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HE SHOULD REPUDIATE McKELDIN'S MOVE TO SMEAR STEVENSON WITH HIS

NORTH CAROLINA Republicans, in a laboriously unmythical little diadem around at their Statewide meeting this week, brought into the campaign in this area the fact that Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois testified in the Alger Hiss trial.

On Thursday, Gov. Theodore McKeldin of Maryland, the man who nominated General Dwight Eisenhower at Chicago made this statement:

"In their campaign of confusion, the Fair Dealers want us to forget that deposition which the President's Hiss committee submitted in the defense of Alger Hiss after the essential facts of Hiss' disloyalty had been revealed by Whittaker Chambers.

McKeldin called upon Republicans everywhere to make the matter a campaign issue.

BEFORE this flimsiest of all smear campaigns goes any further, here is the whole story.

Stevenson was asked to testify about his association with Hiss. He declined to go to New York, but signed this deposition which became a part of the trial record:

"In the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in 1932, we were working on different commodities. Our contact was not further than that. I had no contact with him until I met him again in the State Department when I went to work there in 1945.

"Upon my arrival in the State Department at the end of February or early March to the office of Alger Hiss, I met him for the San Francisco conference, he was, I think, largely preoccupied with the arrangements for that conference. He was in the United Nations conference on international organization at San Francisco.

"During that interval, from the first of March to the end of April, I was engaged on other matters and met him mostly in intra-departmental meetings and in connection with some aspects of the Alger Hiss trial. I met him at the San Francisco conference, largely relating to matters pertaining to the handling of the press at the conference.

"I was at the conference, myself, as assistant to the Secretary of State, from about the 10th of May until the end of June. During this interval, I met Hiss as secretary general of the conference and I was attached to the United States delegation. I did not meet him in any other way, but we met occasionally at official social functions.

"Back in Washington during July, I had some conferences with him in connection with preparations for the presentation of the United Nations charter to the Senate for ratification.

"I resigned from the department early in August, 1945, and so far as I recall I did not meet Mr. Hiss personally again until he came to London in January, 1946, with the United States delegation to the United Nations Conference on International Organizations. During that conference in January and February we had offices nearby each other and met frequently at delegation meetings and staff conferences.

"I returned to the United States in March, 1946, and I do not believe I met Mr. Hiss again until the United Nations General Assembly in New York in 1947. At that time he was connected with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and I visited with him on one or two occasions at my office in the United States. I had no contact with him in connection with the budget for the United Nations, which was one of my responsibilities as a member of the Alger Hiss delegation. I have not seen him since."

In response to further questioning, Stevenson stated that on the basis of what others

who knew Hiss had said, Hiss' reputation for "integrity, loyalty and veracity" was good. He added that he had never heard reports, prior to 1948, that Hiss was a Communist or a Communist sympathizer.

Recently Stevenson was asked how well he had known Hiss and how the matter of the deposition had come up. He said:

"To answer the second question first, it came up because when I was asked by Hiss' lawyers to testify as to Hiss' reputation, I agreed to answer any questions as best I could, but declined to go to New York.

"It seems to me that it will be a very sad day when the Hiss committee is called upon and especially a lawyer will refuse to give honest evidence in a criminal trial for fear the Hiss committee will eventually get its whole guilty. What would happen to our white system of law if such timidity prevailed?

"I feel very strongly that it is one of the basic responsibilities of any citizen, and most especially of lawyers, to testify to the best of their ability in any case in which they may have evidence that either side of the case is wrong. As to the value of their testimony, that is for the jury to decide.

"In this case, I just can't imagine how people would have expected me to do. Was I supposed to say that I didn't know Hiss, when I most certainly did know him well, and when I most certainly did know his reputation?

"Was I supposed to say that his reputation was bad? Obviously it was good, or he wouldn't have held the exalted public position he was in when I met him at the State Department in 1945. Nor would he have been selected as president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a position and respected business men in the country.

"The only basis I can see for finding fault with my deposition would be on the assumption that I lied because I was supposed to have some knowledge of Hiss' activities about his activities eight or 10 years before. I had not seen or even heard of him from 1933 to 1945, and when I did meet him again, I never heard that even a syllable of suspicion about him."

On another occasion, in response to a direct question, Stevenson related the substance of his deposition, describing his associations with Hiss. And he added this:

"I never did know him well; I never went to his house; I never met his wife. I had been asked about his character, my opinion would have been superficial. But that was not what was wanted."

