

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

First some political news -- a Republican putting himself in the running for the Nineteen Forty-eight nomination. Former Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, announces that he will seek the nomination -- and, on a platform of what ~~xx~~ he calls -- "true Liberalism." Stassen says he will establish a Washington office to push his campaign and work for -- " a definite progressive program."

Stassen forces in Minnesota have already started raising funds for his campaign.

This news follows shortly after a declaration by Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, who has been mentioned, prominently, as a Republican possibility for Nineteen Forty-eight. Will Vandenberg seek the nomination? No. He stated this afternoon that he will not be a candidate.

As things ~~xxxxxx~~ stand, the Republican leader

out in front would seem to be Governor Dewey of New York. Dewey has said nothing on the subject of Nineteen Forty-eight -- has given no indication of whether he's in the running or not. However the popular opinion polls show Dewey to be the favorite of the rank and file Republicans by a wide margin -- more than all others mentioned for it combined. →

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Meanwhile, in Stassen's home state of Minnesota, the news that he was going to seek the Nineteen Forty-Eight Presidential nomination was greeted enthusiastically, but, with ~~more than~~ some surprise.

Stassen's supporters have always been sure that he would campaign for the nomination, **It's** the timing of the announcement that causes the surprise. Some think it ~~comes too early.~~ *comes too early.* ~~previous, to say the least.~~

On the other hand, Luther Yungdahl, the state's Republican Governor-Elect, voices approval of Stassen's move in these words: "It's a great thing that Minnesota can furnish the country with the leadership that Harold Stassen can give. I intend to make every effort to see that the nation hears about that leadership."

Other Minnesota Republicans begged off tonight when asked to comment directly on Stassen's move, most of them saying they wanted more time to study it.

ATOMIC

The proceedings in the realm of atomic control ran into a new obstacle today. That obstacle being - a revival of the Soviet veto. During the recent proceedings of the United Nations General Assembly, it had been understood that the Soviets - Molotov speaking - had renounced the veto in the matter of inspection to make sure that nations were not secretly making the atomic bombs. That was necessary, if anything was to be done about the American program, the Baruch Plan to outlaw atomic war. *So everything* ~~that~~ looked okay, until the spectre of the Soviet veto stalked onto the scene ^{*again*} today.

At a meeting of the Atomic Energy Commission of the United Nations, Bernard Baruch, author of the American proposal, called ^{*for*} ~~off~~ an immediate vote - which would set up diplomatic machinery to outlaw the bomb. He called ^{*for*} ~~off the~~ an organization to search every part of the world for illegal atomic activities, and insure

SOVIET ATOMIC

A strange story comes along today - something which, if true, could be of the profoundest importance. We are told that the number one atomic scientist of Soviet Russia has been arrested and exiled to Siberia. He is, of course, Professor Kapitza, rated a key figure in the Soviet attempts to develop an atomic bomb.

The story that we have is from a New York labor weekly called, "The New Leader", an article written by Boris Nicolaevsky. It states that two months ago, Stalin purged Professor Kapitza on a charge of what the magazine calls - "deliberate sabotage of the nation's defenses." Which would seem to mean - that the professor was not doing right by the Soviet atomic bomb.

The story of Peter Kapitza, as we have had it, is dramatic. He was a brilliant young Russian scientist, who left his country after the Bolshevik Revolution. He went to England and became an associate of Lord

Rutherford - that famous physicist so important in the formation of atomic science. At Cambridge University, a special laboratory was set up for Kapitza - to enable him to work on the crucial problem of splitting the atom. ^R He won the highest of British scientific honors - and then, early in the Nineteen Thirties, Soviet representatives persuaded him to attend a scientific congress in Moscow. Once inside the Soviet boundaries, he was never allowed to leave - held by the Stalin secret police. ^T Lord Rutherford appealed to Stalin, to release ~~Professor~~ Kapitza, to enable him to complete his experiments at Cambridge, **But** Stalin is reported to have told Kapitza personally: "We, ourselves, need men like you." After which the Soviet government purchased the Kapitza laboratory at Cambridge University, and had it transported to Moscow.

Thereafter, the honors of Soviet Russia were

showered on the scientist who had been detained by compulsion. He was granted the Order of Lenin, granted the title - "Hero of Socialist Labor." He was twice awarded the Stalin prize of two hundred thousand Rubles. He ^{even} was granted American honors too - only last April he was made a member of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington.

The career of Peter Kapitza came to a new turn when the atomic bomb blazed with cosmic fury at Hiroshima ^{and Nagasaki.} The effect on the Soviet mentality was tremendous. The Soviets too, must have an atomic bomb - and the spotlight was on Kapitza, Russia's premier ~~xxxx~~ atomic physicist who had worked with Lord Rutherford. The Russian people were assured - Kapitza would quickly produce an atomic bomb. ^R The professor was ordered to put all his effort to the production of the missile of atomic war. He headed an expedition to study the

cosmic ray - a problem closely related to atomic research.

