

FLORIDA

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(Given by Chas. Collingwood)

Today's primary in Florida - attracted only a small turn-out of voters. ~~It's expected, that when all the returns are in - only about one-third of those qualified to cast ballots, will have done so.~~

(One reason for the lack of interest- is that there was no run-off contest for governor, or other top offices. For the G.O.P., it was a case of Eisenhower versus Knowland once again. The Senator from California is in the contest - because his name was entered before Mr. Eisenhower's position to run for a second term. But, of course, the Knowland opposition is only token. No one doubts that Mr. Eisenhower will have a tremendous majority.))

The interesting part of ~~this~~ primary concerns the Democrats - Stevenson versus Kefauver. Both of the Democratic hopefuls did a lot of campaigning. They delivered lots of speeches - and shook thousands of hands. And they enlivened the proceedings - with some personal ~~criticisms~~ criticism. (Otherwise, they didn't have much to argue about - because they're in basic

(agreement about internal problems and foreign policy.) This
could be a key primary for Stevenson and Kefauver - because
Florida carries a lot of prestige in the national picture.

FARM

Congress votes almost two billion dollars to run the Agriculture Department for the next year. It's a record sum, even larger than President Eisenhower asked for - larger by five million dollars. Congress giving Mr. Eisenhower more than he wanted - for the fourth straight year.

ITALY

The Italian Communist Party suffered a severe setback in the elections that ended yesterday. The returns are nearly complete, and they show that the Reds received - a million less votes than in Nineteen Fifty-One. Most of the center parties increased their strength.

But some of the former Communist votes went to parties on the Right - Fascists and Monarchists. (For example, no one gained an absolute majority in Rome, Milan, Venice, nor Genoa. In those cities, the center coalition may have to work with Fascists and Monarchists, in order to keep local government going.)

CYPRUS

On Cyprus, civil war seems closer than ever - with conflicts between the Greek and Turkish inhabitants of the island, getting worse. Today there was a battle involving four hundred persons - touched off by the funeral of a Turkish policeman, who was killed by the Greek underground. The British army had to ~~be brought~~^{go} in to restore order - and there were over twenty casualties, with some dead, and more seriously injured.

And there was a gangster style killing on one of the Cyprus roads - when a car forced a truck off the highway. Two men, apparently Turks, jumped out of the car - and shot the two Greeks who were inside the truck, killing one and wounding the other.

In London, the Daily Express repeats - that Turkish army officers have arrived in Cyprus - disguised as civilians. The London newspaper claiming, that Turkey ~~is ready to~~^{is ready to} move into Cyprus - ~~the moment the British leave.~~
If the British ever left.

RUSSIA

A dispatch from Moscow sounds like a throw-back to the days of Stalin. It tells of executions - the liquidation of former Communist leaders. The executions were carried out in the state of Azerbaijan - on the border of Iran. The victims, the former Premier of that state - and three of his lieutenants. They're linked with Beria, the former Soviet police chief, who was executed almost three years ago. And the indictment has all of the old style Communist jargon - calling the defendants "enemies of the people" - and saying that they committed "terroristic acts against the Soviet motherland."

EAST GERMANY

The Premier of East Germany claims that his police have arrested one hundred and thirty-seven American agents. Otto Grotewohl spoke before the Communist Parliament of East Germany. He stated that a defector from the West supplied the necessary information - after which the agents were rounded up in a mass arrest. Grotewohl informed his Parliament that there ^{is} now confusion among other Western agents inside the Iron Curtain - because they don't know when they are to be arrested. The Red Premier's advice to the so-called agents -- is that they might as well give themselves up now. And in line with the new softer policy of Communism - he promises immunity to those who surrender.

ATOMIC

President Eisenhower is asking Congress to authorize more money - for our Atomic Energy Program. The President, requesting more than a hundred million dollars ^{extra.} ~~besides the sum~~ ~~already voted.~~ The President's message states that we should take advantage of new developments in nuclear weapons - which remark has touched off speculation in Washington that Mr. Eisenhower is referring to the H-bomb tests now going on in the Pacific. The President has already called the tests - successful. And that apparently is the meaning of his new message to ~~CONGRESS~~ Congress - about "recent technological advances."

INTRODUCTION TO L.T. RECORDING

In tonight's report from Katmandu, Lowell Thomas tells us about a couple of Americans he met in that far off corner of the world.

L.T. RECORDING

For years there is a question that has been put to me endless times, one that I found rather difficult to answer. Young men, who suspect that I have had a lot of fun and some excitement on my journeys to all parts of the world, are forever asking me how they can do it, too. Usually I have told them that, so far as I know, there isn't any one formula, that there are at least one hundred and one ways to do it: join the Navy and see the world, sign up with the Air Force and become a pilot or crew member on planes that fly everywhere these days, be an archeologist or a naturalist or an explorer or foreign correspondent or missionary or a diplomat or a cameraman - it's endless! Here, in one of the most remote cities of our planet, I have just been spending an evening with a young couple who certainly have found their way to see the world.

