

Stevenson Cites Goldwater And Peking as 'Extremes'

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Adlai E. Stevenson last night coupled Senator Barry Goldwater's position on world affairs with that of the Chinese Communists as the "extremes in international policies."

The United States representative to the United Nations said that each of these extremes demanded more aggressive tactics to win a world victory over the other. He called both "lethal" because "they play deadly games on the brink of disaster."

Mr. Stevenson's speech was prepared for delivery at the final dinner of the American Bar Association at the Waldorf-Astoria. The association is scheduled to end its annual meeting tomorrow.

In His Old Style

Mr. Stevenson was in his old political vein last night, using sarcasm as his main weapon. He never mentioned Senator Goldwater's name, but he left his audience in no doubt about his target.

The "tacit understanding" between the United States and the Soviet Union about the need for restraint in a time of nuclear arms, Mr. Stevenson said, was now "under violent attack."

The delegate went on: "The critics claim it is miserable appeasement to accept a world partly under hostile ideological control.

"The enemy must be made to disgorge people groaning under the heel of exploitation and despotism. He must be threatened right up to the brink of war with the menace of nuclear punishment, and it will be

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found, then, that his nerves are not up to the strain and he will give way.

"All this negotiating, all this talk, all these 'hot lines' from White House to Kremlin are simply capitulation to the sworn opponent. Such weakness, such slackness must be rigorously suppressed."

Veiled Reference

These passages seemed to refer to charges made by the Republican candidate and in the party platform. Senator Goldwater has often called for "victory" over Communism, and the platform sounds that theme and speaks critically of the hot line to the Kremlin.

But at this point Mr. Stevenson told his audience: "I have, of course, been referring to the Chinese Communists' deadly attack upon [Premier] Khrushchev's policies."

son told his audience: "I have surprised if "these strident calls have strange undertones and overtones of language that we hear nearer at home. The two ends of the political spectrum, like the two ends of the tuning fork, often vibrate in harmony."

"Both extremes in international politics are lethal," he continued, "and for the same reason—they ignore the fragility of man's survival; they play deadly games on the brink of disaster; they misread the facts of power and the restraints of responsibility; they gamble with the very pre-condition of our survival in the nuclear age."

He went on: "We have no alternative but to keep the balance between an appeasement which would betray us by weakness and a brinkmanship which would destroy us by miscalcula-

tion. On this tightrope above the abyss, we cannot indulge in adolescent showmanship or Chinese acrobatics.

"We have, sanely, calmly to preserve both our strength and our caution, our full defensive might and our ever-readiness to negotiate, our dedication to the cause of allied freedom and our search for reasonable accommodation.

"This path is not exciting. It sets no trumpets braying or drums beating. It revolts the ideologists—in Peking and anywhere else.

"But this adventure has in it the most precious of all possibilities—that our children and our grandchildren may survive to build a saner, better, more law-abiding world."

Similar to Johnson's

The Stevenson speech followed the main lines of President Johnson's address to the bar association on Wednesday. The President said that the country must follow the path of restraint and law, in both foreign relations and the racial crisis at home.

Thus the main themes of the Democratic campaign this fall seem to have been decided. Party strategists evidently believe that Senator Goldwater's demand for more aggressive measures abroad may frighten the voters. The Democrats thus would talk of moderation and restraint.

"The greatest issues of our day," Mr. Stevenson said, "civic order, civil rights, peace-keeping, conciliation and law—these above all command the response and the responsibility of wise and temperate—I almost said 'moderate'—men.

"Our freedom depends upon our wisdom and our restraint. Let them be the watchwords in this election year."