



Stevenson: U.S. helping Thieu

WASHINGTON—Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson, D-Ill., charged Monday that U.S. officials were acting behind the scenes to keep South Vietnam's Thieu-Ky regime in power in next October's elections.

Stevenson, backed by Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, introduced legislation to create a 10-member congressional commission to make sure the United States stays out of the campaign. Republican Leader Hugh Scott said the measure amounted to a "repudiation of the government of South Vietnam."

Stevenson said a U.S. civilian agency responsible for pacification in South Vietnam had conducted a survey of political attitudes in the nation's 44 provinces, and turned over the results to President Nguyen Van Thieu. He said the U.S. Information Agency also was using its facilities to help the current regime communicate with the electorate.

"The United States," he said, "cannot be true to its commitment to self-determination in the world and also

support the election of one candidate or another, however covertly, in Vietnam," Stevenson told the Senate.

Mansfield agreed. Blasting the war as a "corrosive cancer on the American body politic," he said, "we have preached self-determination since the time of Woodrow Wilson and I think it is about time to put that principle into practice."

South Vietnam will elect a new House of Representatives in August and a president and vice president in October.

Under Stevenson's resolution, five members from the House and five from the Senate would be appointed to oversee the elections. A commission staff would be sent to Vietnam to keep an eye on U.S. officials and monitor government

activities to make sure complete neutrality is respected.

Scott, however, contended the presence of such a commission would be a more direct intervention in Vietnamese affairs than now exists. Depending on who is appointed to serve on it, Scott said, the commission would either "undermine the present government or maintain it."

California police hit radical group

RICHMOND, Calif.—Police Monday disclosed a raid on a radical headquarters and seizure of arms, explosives and communications equipment, including a typewriter stolen from the office of Defense Secretary Melvin Laird.

Four persons were arrested in the raid and held on suspicion of conspiracy and possession of explosives and stolen goods.

The radical nest, plastered with posters of Mao Tse-tung, was uncovered last week by officers attempting to track down 152 sticks of dynamite which had been sold in the Richmond area by two teenagers.

Police were able to locate only 17 sticks of 152 reportedly sold by the two teen-agers. Ten were found on a roadside near Berkeley and others were recovered from two young persons at another location.

Officers said the house raided last Friday was a headquarters and

distribution point for subversive literature and materials.

They found "carefully catalogued" inventories of "underground literature, posters, and other materials. Weapons seized included two U.S. guns and an Oirentol rifle, according to police.

Also seized was ammunition, blackjacks, brass knuckles and clubs. There was duplicating equipment and the electric typewriter, which police said was one of three stolen in a burglary of Laird's Washington office earlier this year.

Those arrested were Gale King, 21, Margaret Walter, 20, Elizabeth Tomkins, and Susan Garrett, 20, all of Richmond. They identified themselves as students.

Disclosure of the raid was withheld until Monday because of police fears that publicity would drive the missing explosives farther underground.

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Lottery ceiling raised to 125

WASHINGTON—The Selective Service System advised local draft boards Monday they may call up men with lottery numbers through No. 125 to meet their draft quotas for the month of May.

The lottery "ceiling" number had been 100 for the first four months of this year. Despite the increase, the ceiling still is running lower than last year. It stood at 145 for the month of May in 1970.

Selective Service Director Curtis W. Tarr also told local boards they may summon men up through lottery No. 175 for preinduction physical examinations. The process ceiling for preinduction physicals had been No. 150.

The draft call for May previously was announced at 15,000. Draft calls for the first five months of this year total 83,000, compared with 84,500 last year.

Researchers encouraged

Cancer drug being tested

CAREFREE, Ariz.—A new drug which wrecks cigarette tar cancers on the backs of mice is being tested in men with lung cancers, the testing scientist revealed Tuesday.

He is Dr. Takao Ohnuma of the Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, N.Y., and his preliminary results in patients with advanced cancers in other body sites are, in his word, "encouraging."

The drug is "unique" in that its major effectiveness is in squamous cell carcinoma, a cancer type which has been highly resistant to treatments, he told the annual Science Writers seminar of the American Cancer Society.

The drug is an antibiotic called bleomycin isolated from a Japanese mold six years ago. Japanese and European physicians began testing it ahead of Americans because of the restrictive regulations of the federal Food and Drug Administration. Their results likewise are "encouraging," Ohnuma said.

Its mode of action is to disrupt the molecules of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) in cancer cells which carry the instructions for the making of more cancer cells. Yet it seems largely to spread the DNA of normal cells since the side effects of patients so far tested have not been severe.

Ohnuma reported on 24 patients who have been getting the drug for at least

three weeks. All had recurrent cancers after surgery and radiation treatments and were in the terminal stage. So far two tumors of the head and neck were reduced to such small size they were completely removed by surgery. A massive cancer of the skin shrunk into small remnants which were gently pulled off by hand. A fourth tumor is now half its former size.

One of four lung cancers is

demonstrably shrinking but Ohnuma was not ready to report results because, he said in an interview, drug treatment of lung cancers "are extremely hard to evaluate."

He and his associates are experimenting with dose size and frequencies of administration by injecting. The drug is so new there is no established knowledge of the most effective way of using it.

Allende, Socialists win Chilean election

SANTIAGO, Chile—Chile's Marxist-oriented government parties led by President Salvador Allende's Socialists came within a hair of capturing 50 per cent of the vote in nationwide municipal elections, final returns showed Monday.

Political analysts agreed the strong showing of the government now gives Allende a priority to move ahead quickly with his sweeping nationalization and radical agrarian reform programs.

The government parties received an impressive 49.73 per cent of the 2,823,884 votes cast and emerged with a 1.69 per cent lead over the combined opposition.

Results were released shortly after noon (1 p.m. EST) by the Interior Ministry.

An hour later, however, the same ministry issued new figures which omitted the independent, blank and voided votes. Under this new calculation, the government claimed it had indeed captured 50.86 of the vote.

It said the opposition had won 49.14 per cent of the vote.

Thus, the election returns and the outcome depended on what set of figures were considered acceptable.

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