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PRIMARY

Late news from Manchester, New Hampshire is that Governor Tom Dewey of New York ~~State~~ has taken a <sup>big</sup> ~~small~~ lead over Harold Stassen of Minnesota in the New Hampshire Presidential primary, which resolved into a battle between Dewey and Stassen all the

~~Democratic candidates being pledged to President Truman. Three~~

<sup>Three</sup> of the Republican <sup>delegates</sup> ~~candidates~~ however were pledged to General Eisenhower although the General has refused the nomination.

And one unpledged ~~candidate~~ <sup>S</sup> announced that he favored ~~the~~ nomination of Senator ~~Arthur~~ Vandenberg.

But, the late news is that Tom Dewey is well ahead, leading <sup>by</sup> three to one, <sup>so far,</sup> ~~in the early results.~~

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~~Well, today~~ I had a nostalgic feeling, <sup>today,</sup> ~~both~~ reminiscent of the past and in anticipation of the future. New Hampshire held its presidential primary election today, and this afternoon in came the first return - from a small town that voted early. Yes that was a harbinger of the big election day to come, in November - the day when we newsmen, all afternoon, will be studying those early scattered returns. In my time on the air I've covered four Presidential elections, and know the joys of trying to figure out the meaning of the first figures from here there and the next place, trying to get some hint of how things are going - to broadcast on this dinner time program. And, God willing, <sup>see</sup> ~~it's~~ going to be the same thing all over again on November <sup>1</sup> Second.

Hence the nostalgic feeling this afternoon, when along came Hart's Location, New Hampshire. That's a splendid name for a town - Hart's Location. It sounds like the anatomy of the heart, or like the sentiment of the heart. But it's just New

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Hampshire. Anyway that was the location-first to report.

In the New Hampshire primary the candidates for the Republican nomination are Governor Dewey of New York and former Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota, <sup>So</sup><sub>A</sub> how did they fare at Hart's Location?

The polls closed early, and showed that, of six delegates to be chosen, the town voted in favor of five delegates for Dewey and one for Stassen. Five to one in favor of Dewey, and to show you how significant that was - here's the population and the total vote of Hart's Location. There are seventeen people and six votes -and they're only worth noting because Hart's Location gave us the first figure in the New Hampshire primary, which is at the same time the first of the State primaries this presidential election year. In other words, Hart's Location fired the first gun in our American political extravaganza of nineteen forty-eight.

'I've given you the tally in the Republican primary-but what about the Democratic ? The figure is given quickly-zero. There aren't any Democratic voters at Harts' Location-all six

are republicans. "which indicates a state of affairs also reflected in a letter I've received in the morning's mail.

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Communications from friends in the radio audience have a political slant, this political year-and here's a letter that passes along to us an anecdote from back in the classic days of Rock ribbed New England Republicanism . It reads : " The late George M. Stearnes, a prominent Boston Democrat, received an invitation to make a political speech in Vermont. He replied, ' the letter goes on, " that he was too busy to make a trip to the Green mountain State to which he added : " But if the Democrats of Vermont will assemble in my back yard I'll be glad to address them."

~~Later returns from the New Hampshire primary etc etc.~~

~~(more to come)~~

## MACARTHUR

In Ohio, the campaign for General Douglas MacArthur began today - a write-in campaign. That's the only way the Supreme commander in Japan can get any votes in the Ohio primary - since the MacArthur candidacy, announced last night, came too late for the General to be given an official place in the primary according to Ohio law. The Republicans who have entered in formal fashion are Senator Taft and Harold Stassen. MacArthur's name will not appear on the ballot, and will have to be written in by such voters as may want to cast their ballot for the General in the primary.

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Today I called MacArthur headquarters in Washington and talked to the head of the MacArthur-for-President campaign. I asked-- what about the Supreme Commander coming home, MacArthur returning as an avowed Presidential prospect? we've had frequent occasion to note that he is the only one of the top flight commanders of victory in world war two who has not yet had his ticker tape ovation; and what a political asset that would be, a Roman triumph for a Presidential aspirant.

