

BEDELL SMITH

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My 22nd Anniversary on the air!
L.T.

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A startling declaration was made in Washington today - that there are Communists in our Central Intelligence agency. Reds - in that super-secret branch of ^{our} national defense.

(The statement comes from General Walter Bedell Smith, head of Central Intelligence.

"I believe" says he, "there are Communists in my own organization.")

The General was giving testimony at the two million dollar libel suit brought by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin against Senator Benton of Connecticut. The quarrel between the two legislators grew out of those McCarthy charges that there are Communists in our government. Benton started a move to have McCarthy tossed out of the Senate, and made statements that now bring about the suit for libel.

General Bedell Smith said (the Reds are; in his ~~own~~ words, "so adept and adroit" that he is ~~absolutely~~ "morally certain that ^{they} ~~we~~ have infiltrated all over the place in Washington. "Practically every

agency of the government," ^{was the way} ~~in~~ the General's ^{put it,} ~~own words.~~

To which he added the startling belief - Reds in Central Intelligence.

The General was asked about attacks made by Senator McCarthy on General Marshall, war-time Chief of Staff. The Wisconsin Senator - accusing Marshall of having played a culpable part in events leading to the Red seizure of China. ~~in~~ In court today, Bedell Smith was asked to comment on General Marshall.

"That" he replied "is like asking the molehill to comment on the mountain, Of all the great men that I've known in the past ten years," said he, "I know of no one that exceeds, and few that equal him ^{— Gen. Marshall —} in the characteristics of loyalty, honesty and integrity."

FOLLOW BEDELL SMITH

The latest- the republicans hopping to it.

Tonight, GOP national chairman, Arthur Summerfield, has called the Bedell Smith statement, a "Shocking revelation

The republicans have quickly scheduled a national radio-television "expose" - for tomorrow night. Former congresswoman, Clare Booth Luce, will discuss the question of communists in our government - in the light of the statement that reds are in our central intelli- gence agency.

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NIXON

Senator Nixon will make no further financial statement. At his campaign headquarters, the statement is that he feels he has published his money affairs plainly enough - in that headline television-radio appearance. He gave an accounting of the much publicized "expense fund", and that's enough.

That's the Nixon stand.

They say the response continues to pour in - the deluge of letters and telegrams. At Nixon's headquarters, it is estimated that as many as two million people will have expressed their opinion, by the time it's all over. Many of the telegrams and letters are signed by groups of people - which multiplies the response.

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is on - "Texas", where Nixon made a speech at Amarillo, Friday night.

General Ike has been drawing a big hand in Dixieland. And now they think that Nixon can do an effective job too -- after his dramatic hit, explaining the money matters of Dick and Pat.

FOLLOW NIXON

The latest is an announcement of a council of war to be held by the democrats - concerning the south. Right now, democratic leaders are in conference in Little Rock, Arkansas - considering campaign strategy to hold Texas ~~and~~ and Louisiana. The governors of both states have declared for General Ike. But there's peril all over the south for the democrats - and they've scheduled a big meeting, to be held at Atlanta, Georgia, October first. All of which is a ~~new~~ novelty. Hithertofore, the democrats have never had to bother about the south - so solid. But now they ~~realize~~ ~~they~~ realize- they're in for a battle

EISENHOWER

(General Eisenhower will make a financial statement. Today his press representative, Jim Haggerty said the statement would cover - the General's entire financial situation.)

Which, of course, follows the money accounting given by Governor Stevenson over the weekend. ~~Pressed for a declaration of that famous "fund" in Illinois, the Democratic nominee gave it - with an addition, something extra. He produced a tabulated account of his income ~~is~~ for the past ten years. Which is taken to be a challenge to General Eisenhower and Senator Nixon - to do the same.~~

So General Ike ^(promptly) ~~promptly~~ takes up the challenge ~~although I don't suppose it will produce anything new.~~

There has been ample publication of the salary he got as a five-star General - Army pay that he resigned when he became a candidate for the Presidency. He had a salary as President of Columbia University. But he had not drawn that, we are told - since he went

"on leave" to take the command of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, more than a year ago.

Interest focuses on the financial aspects of the General's book "Crusade in Europe" which appeared shortly after the end of World War Two. He sold it outright - for a price that came under the heading of "capital gains." The income tax department agreed that, instead of the heavy tax on the money as income, the "capital gains" tax of twenty-five percent would be levied.

The book, by the commander of the victory in the west, drew a huge revenue, sold in bookstores, was serialized, put on television in a long string of installments, used in the movies. At the time, the report was - that the General received a lump sum of one million. But that was probably exaggerated. Probably, not much more than half a million, paid by the publishers, Doubleday.

(The Stevenson accounting of income is) not such hot news either - (just about what you'd expect.)

The Governor is known to be ~~quite~~ wealthy, and the financial statement bears that out - showing him to have a total income of half a million dollars in ten years, about fifty thousand a year. He drew nearly all of this - from gilt edge stocks and bonds.