"I ran into many people who knew him well and had worked with him extensively. I was asked what they thought of him. I told the truth about that to the best of my ability because they all seemed to regard him very highly."

THERE is the story of Adlai Stevenson's connection with the Alger Hiss case. To link the two men together in the theft of the Hiss case is a gross distortion of the doggerel distributed by Tar Heel Republicans did, is a gigantic and despicable lie. To say that Stevenson's deposition was offered "in defense of Alger Hiss," as Governor McKeldin said, is a grossly distorted play on words.

The Republican Party has many sound issues on which to wage the forthcoming campaign General Eisenhower has promised a high level campaign, free of smear tactics and appeals to prejudice and bigotry. McKeldin and demand that all his lieutenants conform to his own example of integrity and honesty. If he fails to do so, he will alienate millions of Americans who are now on his side.

THE hardy stuff of which it is made, industry would have a material hand that diamond, tougher than steel, more rubbery than rubber. And Mr. Vecek would emit a scream that could be heard all the way to Mobile County.

Meanwhile, the bonus babes will probably continue to drag down their 100 grand. We do not yet envisage a mass invasion by the major league scouls of old age homes, the birds galling down the corridors in search of new Satchel Paiges.

One of the real enjoyments of taking a long trip in the Summertime comes when you get back home. How you will love those soft slippers, that easy bed, the old radio, and the easy access to the refrigerator filled with cold meats, low-sodium, salt-free, and vegetables—Pittsburg (Tex.) Gazette.

The News & Observer notes that it is, indeed, to have Jimmy Byrnes and South Carolina "back in the comradeship of stalinism." It is a pity that we do not call him now, Comrade Byrnes?

The liner United States has gadgets that permit it to operate at full speed and accurately in dense fog. What a boon if these devices could be adopted for use by the average Federal agency—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

The greatest stumbling block in the path of most men usually is not laziness or fear but their lack of knowledge, miskey-noted, diamond-decked, perfluorinated vamped called "Tomorrow"—Caribid. (N. M.) Current-Argus.

A statement, we can never reconcile is a man announcing he is retiring from work to raise chickens—Ellenville (Ga.) Sun.

'A Cloud No Bigger Than A Man's Head'



JOHN L. LEWIS



People's Platform

Letters should be brief. The writer's name and address must be given, but may be withheld from publication in the discretion of the Editors. The News reserves the right to condense.

Ike A Great Guy—in '48

Editors, Tex News: It is not too surprising, perhaps, but I am a little bewildered by the sudden change of attitude on part of the Democratic leaders toward Dwight Eisenhower.

In 1948 the party bigwigs were all but breaking their necks to persuade Ike to run for the Presidency on the Democratic ticket. Then he was God's special gift to America and his very spoken word was a gem of wisdom. Now he is anathema marshall and being catalogued as everything from a liar to a Communist sympathizer.

Strange, indeed, is it not, how a man could sink so low in four short years?

Both Adlai and Ike are patriots of the first water and I hope that no one in this country will qualify as biggame snout by labeling them anything else.

—J. R. BOWMAN.

More On Man's Best Friend

Editors, Tex News: NOTICING J. R. Dean's article recently captioned, "Man's Best Friend" reminded me of a bit of late 19th century American eloquence—Senator Vest's Tribute To a Dog. While I know not why one would, as Mr. Dean has observed, suggest that "all dogs should be destroyed," in confidence the mail and file is vociferously opposed to such madness.

At any rate, in "complete vindication" of that happy four-legged beast, and as "indisputable evidence" of the latter's "brave, scratch, comb-to-live-I submit this gem of Missouri's late Sen. George Graham Vest (1820-1894), who, by the way, was the last member of the Southern Confederacy to serve as a member of Congress.

But first, a little background to make the gem more scintillating. Senator Vest, while attending court in a country town in Missouri, was asked by plaintiff's attorneys for help in a dog case. Much time had been taken up with evidence to show that the defendant had deliberately shot the dog while the other evidence claimed that the dog had attacked the defendant. Although Senator Vest had taken no part in the trial and was not prepared to speak, he nevertheless succumbed to the pleas of plaintiff's attorneys. He rose, looked at each jurymen for a moment and said:

"Gentlemen of the Jury: The best friend a man has in his world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son or daughter that he prizes wither than the rarest and most precious of those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good may turn against their faith.

"The money that a man has may be lost. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to

When Boxer Becomes A Papa, Many Complications Result

BY ROBERT C. KUARK NEW YORK: IT HAS been some time since we filed a report on the life of a grandchild of 10 boxer puppies, which comprise the initial effort of my best friend, grandchild, Scherckel the Monster, in the term of life. Ten young ones, first try, are a pretty good effort, especially when you consider he barely knew his bride.