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I asked Warren Wright- did he think there was any likelihood of a MacArthur home-coming during the period before the Republican National Convention?, <sup>W</sup>What a strategic home-coming that would be! <sup>TP</sup> He replied that the leaders in the MacArthur boom had hopes that the General would return. He said there was a movement in Congress, among the MacArthur supporters, to bring the General to Washington to testify on the situation in Japan- the conquered realm of which he is the overlord. There are Japanese questions for Congress to consider and who could advise better about them - than the Supreme Commander? <sup>T</sup>The Senate appropriations committee may ask him to testify about funds for the Japanese occupation. <sup>T</sup>Warren Wright emphasized that, if MacArthur could be <sup>persuaded</sup> ~~persuaded~~ to appear for such purpose, it would not be any political homecoming- it would be strictly in the realm of high government policy.

<sup>TP</sup> But I wonder what grounds the MacArthur boomers have for hoping-- because here's a dispatch from Tokyo on that very subject. At headquarters of the Supreme Commander they expect many requests for the General to come home. But observers

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there believe that MacArthur will stay in Tokyo--he having  
declared that he will not actively seek the nomination. However,  
should he get <sup>the nomination,</sup> ~~it~~, it is believed in Tokyo that MacArthur might  
fly to Philadelphia and address the Republican Convention.

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The Tokyo dispatch goes on with some further information about MacArthur's international views. This is attributed to what are called - "informed observers" at MacArthur headquarters in Tokyo. We are told that the General believes that personal talks with Stalin might help to prevent war- man - to - man negotiations. But, - no further concessions to Soviet expansion. MacArthur is represented as believing that in the face of a determined American stand, Moscow might retreat. Further, he thinks that the American anti-communist program should be put on a global program to include the Far East, as well as Europe.

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PHILADELPHIA

I am in Philadelphia tonight, broadcasting from the studios of WCAU -- my first visit to the great metropolis of eastern Pennsylvania in several months. And as soon as I got off the train I had a feeling: something unusual has happened or is happening here in Philadelphia. Such hustle and bustle as I couldn't remember. Then I began running ~~to~~ into friends from New York, and when I asked what brought them to Philadelphia the answer in each case was the same: "Oh, I'm over here getting ready for the national conventions". That was it. Philadelphia <sup>has</sup> ~~is~~ livened up in a big way, and brightened up. Hotels all being redecorated, old ones, like the Walton for example, reopening under a new name. In that case to be named the John Bartram, for America's first naturalist.

Streets repaired of course, everything cleaned up, from the statue of William Penn ~~at~~ <sup>to</sup> the City Hall, to unfinished subway stations that are being tiled and made spick ~~and~~ and span.

From two distinguished citizens of Philadelphia I learned much about what was going on, from <sup>Sales and</sup> Advertising Man Max Leister and writer Alexander Garwood. They told me about some

of the problems television is producing -- getting the co-axial cable into the Convention Hall, and what are they going to do when the band strikes up during the convention,<sup>?</sup> as it does every few minutes? They can televise the band playing, but, Czar

Caesar Petrillo won't allow <sup>i</sup>them to ~~reproduce~~ reproduce the sounds <sup>made</sup> ~~made~~ <sup>by</sup> of the band, -- That comes under the Petrillo ban.

If you've thought of Philadelphia <sup>as</sup> ~~being~~ a busy place during and just before the convention, well, that isn't ~~all~~ half of it. Tens of thousands of people already are busy here on nothing but convention matters.

## KANSAS VOTE FRAUD

Washington reports the reopening of an old case that has long been a subject of talk and scandal - the Kansas City vote fraud case. Today the new super-investigating committee of the Senate ordered another investigation. The super-committee is controlled by the Republicans, and the Kansas City affair could be embarrassing to the Democrats.

Back in the congressional elections of nineteen forty-six, President Truman backed a candidate in the Democratic primary - in his own home State, Missouri. He supported Enos Artell against Congressman Slaughter, who had opposed Truman policies. In the primary, the Presidential favorite Artell, won out, Slaughter defeated, and this was followed by charges of corruption, fraudulent voting. In the subsequent election, Artell was defeated - a Republican won. So all the Democrats ~~got~~ for their pains <sup>was</sup> a lot of scandal that has cropped up from time to time.

The Attorney general made an investigation, with the F.B.I. on the job, but nothing came of it - except Republican charges that

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Attorney General Clark called off the F.B.I. before the investigation got any~ where. The Attorney General has been under attack for that, and now the Republican-dominated Congressional Super-Committee gives the order - case reopened, this presidential year.

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## BRITAIN

Over in Britain, there was blunt warning today-- of how greatly the British people depend on the Marshall Plan.

