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Did you hear General Eisenhower make that apt remark this evening? About there being as much water in Kansas this evening as there was in the English Channel on D-Day? Yes, it was sure wet in Abilene, Kansas - raining on the parade and then drenching General Ike's address at the stadium. But he stuck it out - bareheaded and wearing a rain coat. Four thousand five hundred people braved the downpour - to hear the speech.

The address was in a high vein of eloquence, calling for patriotic unity. The General plunged into domestic political issues, decrying - inflation, excessive taxation and bureaucracy. Backers of Senator Taft calling for - more details. They say it was all - generalities.

Senator Kefauver who is in the lead on the Democratic side, immediately demanded equal radio and television time - to answer the General.

POLITICS

(The South Dakota primary is being described in terms of a horse-race - a photo finish. The latest returns would seem to show Senator Taft the winner - by a nose. All through the count, they ran neck and neck - Taft and Ike.) The latest figures show Taft, sixty-four thousand, ~~two~~^{six} hundred and ~~fifty-seven~~^{eighty five}. Eisenhower, sixty-three thousand, ~~two~~^{six} hundred and ~~twenty-seven~~^{fifty-eight}. Taft ahead - by ~~seven~~^{eight} hundred and ~~25~~²⁵. ~~Only~~ Only ~~forty-two~~¹⁶ precincts remain to be heard from, and it seems unlikely that Eisenhower can make up the deficit - even though it's only a few hundred. There's talk of recanvassing the vote, with some possibility of a reversal - as can be the case, when a vote is that close.

(The primary campaign was one of the bitterest on record - and, when it is all over, we find public opinion divided almost evenly. Which was reflected, in a way today, by South Dakota Senator Carl Mundt.

A Republican, who kept "hands off" the primary battle. When he noted the figures, the Senator said: "South Dakota's answer to the nation's number one question is clear - Bob and Ike they look alike."

FOLLOW SOUTH DAKOTA

(On the Democratic side, Senator Kefauver of Tennessee ran away with eight convention votes - South Dakota having that many.) Or rather - that few. In California, Kefauver takes a bigger block - sixty-eight. ~~But~~ He now has a national total of nearly three hundred - nearly half of the total needed for the Democratic nomination in Chicago.

CALIFORNIA

The final count from the California primary is in - without exciting much interest. From the very first returns, it was a runaway for Governor Warren and Senator Kefauver. Each was opposed by a slate of delegates favoring a candidate, who was really no candidate at all, just a stop-gap. So it's more than two to one for Warren - giving him the Republican delegation. Same lopsided majority for Kefauver - taking the California delegation on the Democratic side.

SENATE - RENT

The Senate votes to end rent controls - these to expire March First of next year. The vote, forty-eight to thirty-four - to abolish the ceiling on rents, along with wage and price controls. All to come to an end - spring of next year.

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VICE-PRESIDENT

News from Washington - the Vice-President voted today. News, indeed - the Vice-President casting a vote only in case of a tie in the Senate. Which happened for the ~~first~~ first time in the present session. The question - whether to retain the present Wage Stabilization Board, or to abolish it. The Senate voted forty-one to forty-one. Whereupon, Vice-President Barkley broke the tie, by voting to retain the Board - though its power will be curbed.

STEEL

In the steel strike, representatives of the Companies and the Union are to meet at the White House tomorrow. Talks - arranged by President Truman. They'll try for a settlement of the walkout, which is having nationwide repercussions. Today, a series of railroads announced layoffs, employees thrown out of jobs, because of a growing shortage of steel.

Senator Maybank

In Congress, meanwhile, [^]has introduced legislation of a

broad scope - to deal with strikes that create a national

emergency. His plan would ~~propose to~~ set up a board, which would impose a

~~no strike, no lock-out~~ "no strike, no lock-out" ban, while

recommendations in a labor dispute are prepared. If either side should [^]reject the recommendations, the President would be authorized

to seize the industry. Which would be in conformance with the

Supreme Court decision - finding the steel seizure

unconstitutional, because not authorized by Congress.

