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Stevenson Opposition To Cuba Policy Denied

U. N. Envoy Says Article Is Inaccurate, White House Cites Support of Action

Adlai Stevenson said today there was nothing accurate about a Saturday Evening Post article picturing him as disagreeing privately with President Kennedy's firm policy in the Cuban crisis.

At the same time, the White House said that Mr. Stevenson, American Ambassador to the United Nations, "strongly supported" the President's decision last month to impose a naval "quarantine" against shipment of offensive weapons into Cuba.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger told reporters "there is absolutely no question" about Mr. Stevenson's remaining as Ambassador to the U. N.

The Saturday Evening Post article was written by Charles Bartlett, a close personal friend of the President, and Stewart Alsop, Washington editor of the magazine. Mr. Salinger said the President has never discussed the Cuban crisis with any reporter and he had no idea who talked to Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Alsop.

"Strong During Debate"

The magazine article was accompanied by a full-page picture of Mr. Stevenson which bore this caption:

"Stevenson was strong during the U. N. debate, but inside the White House the hard-liners thought he was soft."

Mr. Stevenson, the article says, dissented from a consensus of the President's key advisers favoring the naval blockade of Cuba as a first step

toward ending the threat posed by Soviet missiles and jet bombers in Cuba.

Article Called "Untrue"

In New York, a Stevenson spokesman said the Alsop-Bartlett "story is inaccurate and untrue."

The agreed policy was to destroy the missiles and bombers by an air strike or invasion if Soviet Premier Khrushchev had not heeded the President's demands for withdrawal of the "offensive" weapons.

The article says that Mr. Stevenson flew here Saturday, October 20, before the President's speech the following Monday announcing the blockade, to join in discussions of the National Security Council executive committee.

Only Mr. Stevenson, the article says "dissented from the consensus."

Negotiation Preferred

It added that "there is disagreement in retrospect about what Stevenson really wanted," but "there seems to be no doubt that he preferred political ne-

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