Stalin, however, was not satisfied with Kapitza. He thought the Professor had, in the words of the magazine "New Leader", "broken away from the practice of Socialist reconstruction, and had engaged in subjects which, though interesting, were remote from reality." So Stalin is said to have visited Kapitza and warned him to give his research a more practical direction.

What we may gather from this is, the scientist was engaged in highly theoretical research that did not, in Stalin's opinion, have much direct bearing on the atomic bomb. It may be that the Professor was thinking as a scientist whose ideas are outside the mentality of Soviet bureaucrats and their Communist ideology. Here we may note one thing that has been reported previously - that the Einstein theory is forbidden in

Soviet Russia, because Einstein Relativity does not agree with the dialectic~~al~~ materialism of Marx . So maybe the research~~s~~ of Professor Kapitza *has* not *been* exactly according to Hoyle, in the eyes of the Soviet bureaucrats. Or maybe the great Russian scientist was not so enthusiastic about a Soviet atomic bomb.

In any case, the New York labor magazine reports that the number one atomic scientist of the Soviets has been arrested and exiled to Siberia - the hard road that so many have followed who disagreed with Stalin.

NUREMBURG

~~The~~ story of Nazi frightfulness and Red Army pride was told today at the Nuremburg trial of the German scientists. A former German medical assistant at the horror camp at Dachau ~~told~~ ^{related} how two Soviet officers were used in an experiment to provide information on the effects of freezing. ~~They were~~ forced to stand in icewater for more than four hours -- until they froze to death. ^{TP} The former medical assistant said ~~that~~ the two Russians ~~had~~ proved to be what he called -- "unusually tough." After two and a half hours in the icewater, one turned to the other and said: "Comrade, tell that German officer he may shoot us." To which the other Russian replied: "Comrade, don't expect any mercy from this Fascist dog." ^{And} ~~after which~~ they shook hands; ^{whereupon the} ~~and the~~ icewater experiment went on to its inhuman conclusion.

PLANE

In the State of Washington a ~~ranger~~^{cher} reports the spotting of a fire high on the slopes of Mt. Ranier, -- and it looked like a signal fire. This is confirmed by officials of the State Forestry Department, who studied the distant fire through powerful glasses. They say it looked as if the flame was being fed with gasoline, motor fuel poured on by hand. And this raises hope for the missing transport plane with thirty-two Marines aboard, -- missing since last week. ^{TP} The Marine Corps plane vanished in the area of Mt. Ranier -- believed to have crashed into that peak. And now new hope is raised by the spotting of the fire on the mountain -- and the indications are that it might be flames of gasoline burned by missing airmen from the fuel tanks of ~~the~~^{their} plane.

VETERANS

In Klamath Falls, Oregon, right now, the minds and hopes of more than three thousand veterans and their families are centered on a fish bowl. That fish bowl will decide the future of eighty-six of their number.

There is suspense in Klamath Falls tonight, such suspense as must have been felt by the fifty thousand Oklahoma settlers who toed the mark back in ~~1889~~ Eighteen Eighty-Nine, ready to rush into Government territory.

In that gold fish bowl in Klamath Falls are the names of eighty-six veterans who will fall heir tomorrow, by Government land lottery, to eighty-six parcels of homestead land -- each valued at thirty thousand dollars.

A total of two million five hundred thousand dollars worth of land is waiting for the winners of the lottery -- all of it reclaimed by the Government from what was formerly a high-basin ~~LAKE~~ a total

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of more than seven thousand acres located near ^{famous} Tule Lake just on the California side of the Oregon border.

And tonight, Klamath Falls is excited, and tense, and its taverns and hotels and restaurants are full. ~~and~~ The patrons *all* hoping ~~that~~ their names will be among the lucky eighty-six.

GAMBLING

In the open spaces of the West there are, as we know, some wide open towns - gambling being legal in Nevada. So there's Reno, also Las Vegas - where the temples dedicated to the Goddess of Chance are operated like drug stores or hot dog stands. Las Vegas, however, is not so wide open any more. That Nevada city ~~now~~ drawing ^S~~ing~~ the line - against bad checks.

Hitherto, the gambling houses have been rather free and easy about cashing checks - to provide customers with cash to lose at roulette, dice or blackjack. ~~The~~ ^{that} Checks have had a habit of bouncing. There have even been cases in which a customer, instead of losing the money from a rubber check, has walked out with winnings in his pocket.

What makes Las Vegas all the more indignant, is the fact that ^{the} passers of worthless paper are largely Californians - who troop across the border

to wide open Nevada, and stick the gambling houses of Las Vegas with checks so full of rubber that they bounce as high as the Rocky Mountains. Today the District Attorney of Las Vegas stated that in the past six months Californians have passed more than a hundred thousand dollars' worth of bad checks - and that has got to stop, said he. Californians appear to think, ^{he wants} ~~that~~ that they can make suckers of the Nevadans with impunity, because gambling is illegal. ^{But} gambling is not illegal, he pointed out, and they're going to put the ^{Nevada} law on those Californians.

