

IMMIGRATION

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(The Senate - overrides the veto of the immigration bill. Which makes it a law.) The House of Representatives acted yesterday - voting to over-ride.

So that ends the legislative battle, in which President Truman denounced the immigration bill as - unjust, unfair. (The bill retains the quota system, based on national origins - and the charge is that it favors British, German and Irish immigrants. There are special clauses restricting oriental immigration. Denounced as - Discrimination. There are also strict measures - to keep Reds from getting into the country.)

Proponents of the bill defend it on grounds of - national security. Which persuaded both Houses of Congress to over-ride the Presidential ~~xxxx~~ veto.

## CONTROLS

A dispatch from Washington states that (the abolition of price controls - has been rejected.) That feature, cancelling price ~~and~~ restrictions, was put into a controls bill passed by the House of Representatives. But the whole thing had to be harmonized with a bill ~~passed~~ passed previously by the Senate - to extend the price, rent and wage controls for another eight months.

So (a joint conference committee is working out a compromise - and has agreed to remove the provision that would abolish price controls.) ~~This is~~ ~~hear from what is called "a reliable source"~~

## ARMY WASTE

A Congressional committee says the Air Force planned to spend eighty-million dollars -- for troops who would never be there. Over-estimating - the number of barracks that would be needed. Ordering - two hundred dormitories that would never be used.

What made the Air Force miscalculate so badly? The answer - well, it explains a lot of nonsense in this world. Romance, Dan Cupid, marriage. The theory was that about eighty percent of Air Force men would be single - and live in barracks. Only twenty percent - married, living outside. But the number of benedicks, as matters turned out, was much larger - thirty-two percent. Hence fewer barracks, were needed.

All this, in an investigation of waste and extravagance in the armed forces. Last year, for example, the Air Force paid an extra twenty thousand dollars to get new barracks built in a hurry at

Amarillo, Texas. The speed was expensive, the buildings put up in a hurry. Today, a year later, they aren't half filled. The committee says its the old Army game - "hurry up, and wait."

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The Army issues an order, based on an old principal - it isn't what it is, it's what it sounds like. This, in the purchase of automobiles. Chief of staff, General Lawton Collins, tells procurement officers not to say -- "Sedan". When they testify before Congressional Committees, about the purchase of Army automobiles, they're to say - auto - or car. "Sedan", says General Collins, sounds "plushy". And he doesn't want Congress to think the Army travels around in plushy motor cars.

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The latest -- Republican Senator Taft in an address tonight, called for a meeting of the "free world", to reform the United Nations. The Senator suggests a special convention to revise the charter and put teeth in it -- to make the U N an effective organization for international justice.

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POLITICS-TEXAS DELEGATION

( At Chicago today - an early arrival for the convention:—The Texas delegation - pledged to Senator Taft. ) They arrived with a huge strong box, a steel filing cabinet built like a safe. Labelled "documentary evidence." The Texans - for - Taft say the files are full of documents with - "millions of words." Backing up the charge that the Democrats infiltrated the Republican party in Texas, and produced majorities backing General Ike.

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But that isn't all. At the two conventions, there will be three grand pianos - used to accompany soloists, who will sing special numbers. Plenty of harmony - even though the political discord may be acute.

All of which brings back a fond memory - of one of the conventions of Nineteen Forty-eight. The Star Spangled Banner, sung by <sup>the</sup> famous ~~Lawrence~~ Lawrence Tibbett - with organ accompaniment. But ~~there was a problem~~ the organist got into the wrong key. The key for a high tenor, and Tibbett is a ~~low~~ baritone. Tough going, as he had to try for top notes, about right for Jimmy Melton, who hits ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup> high.

This time let's hope they'll be kind to the singers, if not to the candidates.

## LATTIMORE

In seattle, a grand jury today handed down an indictment - in the case of Owen Lattimore, an indictment - against the mysterious individual alleged to have given a false tip - that the Johns Hopkins Professor was planning a trip behind the Iron Curtain. The one <sup>(indicted)</sup> ~~indicted~~ is Harry Jarvinen, a travel agency employee. He is a native of Finland who served in the United States Army as a sergeant in the Tenth Mounted Infantry Division. Afterward, he was with Army Intelligence, ~~Mr~~ Jarvin pleads not guilty. The lawyer says, "he did make some statement at a social gathering when he was tipsy - and a Central Intelligence agent was there." Which might seem to indicate - some sort of random remark about Lattimore. But it is all still mysterious.

## PRISON RIOT

Kentucky state prison had another convict riot today - though smaller than yesterday. In that outbreak of mutiny, one hundred rebels captured a prison garment factory. But they gave up, when the warden gave a hard-boiled warning; "come out, or we'll shoot you out."

Today, twenty other prisoners, following yesterday's example, tried to storm a commissary building, but were driven off. The situation in the Kentucky state prison is called -- explosive.

## FIRE

The fire horror in Brooklyn last week - was Arson. The firebug arrested today. He is a negro porter, who had been noted on the scene of last week's tenement house blaze, which took seven lives.

