities finally sent Al Capone to Alcatraz, convicting the big shot of Chicago gang wars of income tax violation.

In Italy, they've installed a new system of tax

collecting, American style, with prison sentences. So the police ~~will~~ plan to get Luciano, with his mysterious income, on charges of tax violation.

BLADES - PAIN

Now let's be fair - about this next bit of news.
Let's look at both sides of the story.

From behind the Iron Curtain - the tale of the dull razor blades. The complaints are sharp, but not the blades.

In Hungary, the protests were a near riot - when Hungarians bought quantities of a new brand put out by Red factories, and found they would hardly cut a piece of goulash, let alone a tough Hungarian beard.

In Poland, the same thing - after an issue of "Diana" blades. That's an odd name for shaving material; - "Diana" having been a goddess who presumably didn't need a shave. But, anyway, a letter from Poland says: "The Diana lends itself rather to cutting one's throat, than to shaving a beard."

And that Nelson is what you would call a dull story from the lands of Communism.