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(General Ike has begun his fighting campaign - hitting hard. He's touring the South - and, in Atlanta, slashed away at what he called the "mess in Washington."

The General cut loose with verbal haymakers.

"This Washington mess," he cried, "is not a one-agency mess, or a one-bureau mess, or a one-department mess. It's a top-to-bottom mess.")

He said it was, in his words - "The inevitable and sure fire result of an administration of too many men who are too small for their jobs, too big for their britches - and too long in power."

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The General added that Governor Stevenson is not the one to clean up the mess, because he's a candidate of the administration that created it.

President Truman chimed in today with a blast. On his way back to Milwaukee. He said that General Ike is being shown, in the Truman words -- "how to be a ~~shp~~ hypocrit in a few easy lessons." So the brickbats are flying.

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POLITICS-TEXAS

In Texas - a call for a list of non-Stevenson electors on a Democratic ticket. The State Democratic convention will soon be held and the demand is that the convention ~~shall~~ provide a place on the ballot for a candidate who supports the Texas position in the Tidelands oil controversy. Governor Stevenson does not - he's against it. General Ike is in favor - he thinks the seaboard states should own the oil resources off their shores. So the gist of today's demand would seem to be - put Eisenhower on a Democratic ticket in Texas.

The proposal is made by State Attorney General Price Daniel, who has won the Texas nomination to the U.S. Senate, succeeding veteran Senator Tom Connolly.

Being nominated he is as good as elected. *Also he goes along with Texas Governor Allan Shivers - in opposing the National Democratic nominee, Governor Stevenson.*

~~Wells~~ If both Stevenson and Ike should go on the ballot, with Democratic labels, that would make a curious picture - combined with what the Republicans have done. The Texas G O P has nominated the entire Democratic state list, along with Eisenhower at the top. The purpose being - to permit Texans to vote for General Ike and for their own state candidate, at one and the same time. So now, if the Shivers-Daniel program goes through, the General would be on two tickets. One - Republican. The other - Texas Democrat.

PICKETS

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The Federal Building in Washington was invaded today - by pickets. One hundred and fifty left-wingers disrupted a hearing on Communism by the House Un-American activities committee.

The pickets entered the building singing 'Solidarity forever.' They demonstrated outside the courtroom in which Congressmen were listening to testimony about the infiltration of Reds into defense industries.

They pounded on the door and made so much noise that discussion was frequently drowned out. No arrests were made, and the pickets finally left of their own accord. Most of them were members of an electrical union, often charged with being Communist dominated.

CONFERENCE

An international conference of number one importance is announced - to be held in Hawaii. Admiral ~~Arthur~~ Radford, Commander of U. S. Naval Forces in the Pacific, gives the date for the first meeting of the military council of the United States, Australia and New Zealand. September twenty-second, at Pearl Harbor.

This, of course, means - the defense of the Pacific.

This new line-up is being given ^{the} ~~an additional~~ name - ANZUS. The initials of Australia, New Zealand, and the United States. Which reminds us of that other name familiar to World War One - ANZAC. Initials of - the Australian-New Zealand Army Corps. ANZAC has a snappier sound. But now we have - ANZUS.

SUB PICKETS

Russia is going to veto again the admission of nine countries to the United Nations. ^{So} ~~This was~~ stated today by Soviet delegate, Jacob Malik, who personally has cast fourteen of Russia's fifty-one vetoes.

The nations affected are - Austria, Finland, Ireland, Portugal, Ceylon, ^aNepal, Italy, Hashemite Jordan, and Libya.

The Soviets propose admitting a group of fourteen states together, these nine along with five Communist satellites. We say that membership in the United Nations should be decided on individual ~~merit~~ merit - and not treated as a trump in the game of power politics.

Malik ~~is~~ ^{has} defied every ~~every~~ Soviet use of the veto. He says that his country has never vetoed

any measure unjustly. The Soviet Union, according to him, has used the veto to defend the rights of other nations, against what he calls ^{the} "Anglo-American imperialists!"

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A dispatch from Korea tells how Private Jerry Smith of Conyers, Georgia, rode with the first corps of newsmen on the press train into Munsan. That was in July of last year. The truce talks were beginning and "Smitty" expected to stay till they ended - about ten days, he was told.

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KOREA - MORTAR SHELLS

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A dispatch from Korea tells the fantastic story of how an enemy mortar shell saved the life of a marine. Private Donald Skrobel, of Milwaukee, was moving along with his group, when shells began to burst around them. Here's how Private Skrobel tells what happened.

"My bayonet caught in some wire and when I reached around to release it - out of nowhere two goonies jumped me". I was on the ground, kicking and fighting, and they were standing over me trying to knock me out with their rifle butts.

Then I heard the short whistle of a mortar shell. It hit about three or four yards away from us. I was tossed about twenty feet by the blast. The two goonies didn't have a chance. They were riddled by the shrapnel, but I wasn't even touched."

