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In Texas tonight - the Dixiecrats lost out.

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Texas Democratic Committee went into session, with the opponents of President Truman all set for an attempt to take the name of Truman off the democratic ticket, and substitute the name of Thurmond.)

The fight started right away, over a question of seating a delegation pledged to states rights.

(The vote went against the Dixiecrats;) whereupon seven county delegations got up and walked out so President Truman stays on the ticket in Texas as the official Democratic candidate.

In Florida the states-rights issue came up in the legislature tonight - the question of whether or not the Dixiecrat candidates would be able to get on the state ballot. The Florida Senate voted - yes. A bill was okayed which would open <sup>the</sup> ballot to Dixiecrat candidate Governor Thurmond of Alabama, and also to Henry Wallace. The vote was thirty-three to one. The measure now goes to the lower house of the state legislature, and if the action there is the same -- Thurmond will be on the ballot, competing

with Truman.

## STRIKE

The Mayor of Richmond, California, announces --  
"we will tolerate no further disturbances". This  
follows a wild outbreak of violence in the strike  
of C I O oil workers. Police riot squads fired tear  
gas to break the picket line, and for an hour there  
was a battle of swinging clubs and flying stones.  
This was the first mass violence in the oil strike.

ESPIONAGE - Atomic

At Oak Ridge, Tenn, this afternoon, a declaration was made by the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association of Oak Ridge Scientists and Engineers.

Chairman Ray Stoughton declared that some forty per cent of the top research men in the Atomic Laboratories have resigned <sup>recently,</sup> ~~recently,~~ why? Because of the condition that President Truman denounced last night.

Speaking before the Federation of American Scientists in Washington, the President stated that the methods being used in the espionage investigation are keeping scientists from taking atomic jobs. He spoke of "smear" tactics, which created, what he called, "A totalitarian climate."

So now we have the Chairman of Oak Ridge scientists confirming this with the following statement: "The truth of the President's remarks. " he declares, " is already being realized by the situation at this laboratory. During the last few months, about forty



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per cent of the senior phsicists and chemists have resigned." He declared, moreover that only a few of these had been replaced -- all because the atmosphere of suspicion, created by the investigation of Red Espionage, is frightening off atomic scientists.

That has an alarming sound, but here's another statement from Oak Ridge. It comes from the Executive Director of the Atomic Laboratory, C. N. Rucker. He directly contradicts Chariman Stoughton by saying that Oak Ridge is now only eighteen ~~xxxx~~ short of its normal<sup>l</sup> figure of five hundred technical Research workers. He denies that it is difficult to find replacements, stating that he has enough applications on file to fill the eighteen positions that are now open.

~~Still another Oak Ridge scientist, Dr. M. D. Person,~~  
~~is quoted as saying: " This leaving of the Laboratory~~  
~~by a large number of people is a very serious factor."~~  
~~But that is opposed by H. W. Cook, Deputy Manager of~~



Oak Ridge operations for the Atomic Energy Commission. He says that the recent resignations by Scientists is nothing beyond what he calls - "The normal turn-over."

All of which gives us quite a scientific tempest  
~~the~~ following President Truman's declaration that  
 the investigations of Red spy work are harming Atomic  
 Research.

The inquiry went on today, when the Committee on Un-American activities, in a secret hearing, heard Dr. Martin D. Kamen, Associate Professor of Chemistry at Washington University, St. Louis. Dr. Kamen has been named as an Atomic Scientist who ~~was~~ dismissed from research on the Bomb, because of "indiscretions."

In Washington today he told newsmen that he would refuse to answer questions at the secret hearing ,  
and would insist on giving his testimony at a public hearing. He stated that he had been dismissed back in

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Nineteen Forty-Four, during wartime, when he was investigated by military intelligence and the FBI. As for the "Indiscretions" he had committed, he said he had never been informed of what they were, but he assumed they had to do with two meetings he had had with Soviet Russians.

On one occasion, for example, he attended a cocktail party and dinner with the Soviet Vice Consul in San Francisco, and other Russian officials. They talked about cultural relations and an exchange of Scientists between this country and Russia. Also- about the illness of a soviet Diplomat in Seattle. This Red Diplomat was suffering from Lukemia, and the Russians wanted to get in touch with Dr. John Lawrence.

In today's interview, Dr. Kamen did not identify Dr. John Lawrence, but presumably it must be the brother of Dr. Ernest Lawrence, the Nobel prize winner who built the Cyclotron, that key instrument of Atomic Research. Both of the Lawrences, Ernest and John, have

long been interested in the medical aspect of Atomic Science, and Dr. John Lawrence is a foremost authority in that field. Dr. Kamen stated today that he asked Dr. John Lawrence to communicate with the Soviet Consul in San Francisco. He says he never heard anything more about it - but assumes that this was one of the "Indiscretions", investigated by Military Intelligence and the FBI.

