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Washington, Sept. 1—President Eisenhower today made a strong bid for labor support in the 1956 campaign by hailing American labor as "the greatest enemy of enslaved labor in any corner of the earth."

Mr. Eisenhower got the jump, in paying tribute to American labor, on Adlai Stevenson, Democratic Presidential candidate, in an informal speech against the background of the rose garden on the White House lawn. He praised labor for efforts to improve the conditions of working men and for its contribution to the cause of peace.

Stevenson will make a major labor day address Monday in Cadillac square in Detroit. He has accused the President of turning a "deaf ear to labor" and is expected to pitch his plea for labor support by attacking Mr. Eisenhower's record toward labor.

Cabinet Members Present

While the President's few minutes of informal remarks did not constitute a Cadillac Square address to labor in any sense of campaigning, he did make an appeal for labor support in ceremonies marking the issuance of a special labor day postage stamp. The ceremonies were attended by cabinet members and labor leaders.

The White House later revealed that Mr. Eisenhower plans to offer Stevenson confidential intelligence briefings on foreign affairs during the campaign. Similar briefings were given Mr. Eisenhower by former President Truman in the 1952 campaign.

Mr. Eisenhower squinted into the hot morning sun as he said America's economy and productivity, based on free labor, "are the terror of any who would be our enemies." He spoke from

Meany Also Speaks

The President spoke after George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, expressed appreciation for the labor stamp. Meany said that everything in the final analysis "comes from work—from labor" and noted that one of the things that distinguishes the American union movement is its freedom.

Mr. Eisenhower said issuance of the labor stamp is symbolic of the nation's respect for the "hearts, minds and hands" of labor in developing all the wealth of America." He said American labor is "free" and represents a form of life based on human dignity with the right to work at a job, to worship, and to think for the benefit of the entire nation.

He added that freedom and its "priceless privileges" were not gained without effort and cannot be retained without effort.

"Freedom will be ours if we use it," he said.

"Highest Real Wages"

He asked, why American labor is respected thruout the world and then gave the answer as the fact that there are 66 million persons em

enjoy the "highest real wages" in history.

Mr. Eisenhower cautioned that Americans must vote and do other things to show that they are ready to carry out their duties as American citizens "to make certain freedom grows stronger as the years go on." This was the closest he came to an open political statement.

"Labor like all other Americans wants peace," he said. "It needs peace. It requires peace. It must be ready to work for peace. . . . America is fortunate in its labor force, which I like to believe is all of us."

Labor Secretary Mitchell presided at the brief ceremony.

Unveils Copy of Stamp

Postmaster General Summerfield unveiled a large copy of the stamp which was taken from a mural in the new AFL-CIO headquarters in Washington. Across the top of the stamp are the words "Labor Day." The center is a working man, woman and child. Below is an inscription in the lower left hand corner from Carlisle reading, "Labor is life." The stamp is blue.

More than 130 government officials, letter carriers, labor leaders, and reporters attended.

At the conclusion of his remarks, the President stepped over to meet his special guest—Joann McGuire Dougherty, 12, of Camden, N. J. She is the great granddaughter of Peter McGuire, founder of Labor day. She had invited him to the Camden ceremonies Monday in McGuire's honor.

"Thank you very much [for the invitation], I hope you think this will substitute," the President said, grasping the girl's hand.

Had "Planned" Briefings A bed if she had ever been to the White House before, she said "No, oh it's real big."

Secretary Hagerty said he expects Mr. Eisenhower will contact Stevenson next week to make "a formal offer" to provide the foreign affairs intelligence summaries. He said Mr. Eisenhower "has always expected" to offer such briefings to Stevenson.

In Chicago yesterday, Stevenson told reporters he would welcome an offer from the President to share secret intelligence reports on foreign affairs. Asked whether the President had offered such reports, Stevenson said, "No sir, he has not. I would welcome such an offer very much."

CIA to Make Reports

Asked how the system would work this fall, Hagerty said just as it had in the past.

"If Mr. Stevenson accepts a formal offer," he said, "the intelligence information will be given Mr. Stevenson by the central intelligence agency."

He said he did not know who would transmit the actual data, if the offer is accepted, noting that CIA Chief Allen W. Dulles "is not in the country."