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EISENHOWER

General Eisenhower, today, gave a picnic for the Pennsylvania delegates. Big political doings-- Pennsylvania being a key state.

It was at ~~Y~~ Gettysburg, where the General has a farm near the famous battlefield of the Civil War. Memories of ~~the~~ Cemetery Ridge and ~~the charge of~~ Pickett's ^{charge.} ~~division.~~ But today, all was politics.


The Pennsylvania delegation, seventy strong, is divided. Many of the delegates like Ike, but one group is -- ~~is~~ uncommitted. The neutrals are headed by Governor Fine of Pennsylvania - and today Republican State Chairman Harvey Taylor handed him a button, "I Like Ike". The Governor took it, but didn't ~~put~~ pin it on. He put it in his pocket saying: "When I get to the point where I like Ike, I'll put on the button."

When it was all over, Governor Fine said his differences with the General are, in his words, "daily becoming less." Their disagreements are mostly

RETAKE

on foreign policy. He still hasn't made up his mind whether he'll vote for General Ike or Senator Taft. But he said that several of those uncommitted delegates were won over by the General today.

The General, talking to the delegates, declared that, if he becomes President, he'll make a clean sweep of the State Department. He said he would provide a new administration -- new all the way along the line.



TRUMAN

(President Truman pledges himself to fight,
harder than ever - for ~~the~~ F.E.P.C., racial rights.)

Today he made a commencement address at Howard
University, a Negro School in Washington, and went all-
out on that subject which ~~arouses~~ arouses the wrath
of the South. He said the question of civil rights
could not be left to the States - must be imposed
by the Federal Government.

That caused the Dixiecrat secession at the
Democratic National Convention, four years ago - and
seems to promise another Convention battle - this year.

The latest - (Candidate Averill Harriman

he comes out in full support of civil rights, backing up President Truman. He is the only prominent presidential candidate to take that stand.

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KOREA-TRUCE

In the truce tents at Pan Mun Jom, it looked for a while, today, as if there might be another recess - the U N delegation taking time out once again. The Communists were making propaganda charges as usual, the discussion getting nowhere.

The allied negotiators, two American Generals and an Admiral, took time out for a caucus, a discussion in whispers.

Later on, Major General William K. Harrison told the newsmen: "We were considering whether it was worth while to come back tomorrow."

The decision was - yes. So there'll be another session in the truce tents.

KOREA - WAR

Tonight in Korea, the Oklahomans hold the fort on top of four ~~xxxx~~ hills they captured, ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ the heaviest fighting in seven months. The Oklahoma forty-fifth, the thunderbird Division, seized three ^{hills} yesterday. and held - them ~~xxx~~ against counter-attacks. Today they captured a fourth hill -- on the western front, above Seoul.

GROMYKO

The latest in the series of Moscow diplomatic shifts was announced tonight and features Gromyko. He becomes the new Red Ambassador to London. That same Gromyko who rose to fame in the United Nations when he cast twenty-four Soviet vetoes, and took a famous "walk" on one occasion. Later he was Russian Ambassador to Washington. Then Deputy Foreign Minister in Moscow, now -- London.

BRITISH TANK

This next is about a British tank, on the rampage in Germany. At the town of Evendorf, the armored monster rumbled up to a beer garden, the crew wanting to get tanked up on beer. They had no money, only a lot of cigarettes. So they said to the beer garden proprietor -- let's trade cigarettes for the foamy brew. The proprietor refused -- and the fun began.

The tank went smashing into the beer garden - and thundered right through the place. The armored monster crashed over chairs, tables and beer steins - driving the customers into a panic. It must have been a sight - a tank charging through a beer garden.

ITALY-FIRE

A fire, today, wrought havoc in one of the most famous shrines on this ~~xxx~~ earth -- the Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi in Italy. The blaze broke out in the Sacristy in the lower Basilica. There are two churches, one above the other on a hillside -- and, for a while, it looked as if both would be burned out. Which would have meant the destruction of treasures of art and religion -- dating back to the ~~Thirteenth~~ Thirteenth Century. But there was prompt fire fighting at Assisi, and the flames were ~~confirmed~~ⁿ to the Sacristy of the Lower Basilica. Even so, the damage is in the millions - damage to medieval art and frescos ~~mixt~~ by famous painters.

WATER SPOUT

A giant water spout hit the coast of Florida today - and raised havoc. Driven by winds ~~up~~ of a hundred miles an hour, a whirling vortex of water roared in from the Gulf of Mexico and struck near St. Petersburg. No lives lost but the violence was enough to carry the roof of a house for two ~~hundred~~ blocks. Trees uprooted, power lines down - damage done with the giant water spout.

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CASTAWAY

From Houston, Texas, a story of a castaway at sea. A traditional drama of the days of sailing vessels. Today - most likely to happen in the navigation of the sky, planes forced down on the ocean.