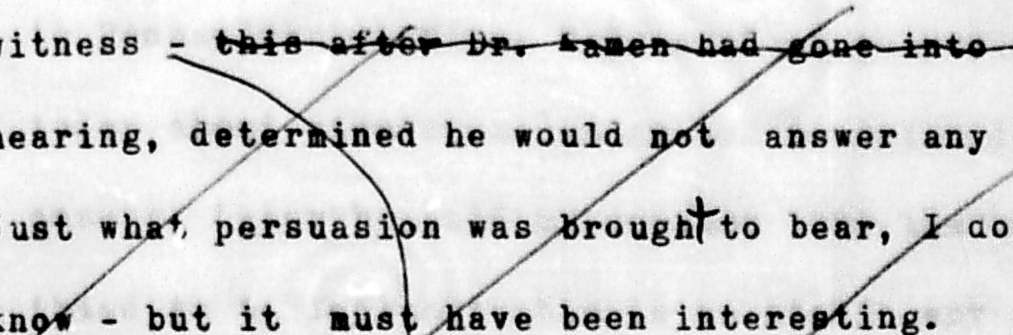
Today, after stating that he would refuse to answer questions at the secret congressional hearing, Dr. Kamen changed his mind about that. He was in the hearing room for two-hours-and-forty minutes, and when he emerged he said: After considerable argument, I decided to go ahead and answer their questions."

To which a further statement was added by Congressman Parnell Thomas, Chairman of the Committee on Unamerican activities. He described Dr. Kamen as - "A very frank witness." He added that the scientist had given what the Congressman called - "some very important testimony."



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So all ended happily - with the committee chairman praising Dr. Kamen as a willing and cooperative witness - ~~this after Dr. Kamen had gone into the~~ hearing, determined he would not answer any questions. Just what persuasion was brought to bear, I don't know - but it must have been interesting.



## ADD ESPIONAGE - ATOMIC

The latest - the spy hunters have started contempt proceedings against the Communist organizer in Pennsylvania, Steve Nelson. They questioned him today about atomic espionage and he refused to answer. Later he told ~~me~~ newsmen that the committee tried ~~in~~ to implicate him in an atomic spy ring. So he took refuge in the usual constitutional escape -- on the grounds of self-incrimination.

## MOSCOW

(There was another meeting in the Kremlin tonight -) the shortest of the series. This one, between the western envoys and Molotov, lasted for ninety minutes. (It marked the resumption of the Kremlin talks, after a period of two weeks, during which the military commanders in Berlin tried *in vain* <sup>*to reach*</sup> some sort of local settlement.) So the question is did the Kremlin conference today do any better? The answer, ~~we~~ don't know. The secrecy, maintained all along, is being preserved.



## SUB ITALIAN COLONIES

In Paris, Soviet Russia sprang a surprise proposal this afternoon - by proposing that the Italian colonies be placed under an international administration.

Earlier in the day Vishinsky, the Moscow delegate, noisily rejected a suggestion by the western powers that the whole question be put off for a year. At this earlier hour, he took the stand that the former Italian colonies should be given back to Italy right away. That had been the Soviet position all along -- interpreted as Moscow propaganda to help the Italian communists. So why did Vishinsky suddenly change around with a proposal that will be a blow to the Italian Reds?

The answer is to be found in the fact that, if the former Italian colonies were placed under the administration of the United Nations, it would give Moscow a voice in the management of those important strategic lands in northern and eastern Africa. Which is a thing the Soviets would like to have.

When the war ended they demanded a share of the former Italian colonies, and dropped the scheme only when they found it was not working. So, in their surprise move today, they reverted to that original notion - and in doing so, they revived a proposal made by former American Secretary of State Byrnes a couple of years ago.

Today's Russian move in the four power conference at Paris astonished the western delegates so much that they asked for a fifteen minute recess to get over their bewilderment. They would seem to be put in a peculiar spot, the Soviet manoeuvre today meaning something like this: Vishinsky demanded that the colonies be given back to Italy. But the western allies wanted to delay the ~~whole~~ whole thing for a year. Whereupon Vishinsky retorted: Well if you won't ~~hand~~ hand the colonies back to Italy, let's have international control, which will give the Soviets a share.

## ADD ITALIAN COLONIES

The latest -- the Big Four conference has adjourned without reaching any agreement. They talked until three-twenty a.m. Paris time -- but got nowhere. So this ~~fx~~ failure will send the question of the Italian colonies to the General Assembly of the United Nations.



## HYDERABAD

The war bulletins from southern Asia indicate the probably<sup>a</sup> extinction of one of those fabulous principalities which have had a golden gaudy place in the pages of romance. One by one, the Maharajahs of Hindustan have ~~xx~~ joined the new Dominion of India, becoming mere figureheads, and now the Nizam of Hyderabad seems about to go into that same eclipse.

The military dispatches from New Delhi tell of five Indian Army columns thrusting deep into the greatest of the traditional princely states - the main invasion striking from the West with an armored column. The Dominion authorities admit that fierce resistance is being encountered, but the drive of the tanks appears to be likely to go right ~~ant~~ on to the City of Hyderabad, the Nizam's capital.