This Scherckel monster has always been a pretty good father in the five years I've worked for him, but we had not touched too many of his children. The couriers rushed in and informed him that his loving Vicki had given down a litter of 10. Even in a dog's life, 10 is a rare hand, and 10 puppies look a little slovenly by comparison.

ACCUSING STARE I will not say that the Monster is passing out cigars, but he has been observed to blow out his snuff lately, and gently furnish them against his hairy pal. He has been observed to blow out his snuff at breakfast table, and stares at me constantly in an accusing fashion.

Chopped thirteen ears of cotton, kised 125 babies, handled fourteen kitchen fans and put up two tons of wheat, 4,000 miles and shook hands with 20,000 people.

Told 13,336 lies, attended sixteen revival meetings and was baptized four times by immersion and twice by other means. Contributed \$500 to foreign missions; made love to nine widows; spent \$106.00 at fox suppers; hugged 49 old maids; got dog bit 27 times; was kicked twice by the same male and was defeated.

P. S. I am sure Mr. Kefauver and Mr. Russell could understand and appreciate the position of this poor fellow!

—BOB CHERRY JR.

'Campaign Report'

Editors, Tex News: SINCE this is the year for the big election and the papers are filled with election and campaign news, I thought this "candidate's expenditure report" might be interesting. Somewhere in my travels I picked this up and thought you might want to print it.

It should be noted that sleep thinking about the election; lost two front teeth and a lot of hair in personal encounter with opponent; donated a dog which was contributed \$500 to foreign missions; gave away three pairs suspenders, four baby dresses, five dollars in cash and thirteen baby rattles.

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Drew Pearson's Secret Oil Report Laden With Synonymy

VICE-PRESIDENTIAL candidate John Sparkman, together with Sen. Tom Connally and Sen. Charles McNair, has been using the White House to make public the confidential report on world control of the oil industry which has been bottled up ever since the Federal Trade Commission wrote this dynamite-laden document.

This column has now had access to the Federal Trade Commission report. While the facts contained therein are voluminous, the Commission comes to the following important conclusions:

"Outside the United States, control over the petroleum industry is divided, for all practical purposes, between State monopolies and seven large international petroleum companies, five of which are American, and two British-Dutch."

"These seven companies are: Standard Oil Co. of Calif.; Socony-Vacuum, Gulf Oil, Texas Co. (all American); Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., Royal Dutch-Shell (British and British-Dutch)."

"In 1948, the seven companies accounted for more than one-half of the world's crude production (excluding Russia and the satellite countries), about 98 per cent of the output in the Middle East, over 96 per cent of the production in the Eastern Hemisphere, and almost 45 per cent in the Western Hemisphere."

High Prices To Unleash Sam

THE FTC report then proceeds to tell how the control of tankers and pipelines in the hands of these seven

Stalin Talk With Italian Rep Hints At New Developments

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSOP

NEUMI implied, was that of a man who certainly has no intention of making war, but who is in no hurry either to make unnecessary concessions to the West or to the East.

Having thus described the interview, Neumi then asked Ambassador Stefano Neumi, who had just returned from a month's stay in the Soviet Union, whether he had any questions about it. Stefano Neumi, who went to Russia to receive a Soviet "peace prize," is invariably regarded as a captive of the Italian Communist Party, and thus of the Kremlin. On his return to Rome, he made no public report of his conversation with Stalin, confining himself instead to the expected pro-Soviet propaganda in the Italian press.

Stalin started the conversation by saying the expected things about the Soviet "peace prize" and then, formally over, he questioned Neumi at length, displaying a surprising familiarity with the details of Italian politics, about the crucial Italian election next Spring. Stalin then began to talk about Germany, and the portion of the interview which was considered particularly interesting.

STAIN'S DIVISION Stalin noted that the Bonn agreement had been approved by the United States Senate. He predicted, "very probable" the election as President of Gen. Eisenhower. He considered any further diplomatic exchanges on the subject of Germany with the West "a little premature" and "propaganda" and "marginal significance" — in other words without real meaning. He said, he had become impressed that it had become impossible to prevent the division of Germany into two parts on a permanent basis.

Stalin then reverted to the theme of the "peace prize" and on this note the interview ended, without reference to the "peace prize" or other problems. Neumi reported that Stalin was in excellent health and spirits, and "calm and confident" throughout his interview. Stalin's attitude,

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