Today, Senator Taft of Ohio stated that this new proposal is more severe, tougher, than the Taft-Hartley Law - against which the Unions complain so much.

SUB CONVICTS

Raleigh, North Carolina, had a prison rebellion this afternoon. But it ended quickly -- with concessions. One hundred fifty convicts grabbed three guards and seven civilian employees, and held them - as hostages. They demanded that the Captain of the prison guards be suspended - accusing him of brutality. The warden agreed - and the revolt was over - the prisoners releasing their hostages.

KOREA

(There was action at those Koje Island prison camps today) and a pitiful discovery was made. All ending happily, however, for seventeen intended victims of the Red fanatics. Their lives were saved.

(Troops in gas masks, armed with flame-throwers and tear gas, pushed into ~~Red~~ compounds, ^{dominated by Communists.} Their purpose, to tear down the Red flags and propaganda banners. Which they did. Turning flame-throwers on ^{Communist} emblems, ~~and the Red~~ burning these out. Also - shooting fiery streams into special tents, with furnishings and equipment, ^{that} the Red bosses had used as headquarters for a Communist command in the prison compounds.

The soldiers found a tent, and in it were seventeen prisoners, their hands bound at the wrist. They were awaiting death, having been sentenced by the Red "kangaroo courts",) which have been inflicting terror on anti-Communist prisoners. At least one hundred and fifteen are known to have been murdered, ~~and~~ on order from the kangaroo courts. The seventeen discovered today, huddled in terror - even after their

bonds were cut, They were still afraid of the Communists.

They were rescued, and five Red "commissars" were taken out of the compounds - charged with defiance of prison camp discipline.

(During all this, the Red captives gave no sign of resistance - looking on meekly.) (Although, previously, they had shouted, boasted, that they would "fight to the death." Their slogan - "nobody ever will enter the gate!" But the gate was entered, with decisive action - and nothing happened.)

FRANCE

Today was the day for the big Red agitation in France - strikes, disturbance. But the chief episode that it produced has a peculiar look. A Communist gang seized the Renault automobile plant in Paris - one of the greatest industrial centers in France. Then, abandoned it - ~~shockily~~ ~~afterwards~~ without any sign of trouble.

(The Communist Party had ordered a nationwide protest against the arrest of Jacques Duclos, chief of Communism in France - who is being held for trial, charged with directing Red riots last week.) Dangerous violence was threatened at first, but it soon became evident that the Red forces would not be able to stir up as much trouble ~~as~~ as they wanted.

(Today, the demonstration fizzled out, workers belonging to the Red unions showing little sign of wanting to stage an outbreak.)

Such was the general picture, but it looked far otherwise at the great Renault plant. There events assumed ~~a~~ aspect - revolutionary ~~look~~ - when a strong arm gang of the Reds

invaded the Renault plant, and seized control. They drove out officials, manhandled non-Communist workers, and bluffed the rest of the plant employees into submission. Outside the auto factory, meanwhile, a mob of several thousand Red sympathizers were mobilized - to back up the seizure. Forces of police were ^{(nearby,} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and you'd have thought a battle would have developed. ~~with the Red storming of the plant looked as much like~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ But the police did nothing - made no move against the Communist invaders. The whole thing having a look - peculiarly French.

The Reds were in control most of the day, and then moved out - evacuating the plant of their own accord. ~~Every~~ Everything peaceful, the Communists merely vanishing. Hard to figure it out - but it would seem that the Red high command wanted to make a show of force. Taking over one of the great industrial plants - as a gesture. Then, that being that, they called it a day. ~~Sounds~~ Typically French - or something.