Bob and Eileen Welsh were married when they were students at Washington State College, out in the Pacific northwest, at Pullman, Washington. That's the college my colleague and neighbor, Ed Murrow, attended. And how did

Bob Welsh make it from the Wenatchee Valley, in the State of Washington, to Katmandu in the Himalayas? How did he become the King's mining engineer? After they got their degrees their first stop was at a copper mine in Arizona, near Globe. Next, ten thousand feet up on the Continental Divide at Leadville, Colorado, where Bob worked in nearby Climax on the world's greatest molybdenum mine, then to Butte, Montana, to the famed Anaconda copper mine. From there his mining career took him to four continents. The Anaconda Company sent him to one of the most remote spots on earth, the desert of Atacama, a waterless region where it hadn't rained for fifty years. Although in the distance they could see the live volcano of southern Bolivia, they were living in the extreme northeastern part of Chile on a high plateau, the Alti Plano, beyond the Cordillera, at Chucquimata, said to be the largest open-cut opper mine. After spending a short time mining for gypsum in Iowa, then came the war and Uncle Sam sent Bob to Brazil on the trail of quartz crystals so desperately needed in the manufacture of

machine tools, to a region south of the Amazon at Campo Formosa, west of Bahia. After the war, another gypsum operation in Montana, then for a time with the Hercules Powder Company because of his wide experience with explosives.

It was at this time that his brother sold him on the idea that he could find more gold in the apple orchards than in the mine. As an apple farmer for two years, things went okay, then came two bad seasons and Bob headed for the hills, or, rather, this time the jungle. The U.S. Geological Survey sent him to East Africa, to Embeya, in Tanganyika, near the northern border of Rhodesia. Following two years deep in the heart of Africa he transferred to the U.S. Bureau of Mines and was sent to Israel with his headquarters in the new Israeli city of Tel Aviv, but his work was in the Negev, the Sinai desert, where Moses and his people wandered for those forty years. Phosphate deposits there and around the Dead Sea near the ancient city of Beersheba were his domain. One of his operations in fact was in the area where once stood the ancient

cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. There he often passed a certain pillar of salt. Remember how the Bible tells us that when Lot and his family fled, at the time of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, how Lot's wife disobeyed the Lord, turned and took a look, and was transformed into that pillar of salt? In the Sinai Desert, Bob also worked on a copper deposit that long ago was one of King Solomon's mines. Now, it's Nepal, Katmandu, riding elephants through the jungle hunting for minerals in the Himalayas. So far he has found a large deposit of iron, hematite, 90% pure iron, so there is the answer to those of you who want to see the world and have adventure.

COLLINGWOOD: Well, Lowell, that sounds like pretty good advice and you probably recruited a good many explorers and globe-trotters or at least geologists right now.

PLANE

The Navy announces that its new plane - the Skylancer - has flown seven hundred and sixty miles an hour, exceeding the speed of sound. Test Pilot, Robert Rahn, flew the Skylancer at its record speed.

This is the plane the Navy is depending on as an interceptor - because the Skylancer can take off quickly, and zoom up to high altitudes, to meet advancing bombers. It will carry the most modern weapons - including rockets and guided missiles.

SUBMARINE FOLLOW PLANE

(The Navy also announces more power beneath the sea. The keels for two more atomic submarines were laid at Groton, Connecticut, today. One of the subs will ~~weigh~~ weight six thousand tons - which will make it twice as heavy as the Nautilus. This new giant will be the key of an atomic submarine task force.)

JOE LOUIS

A Congressman from New Jersey thinks that Uncle Sam ought to forget about the back income taxes that Joe Louis owes. Representative Alfred Sieminski introduced a bill today - to let Joe get out from under the burden of more than a million dollars claimed by the Treasury.

(We all know how Joe Louis ruled the heavyweight division for years. He made a fortune with his fists - but he couldn't hold onto it. And now he finds himself in debt - instead of living in high style as he used to when he was champion.)

The ex-champ has been wrestling - in an effort to pay off what he owes. But he can't make enough that way to pay off a million dollars - unless he sticks at it for a ~~good many~~ ^{long, long} ~~years~~ ^{time.}

(Today, Congressman Sieminski pointed out that Joe Louis was a great champion - and a model for American youth. Also, the Brown Bomber served in the Army - and was always willing to help the government when he was asked. The Congressman thinks

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that's enough. And so he asks the government to relieve
Joe Louis of that burden - a million dollars in unpaid income
taxes.)