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Night Show. Feb 19

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN

The Democratic big parade for ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~spectacular~~  
~~political circus of the~~ Nineteen-forty-eight election  
campaign ~~stepped off with a boom of big guns tonight -~~  
~~tonight.~~ <sup>got under way across the nation</sup>  
~~chosen~~ Jackson-Jefferson Day dinners, <sup>everywhere,</sup> with top-  
~~ranking~~ ~~speakers,~~ ~~all over the nation.~~

In Washington, ~~tonight~~ President Truman spoke at ~~his~~  
~~Democratic~~ Party's hundred-dollar-a-plate dinner,  
speaking to a full house - tables crowded - with one  
exception. Directly in front of the Presidential  
rostrum ~~was~~ a solitary empty table. It bore the notation  
"Table twenty-three. Reserved for Senator Olin D  
Johnston. Democrat of South Carolina and party."

A reminder to the President that the Southern Democrats  
are talking of seceding from the Party - unless he backs  
down on his racial-rights program. "Those empty seats"  
<sup>Sen.</sup> said Johnson earlier "Will serve as monuments to the  
injured feelings of the Southerners'"

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Prior to his nation~~m~~ wide radio speech <sup>which he read,</sup> the President made some extemporaneous remarks to the faithful. He accused the Republican controlled Congress of not caring about the truth or the problems facing the nation today. He said he could not trust what he termed "these ~~reactionaries~~ reactionaries". <sup>And he added that</sup> ~~and he said~~ he wished he could disclose the whole story of reactionary activities in Congress.

<sup>R</sup> Referring to the forthcoming election campaigns he said there would be a tremendous volume of words hurled at the public between now and election time "Very little of which will be truth". <sup>He urged</sup> ~~urging~~ the democrats to see that the average ~~man~~ citizen knows the truth. "If he knows the truth" said the President, "the common man will never turn the Government over to a bunch of reactionaries who are trying to take us back to eighteen-ninety-six."

~~Over the air~~

~~Mr Truman delivered a party speech for a party occasion with a few kind words for the opposition, and several appeals to outsiders to step on the democratic band wagon.~~ <sup>In set</sup> His <sup>speech</sup>, ~~was~~ broadcast across the nation, and piped to similar Democratic gatherings from Coast to Coast, <sup>after</sup> telling his audience that the Democratic Party has been the rallying point for true liberalism since it was founded in eighteen-hundred by Thomas Jefferson, ~~the President~~ <sup>he</sup> invited all progressive liberals - regardless of past



political affiliations to vote on the democratic ticket "against the forces of conservatism". <sup>as he put it. This</sup> ~~bold bid~~ by <sup>being his bid</sup> the President <sup>to independent</sup> and republican liberals to swing into the democratic ranks and <sup>perhaps</sup> ~~thus~~ offset the ~~defeat~~ defection of Henry Wallace's Third Party, and the ~~threatened~~ threatened revolt of the conservative southerners.

"Under our American system" said <sup>Mr. Truman, "the</sup> ~~the President~~ ~~the~~ political party is the device "round which men and women rally to a cause in which they believe. Progressive ~~liberals~~ liberals will rally round the Democratic Party even though they don't happen to be members of that party, because the Democratic Party is their best fighting force for the triumphant achievement of worthy goals."

He did not touch directly on that hot potato in the South - his civil rights program, but he sought to allay the fears of business about his liberal policies. He said that ~~big~~ business was profoundly mistaken if it believed that a liberal minded government is



hostile to its interests. But he pléged the Democratic Party to keep <sup>as he put it: -</sup> "concentrated wealth and power held in check."

The<sup>n</sup> he warned of inflation, saying we must fight it, and win our fight) ~~in the interest of all groups, and~~ to save ourselves from disaster. ~~"I say it can be done"~~ said he "We of the forward looking faith must dedicate ourselves to the proposition that it will be done." He spoke of politicians who looked backward p refusing to see where courageous leadership can take a nation in the years that lie ahead.

The President likened the reactionary forces in Congress to a toy known as the Floogie Bird, which comes with a label round its neck that reads "I just want to see where I've been. I fly backwards. I don't care where I'm going." All of which mightily pleased the hundred dollar a plate diners.

~~But there are political storm clouds outside. Cold~~

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But there were political storm clouds outside. Cold winds blowing from the South. At Richmond, Va. Senator Harry F. Byrd speaking at another Jefferson dinner accused the President and the Republican leaders of ganging up against the South. ~~But~~ At the same time ~~time~~ the Virginia Senator appealed to ~~the~~ Southerners not to revolt against the Party at the present time.