The arrest occurred at another fire in Brooklyn today - that one soon extinguished. A detective spotted the porter who stood watching the blaze - and connected him with last week's fire.

The arsonist has ~~now~~ confessed. Today he told the police he had been setting fires for years - because he "likes excitement." The old evil ~~story~~ story of - the firebug.

HEAT -- BEACH

The all-time record heat wave here in the East seems to be fading out - but slowly. Until last night, when I went to the Commissioner Moses - Governor Dewey -- party at the Marine Stadium I had never seen Jones Beach. ~~Am~~ There, yesterday and today they broke all records for crowds on a week day - so many thousands you could hardly see the sand. But I was vastly impressed by what Commissioner Moses and his associates have done. I have seen many of the great bathing beaches of the world, at Rio, Florida, Peru, Australia, India, the Riviera, Portugal and so on. But, you should see Jones Beach. It's a masterpiece. And so is the musical ~~xxxxx~~ spectacle, the Johann Straus NIGHT IN VENICE, at the Marine Stadium, like something out a story book.

## FOREIGN MINISTERS

In London, today, the Foreign Ministers of the Big Three agreed on a meeting with Soviet Russia -- to discuss German unification. They prepared an answer to a Soviet note, suggesting a conference - but they lay down conditions to keep any such meeting from interfering with plans for the defense of western Europe. Moreover, the proposal is for a palaver at a lower diplomatic level. Not a full-dress conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four. But a gathering of lesser officials, authorized to negotiate.

Specifically, the western powers are ready for a meeting to discuss an impartial commission to study free elections in both East and West Germany. So the question is - how will the Soviets accept that suggestion? Free elections - in the Red zone behind the Iron Curtain.

## KOREA-AIR

Washington states that the North Korean electrical plants were bombed - because the Reds had started to use them to supply power for fighter bases and radar networks in Manchuria. Element of Red air power - ~~mm~~ in battles between their jet planes and our own. The biggest of all on the Yalu River, was put into operation only recently - generating current for Manchurian Air bases.

We are told that, in London, Secretary of State Acheson gave to the British government a special report on the bombings - and the reason why. This, along with an expression of regret - that the British were not informed, in advance. He took the view that the British had no real ~~right~~ right to ask for advance information. But he didn't want to argue the point.

(In Washington, meanwhile, there is criticism

of Acheson. He is considered as having made - an  
"apology". Some legislators want to know how come?  
Others, however, think - the British ought to be  
informed. That's the view taken by Senator Taft,  
for example. In a news conference at Charlottesville,  
Virginia, today, he said he thought the British  
government should know "what's being done in Korea."  
Since the British have troops there. /



## FRANCE

In Paris, the National Assembly tonight put the final okay on a military budget amounting to three trillion, seven hundred billion francs. The figures, they run high - in Paris. At current exchange rates, that sum up in the Trillions - comes to three billion seven hundred million dollars. A record breaking high - for armament in France. Part of the French contribution to the defense of the West.

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## SOUTH AFRICA

( In South Africa, one-hundred-and-seventy-eight arrests; that many put in jail. All -- part of the campaign of civil disobedience against the racial segregation law.) An organization of South African colored people calls for volunteers - to break the laws, and get ~~themselves~~ themselves arrested. The slogan - "fill South African jails"! Which they have been doing - with one-hundred-and-seventy-eight put in jail during two days of civil disobedience.

## QUEEN

Today, Britain's Queen Elizabeth was - a lady of the middle ages. In Scotland, she performed the most ornamental and spectacular duty of her reign, thus far. For a day, she was a medieval Queen, infesting - Knights of the Thistle.

Britain has three great orders of chivalry, dating back to the time - when knighthood was in flower. England has the Order of the Garter. Typical of the days of cavaliers and troubadours - dedicated to a lady's garter.

Ireland has - the Order of St. Patrick. Nowadays confined to North Ireland, Ulster. But - dedicated to the Patron Saint of the Irish, St. Patrick's Day in the morning.

In Scotland - The Thistle, which is no sweet flower like the rose or the lily. But, then, the rugged highlands are famous for thorns and thistles.

The ceremony today was in the ancient church of St. Giles, Edinburgh. Which has - the Chapel of the Thistle.

There her Majesty wore a flowing cloak of green, with a long train, carried by a page, her hat, ornamented with sweeping white plumes of the Osprey, the sea eagle. She was attended by Knights, Herald in ~~XXXX~~ Tabards, Archers carrying their long bows, in the style of Robin Hood.

Four Knights of the Thistle were to have been created, but there were only three - the Duke of Buccleuch, the Duke of Hamilton, and the Earl of Haddington each - wearing the blazing collar of the Order, Gold and Thistles.

The fourth, who was missing, was at home with the jaundice. The Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen's husband. She had named him on the list of new Knights; but he couldn't accompany her to Scotland. The Duke, alas, got the yellow jaundice, and had to stay home - Buckingham Palace.

So they had to get along with only three new Knights, at the Church of St. Giles, the Chapel of the Thistle - as a twentieth century Queen, <sup>- Nelson -</sup> was a lady of the middle Ages for a Day.