Five days ago, two Navy planes flying from Georgia to Key West, ran out of gas - and came down on the Gulf of Mexico. One pilot, Ensign Thomas Bowen, was picked up immediately by a Spanish vessel.

But, the other, had no such luck. Ensign Charles Gene Lewis bailed out of his plane, and came down by parachute out on the gulf, where no ship was nearby. He had a rubber liferaft -- and drifted for fifty-one hours, more than two days.

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He had capsules to prepare fresh drinking water -- but no food. "I made a couple of grabs for

~~some small fish," he says, "but missed both times."~~

Worst of all was -- the sun - that and the salt spray of the sea. His skin was burned right off.

Ships passed in the distance, but never saw him. Planes flew over high above, but they didn't see him either. He tried to signal - by day, with a mirror. By night, with a flashlight, flares and ~~was~~ a whistle. He was saved by that simple gadget -- the whistle. In the moonlight he saw a ship, a mile away - and did he blow the whistle! Aboard the vessel, a lookout heard the faint shrill sound. So he was picked up, two days ago, and landed today at Houston.

As last reported, other ships were on their way to the rescue -- off the desolate coast of Patagonia.

SHIP

A thriller of the sea is being enacted, in latitudes as forbidding as you'll find on this earth. The South Atlantic, off the coast of Patagonia, five hundred miles north of Cape Horn.

Today, a message of distress was picked up from an Argentine coastal steamer. Reporter^d - sinking, later, the word came that a rescue vessel had spotted the derelict - but that didn't do much good. A storm was blowing, in that region of blustery violent gales, and this is winter, bleak and frosty down there toward Cape Horn.

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BEAVERBROOK

A couple of weeks ago, the news from London told about a revival of the old controversy of the royal abdication. Strange how much interest there still is in that story of a King who gave up the world's greatest throne -- "for the woman I love." The new controversy was aroused when British press magnate Lord Beaverbrook gave a radio address, in which he declared that the abdication had been forced by the London Times, most venerable of newspapers.

Well, today I got hold of a copy of what Beaverbrook said -- and he sure did assail the London Times. But that's a controversy for the British. What interested me the most was a disclosure about the policy of Edward the Eighth -- in the abdication.

Lord Beaverbrook, who supported the King, says - for a long time, he thought Edward had no policy at all. He just drifted off the throne. But, later the press magnate learned a secret that altered his opinion. This -- from friends of the King, who

accompanied him across the Channel to France, as he went into exile. When he said farewell to them, Edward remarked: "I always thought I could get away with a Morganatic Marriage." That is, make Wallace Warfield Simpson his wife, but not Queen.

He always thought he could get away with it - by threatening to abdicate. A game played -- with Prime Minister Baldwin. But Baldwin took him at his word -- and abdicate it was.

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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

At a great laboratory there was a celebration today - duplicating an historic experiment. And we can say -- sissies. This is the two hundredth anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's famous exploit -- flying a kite. So the scientists rigged up a kite -- but were they sissies!

Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning in the sky was the same as electricity - and at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, General Electric has a laboratory, where they produce artificial lightning. That was what they used. They hung a silken kite in the right position, and turned on the artificial lightning. Whereupon, electricity ran down the string of the kite, made of copper wire, along to a copper key. There, a modern Benjamin Franklin had his finger near the key -- and a spark jumped across.

But who played the part of Benjamin Franklin today? What scientist? The answer is -- a dummy. They had a dummy dressed in eighteenth century costume. Well, science has long been saying --

Franklin was lucky. He didn't know it, but about the riskiest thing you could do would be to fly a kite of silk, with copper wire for a string - in an electrical storm. Sounds like a sure way to get killed by lightning. But Franklin was lucky - he merely got a flow of static from the atmosphere aloft.

So that was why, today, not a single scientist volunteered to play the part of Benjamin Franklin. They used a dummy -- the sissiest.

NEWARK AIRPORT

At Newark and Elizabeth, New Jersey, people in panic - over the reopening of the Newark Airport, scheduled for the weekend. Rigid restrictions for safety have been imposed, and no take-offs in the direction of Newark or Elizabeth will be permitted. But the people can't forget the three air disasters that took one hundred and nineteen lives last winter.

Today the Mayors of Newark, Elizabeth and nearby towns drafted a personal appeal to Governor Driscoll of New Jersey -- demanding that the reopening of the Newark airport be cancelled. (The Deputy Attorney General, who lives in Elizabeth, says the people are - "seething with resentment." But it looks as if the Newark Airport will be reopened - with all precautions for safety.)

The South Korean politican crisis gets worse. (President Syngman Rhee not only refuses to back down, - he 's charging forward. Today, his regime imposed a rigid censorship on all publications, newspapers, magazines. Forbidden - to criticize the government.

Syngman Rhee refuses to lift the ban on-- the Voice of America.) The U.S. Ambassador has protested - but it's no go. The Voice quoted from newspapers in the U.S.A., criticizing Syngman Rhee for high-handed methods.