But his accounting of the much debated Illinois "fund" is being criticized. On the list of contributors ~~in~~ to his campaign fund are donations marked "anonymous."

Also - a large contribution made by the Cook County Democratic Organization, Chicago. Other donations - by individuals, who have been named in scandals and in Chicago gambling affairs.) Moreover, there's no mention of charges that state employees were solicited for contributions.

Naturally enough, any chink in the armor, real or apparent, is a target for Republican attack. Nobody I suppose, has any doubt of the personal integrity of Adlai Stevenson - but there can be suspicious remarks on the ground that the campaign

contributions and the "fund" might have been mixed up with ~~max~~ machine politics in Illinois, especially Chicago.

~~Tonight, Governor Stevenson ~~makes a~~ ^{has just delivered} an important speech - radio and TV television - radio appearance, talking from Chicago. - You probably have been listening to him. and will go into these financial matters.~~

SPARKMAN . .

Senator Sparkman announces that now he'll make
a financial statement, on Saturday. -----

ADD SPARKMAN

Senator Sparkman added, however, that he thought the issue of personal finances was being, in his words, "emphasized entirely too much."

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Governor Stevenson is being urged to play the whistle stops. Hiterto, he has done his campaigning with large, set speeches - featuring television and radio - as he did tonight. General lke is making an old-fashioned campaign, with talks at stops along the railroad line - and doing mighty well. The same goes for - Senator Nixon. Now - President Truman ripping it up along whistle stops. And they want Governor Stevenson to do the same.

On his own side, the Governor is described as feeling that he went into the Presidential race as - an unknown. General Eisenhower - a figure of popular fame. So Stevenson would be at a disadvantage -- in drawing the crowds.

But, on the side of the Democratic politicians, they feel that whistle stop appearances by the candidate would help their local political battles - and it

wouldn't do Stevenson any harm to make himself known to the people along the line of the railroad tracks.

The Stevenson decision on this remains to be seen.

He has just finished a strong speech - over radio and TV - from Chicago - to which you probably have been listening. One of the ablest political campaign speeches I have ever heard. A political address of a new kind.--.

STEVENSON-IKE

By the way Governor Stevenson discloses that he invited General Ike to visit him at the Executive mansion at Springfield, Illinois. The Republican candidate is due in Springfield on Thursday, but he replied that his rapid schedule would not give him time to have a social visit with his Democratic opponent. →

ADD TO THE STEVENSON*IKE

Ike said he'd be in Springfield only a few minutes for a whistle-stop [REDACTED] talk.

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STRIKES

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LEWIS

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A soft coal contract was signed this afternoon
- union chief John L. Lewis coming to a formal ^{agreement} ~~agreement~~
with the northern mine owners. The southern coal
operators have still to agree. Lewis warning them,
that unless they accept the same terms, there'll be a
southern soft coal strike on Tuesday, midnight.

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KOREA - TRUCE

At the truce tents in Panmunjom, they settled one matter today - the release of three American soldiers. Seized in one of those petty Picayune technicalities that seem to delight the Reds. They had strayed a few feet outside the neutral zone - while investigating a Red complaint of truce violation.

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sign a document, a receipt, before the three G.I.'s were handed over.

(Petty, picayune, and every other word you can think of to express - mean, small-minded-annoyance.)

In Scotland, disaster struck - on legended Loch Ness. The final speed run - for John Cobb, long hailed as the "fastest man on earth." Swiftest of all - on land or water. For years, the London fur broker made records in automobiles and boats - and today was out to crack a new speedboat mark, set by an American, Stanley Sayres.

John Cobb was slashing through the water at two-hundred-and-five miles an hour, when his boat flew into bits, plunging, breaking up. The driver - fatally injured. Tragedy at Loch Ness - haunt of the famous monster, the sea serpent.

PLANE

A new speed record - California to Hawaii, in four-hours, fifty-two minutes. Made by a stratojet bomber two thousand four hundred sixty-three miles at nearly five hundred miles an hour. The commander, Major James Bauer, of St. Louis - calls it "a routine training mission". Might/fast routine - by on of the newest of our jet bombers.

The significance of this to all who travel by air is plain. Within a year or two or three that will be the speed of regular air travel - to Hawaii in 4 hours. To Australia and New Zealand, to the Philippines, Japan or China - a mere overnight flight.

KING

There has been a lot of talk about big words in this election. But who comes out with the biggest of all - a whole string of polysyllabic jawbreakers? President Truman must have established a record today - though not in connection with politics. He was just sending - birthday greetings. To a potentate of Asia. Greetings to his Majesty, MA-HA-RA-JAD-HIR-A-JA TRIB-HU-BA-NA BIR BICK-RAM JUNG-BAH-A-DUR SHAH BAH-A-DUR SHUM SHERE JUNG DE-VA. More briefly, the King of Nepal.

Nelson, I wonder if President Truman tried to pronounce the Nepalese Royal name. And, if so, if he did any better than I did just now?