In other words, wide open Las Vegas is drawing a puritanical line - against bad checks.

ROCKETS

A couple of hours from now, the skies over White Sands, New Mexico, will be filled with fire -- ~~flashing~~ meteorites soaring through space, perhaps twenty-five miles high.

~~Man-made meteorites~~
~~No need to worry though. It's~~ all under control, the whole show being set off by Army and civilian scientists who are preparing for the first night launching of a German V-Two Rocket.

The missile will roar heavenward with ^{what is described as} a cargo of man-made meteorites. And astronomers as far as Mount Palomar, California, and Dallas, Texas, will be watching for the ~~anticipated~~ display.

The artificial meteorites will be pieces of molten metal -- shot from a rocket, by an explosive charge, at a speed of around thirty-seven thousand feet per second. Purpose of the unique experiment, according to Doctor Fritz Zwicky of the California Institute of Technology, ~~is~~ to observe the behavior of artificial meteorites in view of possible future

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attempts to send the particles out of range of the Earth's gravity and into free space.

This seventeenth test of captured V-Two rockets, [^]~~is~~ *— sounds fantastic —* is expected by some scientists to provide a key to interplanetary travel. Says Doctor Zwicky: "We will throw a little something into the sky, then a little more, then a shipload of instruments, --

then ourselves." *Who do you mean Dr. Zwicky when you say "then, ourselves."? Could he mean you, Nelson.*

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punishment for violators. The assumption was that once the machinery^{of} investigation was in operation - nothing could be vetoed.

Then up spoke Soviet Delegate Gromyko, with an announcement that set the members back in their seats. He declared that the Soviets would insist on the right to veto any punishment decreed against a country that was violating its atomic pledges - ~~was~~ making atomic bombs illegally.

So that brings about a new situation. Molotov agreed that there should be no veto of inspection - but what will happen if the investigation discloses a culprit? What about penalties? Up steps Gromyko saying that Soviet Russia insists upon a veto of penalties.

INDIA

Taken from early Dec. 17

In India, Jawaharlal Nehru denies that ~~that~~ he said India would vote itself out of the British Empire within three days. "I said nothing of the kind - this report is completely without foundation," declared the Vice-President of the interim government of India today.

The word is that the new Indian Constitution, which is being drafted, will proclaim the independence of the ancient land of Hindustan. **B**ut that won't mean any immediate withdrawal from the British Empire - according to Indian spokesmen today.

FRANCE

The new Premier and Cabinet of France have won a vote of confidence - Leon Blum and his all-Socialist Ministry. They take office as a sort of compromise measure - in a hopeless split between the two leading parties in the French Parliament, the Communists and the Popular Republicans.

The vote ~~for~~^{for} the Blum Cabinet was overwhelming - the aged Premier to preside during an interval of five weeks. ^R Leon Blum, in taking office, stated that he will resort to harsh measures to put the French nation on its feet - economically.

STUDENT

A strange theory was propounded today to explain the disappearance of Paula Weldon, the student at Bennington College, who vanished seventeen days ago -- a complete mystery. It has been noted that a landslide occurred recently in a gravel pit only four hundred yards from the college. An inspection seems to indicate that the huge downfall of earth occurred at about the time Paula Weldon ~~disappeared,~~ ^{vanished,} An attendant at a gas filling station says he saw the blond blue-eyed girl walking toward the pit at the time of her disappearance. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{Today States Attorney} William Traverse Jerome stated: "It's very possible that Miss Weldon may have attempted to climb up or down the pit, to have been buried when the earth gave way." So he has given orders for an excavation -- a steam shovel to dig down into the landslide in the gravel pit.

FOOTBALL

New York's football scandal came to a new climax today, when an assistant district attorney revealed that a threat had been made to kill Alvin Paris, who has confessed that he tried to bribe two players of the New York football Giants. Paris, a gambler, is being held on a charge of attempted bribery, and the assistant district attorney asked that he be kept in prison without bail - for his own protection. The threat to kill him is said to have been made in a telephone call to a policeman.

The bribery attempt was an effort to corrupt two professional football players, Merle Hapes and Frankie Filchok - the scandal breaking just before the beginning of the game between the New York Giants and the Chicago Bears on Sunday. Filchok was allowed to ~~xxx~~ play, but Hapes was not. They are both said to have turned down the offers of bribery.

The district attorney's office is convinced that Paris, in making offers to the two players, represented

PRISONER

At St. Clairsville, Ohio, John Brehm has been barred from jail - barred forever. Never more will John be allowed to enter the local hoosgow. This was decreed today by the Sheriff of Belmont County, who declared the authorities are tired of having John in jail all the time. He has been arrested so often that he has become, in the words of the sheriff - "a burden on the county." John doesn't commit murder or anything like that, he just becomes a bit too uproarious - and much too often. So they won't have him in jail any more. You know how it is when somebody comes visiting too often.

I don't know what poor John will do about it all - he might as well reform, ^{now, since he is} ~~as the local jail has~~ barred ~~him~~ forever *from jail.*