Saved by the blast of an enemy shell.

PURPLE HEART

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Second Lieutenant John Bissell of Pittsburgh has won the Purple Heart in Korea. Why the special mention? Well, the Lieutenant is a direct descendant of the first soldier ever to win the decoration. During the Revolutionary War, General George Washington awarded it to Sergeant Daniel Bissell. Now Lieutenant Bissell, outranking his ancestor, the Sergeant, wins the Purple Heart - and on "Bunker Hill" in Korea, so named after that original Battle of Bunker Hill in which Sergeant Bissell may have fought back in Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-Five.

BRITISH TRADES UNIONS

The British Trades unions have come out in support of rearmament. Meeting in their eighty-fourth annual congress; nine hundred delegates, representing over seven million workers, voted overwhelmingly today for the strengthening of Britain's armed forces.

Extreme left-wingers fought ~~hard~~ against the decision. They wanted armaments reduced, ^{talked of} ~~They preached~~ friendship with Russia, and fear of America. They ~~even~~ charged ^{that General} ~~that General~~ Eisenhower hopes for an aggressive war against the Soviet Union. ^{And -} They took up the germ-warfare line, and pushed through a resolution opposing the military use of bacteria.

This was their only victory. The delegates voted six to one against left-wing resolutions calling for reduced rearmament and the banning of atomic warfare.

~~The vote was a defeat for Aneurin Bevan,~~
~~the stormy petrel from Wales, who has been trying to~~

EGYPT

In Cairo today, the new Egyptian government made an appeal to local newspapers. Asking them - to stop digging up new scandals about ousted King Farouk. The Egyptian Press is having a carnival of yellow journalism. Banner headlines, spreads of pictures, columns of type. All about - the gaudy doings of the play-boy King.

So now the new regime calls on the newspapers to stop the scandal mongering, and get around to more serious topics. Which, in fact, would seem to be good advice, because there are developments that would make better headlines. For example, a report made by two American technicians.

Dr. William Hartman of Lilburn, Georgia, and Bradford Knapp of Miles City, Montana, have been studying Egypt's western desert. That's the desolate expanse of burning sand, much in the news during World

War Two - when Rommel and his Afrika Korps waged their famous campaign of armor on the western desert.

The two American scientists now declare that a larger part of it can be turned into rich prairie land - green, covered with grass, for grazing cattle. They say there are abundant supplies of underground water, which could be tapped for irrigation. Moreover, underneath a thin layer of sand there's good soil - resembling the soil formation of our own California. Hence the promise for Egypt - that the western desert can be made to bloom like the prairie, if not like the rose.

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PERFECT CRIME

Baltimore's case of the "almost perfect crime" gives a picture of tense drama - two brothers-in-law watching each other.

The police charge that G. Edward Grammer, manager of a New York chemical concern, killed his wife, and made it appear that she was the victim of an automobile accident. They surmise that the "almost perfect crime" may have been committed so that Grammer could marry another woman. He denies it all, pleading innocent - as the case now divulges the dramatic situation of the two brothers-in-law.

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aroused when he accompanied Grammer to New York, to his apartment there. He noticed a woman's purse, and recalled - that his sister's purse was missing from the wrecked automobile. The one in the apartment seemed like it. He says he remarked about this to Grammer, and the response was remarkable.

"He turned white," Schmidt relates, "dropped what he had in his hand, and turned toward me. I was afraid to say anything more. We didn't talk for twenty minutes after that."

Schmidt went to the police. It was he who pointed out that the injuries to the victim did not seem to have been caused by the auto crash. They were more like wounds inflicted by a bludgeon. He worked with the police in the investigation, day after day. This was all in secret, but his brother-in-law grew suspicious - when he learned that Schmidt's employer had

telephoned to find out why Schmidt was missing from his job. Johnny Ray, the crying crooner. He virtually

swoops. From then on, the two brothers-in-law, still in daily association, watched each other constantly - a sinister family situation. Which continued until the Baltimore police arrested Grammer for what they call - the "almost perfect crime."

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JOHNNY RAY

Tonight we hear a sad sound, a wail of protest. From Johnny Ray, the crying crooner. He virtually weeps, as he says - the cops were all wrong, they made a mistake.

They found him asleep at the Boston Airport, and claim he "got nasty", "was drunk". But the crying crooner says: "I didn't even have a drink, I was tired." To which the echo responds - and how".

"I fell asleep in that airport," he relates. "Pretty soon someone came and woke me up, and told me to go with them. I went. I thought they were my managers." He sure was drowsy.

"We walked a little way," he goes on, "then I thought we got into the plane. I was very sleepy and I fell asleep again. When I woke up two hours later," he concludes, "I found I wasn't in that plane at all, I was in jail." Nelson - would you say

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