In the legal proceedings against Duclos, the

imprisoned Communist leader won a minor point today. When he was arrested, directing riots, the police found two dead pigeons in the trunk at the back of his automobile. The guess was that they were homing pigeons - which had been intended to carry Communist messages. But today a committee of experts on pigeons testified - that they were just ordinary birds, not the homing kind. Still, it remains a mystery - what the Red leader was doing with two dead pigeons in his car.

BERLIN

At Berlin, in the tense condition of affairs, shots rang out today. Two fusillades - one in the American, another in the French, sector. A G.I. was wounded, when Russian soldiers fired across the boundary line between East and West. The soldier - an M.P. in a jeep. Hit by a bullet - but suffering only a slight wound in the arm.

In the French sector, nobody was hit at all - when Soviet soldiers fired on a party of Western sector police.

Nothing serious, by way of material damage, but shooting is always dangerous in a state of tension, as in Berlin right now. Allied authorities are making a vigorous protest - complaining about the trigger-happy Reds.

JORDAN

(The kingdom of Jordan went under rule of a regency today. The decision was to name a three-man council, exercising royal power in place of King Talal, who is at a clinic in Paris, afflicted with a mental malady.) Another alternative ^{would have} ~~been~~ ^{been} to replace him on the throne, and make his youthful son the king. But the regency plan prevailed - even though it was difficult, theoretically.

According to the Constitution of the Kingdom of Jordan, a regency council could be named - but only by the King. And - Talal was in no mental state to take any such action. The solution was - his Ministers acting for him. So today the Cabinet issued a regency decree.

Royal authority will be exercised by a council of three. One - Suliman Bey Toukan, heretofore the Minister of Defense. The news dispatch does not name the other two.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LIST

The big news in London, today, was - the Queen's Birthday List. Conferring honors - peerage, knighthood. The first birthday list of the new sovereign, Elizabeth the Second, and fifty-three names are on it.

Sir Basil Brooke, Prime Minister of North Ireland, goes into the House of Lords as a Viscount. The same - for Sir Alfred Duff Cooper, long a top ranking political figure.

An assistant to General Eisenhower, Brigadier James Frederick Gault, is knighted - Sir James.

So is, a tug boat Captain - as might sound odd. But he is Captain Dan Parker, who took a salvage tug to the aid of "Stay Put" Carlsen - the American skipper who stuck to his capsizing ship in that headline episode of the sea, several months ago.

The feminine equivalent of knighthood is bestowed on the widow of Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary for the Labor Party. Mrs. Florence Anne Bevin - made a Dame of the British Empire. Now Dame Bevin.

There's one name on the list of honors that I myself

find most interesting. ~~A skier - knighted. Arnold Lunn - long~~

~~find most interesting. - x Arnold Lunn x whom Her Majesty x has x a~~
prominent
~~Knight x x Her Majesty x x well x known x figure x~~ in the realm of the snows.

~~and x the x sliding x witness x down x the x slopes x~~ Knighted for what the

news dispatch calls - "his services to skiing and to

British-Swiss relations." Reminding us there's mighty little

skiing in England, with its lack of tall mountains. The British

go to Switzerland, where they flock every year - and this

Her Majesty recognizes as a tie between the two countries.

Similar honor is bestowed - on the trainer of the

Queen's horses. The Master of the Royal Stables is Captain

Cecil Charles Boyd Rockfort - now Sir Cecil.

The Knight on Horseback follows the Knight on Skies -

and long live the Queen.

JAPANESE GIRLS

At Toronto, an international trade fair is on, and one exhibit is from - Japan. With Japanese girls on duty - standing around, looking cute in traditional Japanese costume. That is, until today, when they appeared - in American clothes, latest fashion.

An explanation is given by nineteen year old Lorraine Takata. Who says: "Those getas were killing me." Sounds like that familiar moan of American women: "These shoes are killing me." Same idea - geta being Japanese for sandal, the footwear of Japan.

So, at the Toronto trade fair, the Japanese girls are standing around on four inch French heels. The next thing, ^{all} they ~~may~~ be saying, "These shoes are killing me."