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Says Administration Has Cost Nation Its Leadership of the Free World

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BAY CITY, Mich., Oct. 31—Senator Estes Kefauver said tonight that President Eisenhower's statement on the Middle East conflict revealed how the Administration had cost the United States its leadership of the free world.

Commenting on General Eisenhower's statement in a nationwide telecast tonight on the situation in Egypt, the Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee said:

"The President in his statement tonight revealed for all the world to see the deterioration of American influence in the world.

"Whereas we were the leaders of the free world when the Democrats left office, we are now not even consulted by these other major democracies before steps are taken which could lead to general war."

'Destroyed Confidence'

He referred to Britain and France's action in Egypt without first consulting with the United States.

The Tennessean said:

"The Eisenhower-Nixon-Dulles foreign policy has so destroyed confidence in our Government that today we find ourselves without friends and our counsel disdained by the free powers of the world.

"The great democracies with which we have traditionally moved in concert now do not even bother to inform us on events in the Near East.

"The United States, the greatest power on earth, is left standing flat-footed and open-mouthed while world events pass us by."

Senator Kefauver issued a statement commenting on General Eisenhower's telecast immediately after the President went off the air.

He repeated the comment in a speech to a Democratic rally at the National Guard Armory here tonight and then noted three news dispatches he said had been distributed today by a news agency. He said two of them dealt with reports of British air attacks on Egypt and that the third told that President Eisenhower had practiced golf on the White House lawn this afternoon.

'Change of Course'

He also charged in his speech that Vice President Richard M. Nixon had made a "change of course of exactly 180 degreees" in his argument of why the President should be re-elected. He said Mr. Nixon had been urging the President's re-election on the ground that General Eisenhower brought the nation peace. Now as a result of the new Suez conflict, he said Mr. Nixon was urging the President's re-election "because there is no peace."

He also read a statement by Mrs. Chase Osborn, of Sault Ste. Marie, widow of the late former Republican Governor of Michigan, saying that she was switching her support from General Eisenhower to the Democratic national ticket because of what she termed the President's "mishandling of foreign policy." Mrs. Osborn was active in the Eisenhower campaign four years ago.

The Senator charged earlier today that the new trouble in the Middle East had occurred because the Administration had been "thinking too much about oil and power politics" and not enough about this country's "moral commitments."

Senator Kefauver made his charges here at his last stop in a day of campaigning in normally Republican upstate Michigan while Vice President Richard M. Nixon campaigned in Democratic Detroit.

Hand-Shaking Again

In the close Presidential race in this state, Mr. Kefauver gave Democrats a helping hand—and he may have set a record shaking the hands of others. One of his staff said his count showed that in about an hour with auto workers in Flint Mr. Kefauver had shaken 5,595 hands. The Tennessean showed up at Buick and Chevrolet plants during a change in shifts to meet the auto workers.

In a speech to a street crowd of several hundred persons at Battle Creek today, Mr. Kefauver blamed the Administration for the Middle Eastern crisis.

Senator Kefauver charged that there would have been no fighting in the Middle East if Mr. Dulles had followed a policy of "looking after the welfare of people" instead of his "zigzag" policy of alternately being for and against the Egyptian Government.

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