The Mohammedans of Pakistan make threatening protests, supporting the Nizam - who is a Moslem. The Security Council of the United Nations is taking up the matter - today a special meeting on Hyderabad was called. Prime Minister Nehru of India declares

that a military invasion means only a temporary occupation - Dominion troops to be removed when order is restored, and when a free election can be held. That last item would seem to be the tip-off. The seventeen million subjects of the Moslem Nizam are eighty-percent Hindus. So there's no doubt how the election would go. The Hindus of Hyderabad <sup>— most of them —</sup> would vote to join the Hindu Dominion - and the word is that the Mohammedan ruler would never accept anything like that. He'd rather die - or go.

Which, tonight, puts the spotlight of the news on this potentate of the legendary East. His personality is the more <sup>(interesting)</sup> ~~interesting~~ because of the recent eclipse of so many other Princes of India, who for ages have been figures of glowing splendor - be-diamonded creatures of fantasy and folly, <sup>of</sup> dark crime and strange saintliness. The greatest of these appears about to lose his glittering sovereignty - his exalted Highness Sir Osman Ali Khan.

A few years ago, while out in India, I travelled through Hyderabad, and ~~might have~~ wanted to see the Nizam - but was told that he was a sort of ~~hermit potentate~~ <sup>recluse</sup> shy and seclusive, who seldom saw anyone. He devoted himself to scholarly pursuits, the chief of which was writing poetry in Persian. They told me he was ~~extrem~~ extremely plain, and wore old threadbare clothes. When he rode through the city, it used to be in a shabby little carriage - today it's a Nineteen Thirty-~~four~~ <sup>T</sup> model Ford, a jallopy that an American working man would sneer at.

~~While I was in Hyderabad I heard stories of how penurious he was - and this angle is emphasized in the news today. His exalted Highness Sir Osman Ali Khan smokes Indian cigarettes that cost less than five cents a pack. On his birthday his army gives him a hundred and twenty-five rupees, about forty dollars, for a present. In the birthday ceremony, the officers advance, one at a time, and each hands a coin to the Nizam - who counts the~~



~~the rupees one after another, in his hony hands~~

Yet, as the news has been stating ~~today~~ day after day, the Nizam of Hyderabad is rated the richest man in the world. Several years ago, it was decided to make an estimate of his fabulous hoard of jewels, store rooms crammed with gems and brilliants of Hindustan. The plan was to begin with the pearls, and have these appraised.

A European expert was called in, taken to the palace, and shown the Nizam's collection of glowing gems - heaps and heaps of the most precious of pearls. The expert gazed at the glowing sight, and exclaimed: "If I work day and night, it will take me at least two years to appraise this treasure." Whereupon he said he would undertake the job, only if he were paid two years ~~of~~ salary in advance.

The Nizam shook his head - ~~in~~ two years of salary was too much. So the princely pearls of Hyderabad are still waiting to be appraised.

This potentate of India has a harem of

between sixty and seventy wives - and a son, who hardly shares the Nizam's penurious economy. The heir to the crown of Hyderabad, the Prince of Berar, a fattish fellow ~~is~~ in his forties, is said to have the largest wardrobe of clothes in the world.

All of which is the human side of the conflict now raging in India - as paradoxical and strange as the human side is likely to be, in that land of temples and palaces, splendor and squalor, weird idols, holy men, and occult wonders. India!

And N — what wonders have  
You to relate?

## DEWEY

A proposal for American defense was made tonight by Republican candidate Governor Dewey. Proclaiming Air Force Day on September Eighteenth Governor ~~Harry~~ Dewey declared: "We propose to make and keep America strong, so strong that no aggressive power will ever be misled into attacking us, on the assumption that our democracy is too weak or too gullible to protect itself."



## BRITAIN

The British Parliament began a special session today - opened by King George, with an address. But the royal words attracted far less attention than a statement made promptly by Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council. He spoke for Prime Minister Attlee, who is ill.

Morrison startled the House of Commons by declaring that Britain is delaying demobilization, is stepping up recruiting, is building up civilian defenses, and is doubling the output of fighter planes. All this - because of the gravity of the international crisis. The quarrel between East and West has become so serious, that Britain is undertaking quick measures to build up national strength.

## BERLIN

At this moment there may be disturbances along the British Soviet border in Berlin. At least, that's what the British were expecting a few hours ago. A late dispatch this afternoon told of reports that the Soviets would stage wide spread raids in Berlin tonight -- and British forces were alerted. There was no precise indication of what the raids would be about -- although, presumably, the Soviets would say as usual that they were chasing German "black marketeers". Or - they might be hunting anti-Communist Germans. In any case, such Russian raids in the past have often resulted in trouble.

All this follows the declaration by the American commander, General Lucius Clay today, who placed new emphasis on the fact that the western allies are staying in Berlin -- no matter what. He said the air lift would be increased for the winter, with more transport planes put on the aerial supply line, General Clay added that he wasn't worried about hints that the Soviets might interfere with the air lift, and reaffirmed the contention that the Americans have no intention of withdrawing.