

# Text of Talk by Governor Stevenson in Bethlehem, Pa.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Oct. 29 (AP)—Following is the prepared text of the address here today by Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois:

Judge Bard, and my friends of Allentown. I think perhaps I should say, "and Bethlehem." I am glad to hear that you want me so badly, but you won't have any trouble getting me. It is very kind, and very flattering, and very gracious of you to come out here and meet with us this afternoon, even for these brief moments.

Our train I am told, is now an hour behind time. It seems to me we have been a little bit behind time most of the time during this election campaign.

I thought of an incident that happened during the war in Washington when I was working there in the Navy Department. A Russian officer complained that we were behind schedule in delivering some munitions to the Russian by the Arctic convoy through the Arctic Sea to Murmansk.

And when I protested that they had been behind schedule in delivering the shipping instructions, and blueprints, and so forth, the Russian got very angry and he struck the desk with his fist and he said, "But Mr. Stevenson, I came to complain not about my behind, but about your behind."

You know, I have to be a little careful lest they will complain.

Last night—if I could talk to you seriously for a moment, I should like to—last night at Hoboken, in New Jersey, before we came down to Pennsylvania, our train was parked and I read a New York paper. I should like to read to you the first three paragraphs of this story. It said, "Dwight D. Eisenhower is pressing—" (shouting by crowd.) Well, I like him, too, but I would ask you fellows to listen a minute.

I was speaking out in the State of Washington not long ago and a little boy ran out in front of the crowd alongside the automobile and shouted at the top of his voice, "Hurrah for Stevenson."

## Quotes Story About Eisenhower

This is what the story said: "Dwight D. Eisenhower is pressing the Korean war issue for every last vote it will yield. Today, in New York's Nassau and Queens Counties, as he did all day through Pennsylvania yesterday, and last night at Pittsburgh, he presented himself as the man who could solve that—quoting him—"that particular problem with speed and with honor."

"Along with this hope the Republican nominee in the closing days of the campaign is offering this social program, broader and better social security, a guarantee against another depression, a broader and better case for medical care, better schools and better education for our children, a solid dollar, no deficit financing, reduced taxes and higher wages."

Well, how do you like that? Now, if that were only true. He goes on to say that he hasn't changed since he came here. Well, let's see about that.

Let's look at Korea. On June 5



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STEVENSON AND WILSON: Woodrow Wilson, a Scranton miner, center, and Pete Kemp, also a miner, were on hand to greet Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson when his train stopped in Scranton.

the General said this, and I quote him: "I don't believe in the present situation there is any clear-cut answer to the present Korean war. I don't think it would be possible for our forces to carry through a decisive attack, but I do not believe that we can retreat from the area we occupy and, therefore, I believe we have got to stand firm and take every possible step that we can to reduce our losses, and stand right and try to get a decent armistice out of it." That was all.

## Says Opponent Has Changed

Now it is almost November, and now he says that he can solve this problem with speed and with honor. He was right in June; he is wrong in late October. He has changed, my friends, and the change is to play politics with people. He is gambling that the American people will not remember what he said four months ago. I think that the American people will remember and that they will show their distaste for such tactics of desperation.

Senator Taft is more—(booing) this is what he says, speaking in Montana at the same time:

"I don't think Eisenhower or anyone else expected his presence in Korea would make the North Koreans fall over backwards." At least you will have to give Taft

## European Press of Every Political Shade Criticizes McCarthy Attack on Stevenson

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Reuters)—The European press—Leftist, Center and Rightist—joined today in condemning Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin, for his attacks on Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic Presidential candidate.

In Paris, the Leftist but anti-Communist Combat said Mr. McCarthy's address Monday night was "madness."

In Rome, the pro-government *Il Messaggero* said the Senator's repetition of "stale, fantastic stories" has stripped his charges of all real effectiveness.

In London, every daily newspaper, either openly or through sly

digs, criticized Senator McCarthy's campaign methods. The Socialist Daily Herald headlined its dispatch from the United States: "McCarthy's Lie Backfires on Ike." Another dispatch on its editorial page said:

"Hysteria about communism is making a dent in America's claim to call herself a democracy."

The conservative *Evening News* published an abbreviated biography of Senator McCarthy's rise to political prominence. Correspondent Tom Downes concluded:

"McCarthy has been branded as a cheat and political writers suggest that American voters have a way of catching up with cheats. I am not too sure about that."

credit for greater cando than Eisenhower.

Let me read you something else—a story from today's New York Times:

"The General got one good break a little more than a month ago. He got a new speech writer, Emmet J. Hughes, one of the senior editors of *Life* magazine.

Mr. Hughes produced the idea that the General should promise to go to Korea personally if elected, in the hope of ending the war."

This is wonderful. It goes on and says:

"The speech was presented to the General by Harold Stassen, and the General agreed to the

idea immediately. The General's aide feels that this idea has given their campaign the lift it needed in the critical closing days of the race."

My friends, there you have it. A speechwriter from a slick magazine cooked up an idea to catch votes by playing upon our hopes, our desperate hopes for a quick end to the Korean war—and the General accepts the idea immediately. And now they think that an idea so conceived can give their campaign the lift that it needs—and it sure needed one, I will confess—in the last days of the campaign.

I hope—and hope profoundly that this is not a fair example of the responsibility—the reasoning that underlies that thinking about how to resolve America's many problems. Such a cynical search for votes will neither solve our problem nor win the election.

I certainly have no objection to the General going to Korea. It would be good for him to know more about our problems there, but as far as settling the war, I suggest that he is taking the wrong bus. It won't be settled in Korea—it will be settled in Moscow.

## Says G. O. P. 'Smells Defeat'

This Republican program is the work of desperate men who already smell defeat. If you think the promises of yesterday—those that I enumerated to you about more of everything and lower taxes—are big wait until you hear tomorrow's promises. This is one field in which we Democrats don't even try to compete with the opposition.

Never have so many people made so many promises with so little to show for it, and it is without any hesitation that I suggest that if you value your future security and well being, you will keep the Republican party where it has always been for the past twenty years—in the opposition.

After all, that is one thing they like to do and it is one thing they know how to do because they have had a lot of practice.

There are many things that I should like to have talked to you here about. I thought you might be interested in origins of this sudden last moment idea about going to Korea as a means of settling the war. We shall have to resume our journey.

I regret it very much. I hope I shall have further opportunities to come to Bethlehem, and meanwhile, before we go, I suspect that the reason why many of you are here is less to see me and more to see some distinguished ladies that we have on our train.

And I should like, if I could, to show you Mrs. India Edwards, vice chairman of the National Democratic Committee.

And we also have with us the national co-chairman of the Volunteers for Stevenson, which have done so much to insure the election of our ticket in the next week—Mrs. Edison Dick of Chicago.

And finally, we have a grand lady of the state of Pennsylvania, Emma Guffey Miller—I guess she didn't get off. And maybe, I better, get on. Good-by and many, many thanks to you.