Only the American aid program can save Great Britain from bankruptcy, unemployment and economic downfall. This was stated in a white paper released by Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps- a document that today revealed the extent to which Britain must depend on the Marshall Plan. Without that American aid, the British will not be able to finance the importation of materials they must have to keep their economy going.

## GOLD RUSH

A gold rush, near <sup>in</sup> Wickenburg, Arizona. Two thousand eager <sup>Some</sup> prospectors jamming into the little town, <sup>of Wickenburg,</sup> with ~~their equipment,~~ jeeps with two-way radio, tractors and bulldozers, and scientific location devices. All this because one man, John Kaskowsky turned up a rich gold deposit in a hole near Morristown. His find <sup>we hear,</sup> brought him over eighteen thousand dollars worth of gold from <sup>a mere</sup> a hundred and fifty pounds of ore.

Best news for the prospectors is that the gold comes from a vein, and not from a pocket, which should mean there ~~is~~ <sup>must be</sup> a lot more in the earth, <sup>- if they don't lose the vein. Of course</sup> ~~But best advice to amateurs with a yen for prospecting is to stay at home. This find in Morristown,~~ <sup>this</sup> Arizona, <sup>strike,</sup> like so many other <sup>strikes,</sup> may be a "flash in the pan" the lucky pan of the fellow who first made the discovery. They usually turn out that way.

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NIGHT SHOW

### Daylight

California goes on daylight savings time next Sunday morning for the first time in its history. Today, in Sacramento the State Senate gave final approval to a bill to put the clocks in the Golden State, forward, one hour. And Governor Warren is ready to sign the new bill, immediately.

The measure to give California daylight savings time has been passed because of the acute drought. California depends on water power for its electricity. Putting the clock forward *as it is* estimated <sup>will</sup> save some three million kilowatts of power every day, enough for the normal needs of the city of San Francisco. The new time will remain in force until January Sixteen, Nineteen Forty Nine--unless Spring, Summer or Winter produce abnormal amounts of rain. In that case the State Governor can restore standard time by a simple proclamation.

INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT

From Washington—a blast against the income tax department.

Many of us who have groaned under the burden of those returns of March Fifteenth may be amused by a cannonade fired at the tax collector. The House Appropriations Committee, dominated by the Republicans, charges that the Bureau of Internal Revenue is shot through with waste and inefficiency— and an immediate house cleaning is demanded,

The committee tells of an investigation of tax offices which disclosed confusion, politics, idling and loafing. At headquarters in Washington, tax bureau workers spend too much time drinking coffee at the snack bar. Empty liquor bottles are found in basements of tax offices, and in one case the investigators found shoes in filing cabinets, employees putting their shoes in there among the tax returns that we so painfully make out. *Do you think we all ought to* ~~I think we should have~~ kick about that Nelson?

## PALESTINE

In Palestine, plans have been drawn up for the formation of a Jewish government to take over when the British give up their mandate, May Fifteenth. A dispatch from Jerusalem states that the Zionist section of the Holy Land will be governed by a provisional Council of thirty-two members. These will include representatives of the various parties in Zionist Palestine - all the way from the Jewish agency, with twelve members, to the communists, one member. The council already selected, will be headed by a small cabinet, - and this is in process of being formed. The plan has been forwarded to the United Nations, with a request for approval.

Meanwhile, at Lake Success, New York the American delegation is working behind the scenes - in an attempt to get the Arabs into the big power discussions now going on. The talks are being conducted by the United States, Soviet →

→ RUSSIA, FRANCE AND CHINA .)

Great Britain boycotting the negotiations, The American idea is to persuade the Arab high committee to join - in an attempt to work out some sort of Jewish Arab settlement.

Today the Soviet delegation to the Security Council of the U. N. gave a limited approval to the American idea of bringing in the Arab high committee, but insisted that the U. N. partition plan for Palestine shall stand- must be carried out", in the words of a high Soviet official.

In Palestine, a battle is reported, a force of several hundred Arabs attacking a Jewish colony. The moles crept in under cover of a heavy fog, but were detected by scouts of Haganah, the Jewish Army. The Zionists thereupon awaited attack, taking battle stations in fortified stone houses. As the Arabs approached, they opened fire, after which there was an exchange of gunfire for eight hours- the Arabs blasting away with automatic weapons and mortars. They failed to capture the fortified village.

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