In bitter oratorical tones Byrd told his fellow Virginians that he believed Thomas Jefferson would be ~~xxxx~~ shocked and alarmed to know that a Democratic president favored a mass invasion of State<sup>s</sup> rights, in anti-lynching, anti-poll tax and anti-segregation and fair employment laws. "What has the South done to justify this treatment from the National Democratic Party?" he asked. "Byrd then charged the Republicans and the Democrats with preparing to engage in what he termed "competitive bidding" for votes in the North by attacking institutions in the South. "We may lose the battle" he said, "Then will be time enough to decide what action the Southern States should take."

*Sen. Byrd pled eloquently*

~~Then he pleaded with earnest persuasion~~ that the

Democratic Party " which owes the South so much," <sup>*Said he,*</sup> might

realize the ~~irreparable~~ irreparable injury that is being

done to Party unity ~~and Southern conditions.~~ All

*P All* of which must have made good listening to Henry Wallace, ~~and~~

*AND* his third party with one battle star already on their

newly unfurled political standard.



MEAT

Tonight there are prospects for a further increase in the price of meat. A hundred thousand Union members have voted twenty-to-one in favor of a packing house walkout. They want a raise of twenty-nine cents an hour. Impossible, say the meat packers. Not at all, replies the Union.

A C.I.O. spokesman insists that the Big Four:-- Armour, Cudahy, Swift and Wilson -- ~~xxx~~ reaped profits of eighty-eight million dollars last year after payment of taxes.

OIL

The Secretary of Commerce today cut down still further on petroleum shipments abroad. Oil exports were reduced on January Thirtieth, and now Commerce Secretary Harriman is holding back another five-hundred and-ninety-nine thousand barrels that ~~xxx~~ were about to be sent overseas.

This new order does not apply to Canada. The Canadians, of their own accord, have reduced imports of oil from us.

Meanwhile, Secretary of Defense Forrestal issued a new order. The purchase of all petroleum products for our military establishment, Army, Navy, Air Force, henceforth to be handled by one office. This to be called the "Armed Service Petroleum Purchasing Agency."

A delegate from India told the Little Assembly of the United Nations today that the Korean situation might ~~well~~ blow up at any moment, and bring ~~about~~ a cataclysm, not only in the Far East, but all over Asia.

<sup>^</sup>That <sup>^</sup>delegate <sup>name: -</sup> ~~was~~ K.P.S. Menon, ~~who is~~ Chairman of the Korean Commission of the United Nations. <sup>As he</sup> ~~He~~ turned in his Commission's report, ~~in which~~ he announced that all efforts of <sup>^</sup>the Commission to make contact with Soviet officials in northern Korea have been in vain. <sup>Utterly</sup> ~~It has been quite~~ <sup>^</sup>unable to carry out the instructions of the General Assembly to arrange for elections to be held in both the Russian and American zones, ~~before March Thirty First.~~

As for the new government of northern Korea, of which we heard last Monday, <sup>he says</sup> ~~the Chairman of that Commission~~ ~~makes light of it. He said~~ there has been no actual change in the character of the government, <sup>That the</sup> ~~of northern Korea. The~~ ~~regi~~ regime ~~which is in there now~~ was set up before the United Nations Commission was even thought of.



~~Mr. Menon warned the Assembly that the cataclysm in Asia could not help but affect the entire world. The people of Korea, he added, seemed to him to be much better prepared for independence than the Japanese. What is more, they are in a hurry for it.~~

He also reported that the plight of our General, John R. Hodge, the American commander in Korea, is a most unhappy one, ~~he is~~ criticized not only by the Left, which might be expected, but also by the Right. In fact, said the Indian diplomatist, "Hodge-baiting is a fashionable hobby in Korea."

~~But,~~ But," he added, "it's a more healthy sign of democracy than MacArthur worship in Japan."

## COMMUNISTS

Russian Soviet leaders are confident that one day, sooner or later, they will sweep Uncle Sam into the Communist camp. In fact, they are making provisions for the day. At the Soviet schools in Moscow, where foreigners are educated to become revolutionary instruments, there are several American pupils -- renegade Americans. These are being trained to take over Uncle Sam's government when the American Communists finally achieve their objective. The same schools where Tito, dictator of Jugoslavia, and the present Red dictators of Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary, were taught.

All this and more, the sub-committee of the House of Representatives heard today from a Bulgarian leader) who told how he had learned about Communism thro bitter experience.

George Dimitrov, with the help of some of our own officials, escaped from Bulgaria back in Nineteen Forty-five, just as he was to be executed. Dimitrov then was the head of the Bulgarian Peasant Party, the last

bulwark against the Communist control which now is absolute in Bulgaria.

Dimitrov today told the House sub-committee that several of the newspapers, in the Bulgarian language, now published right here in this country are subversive, edited and published by Bulgarian Communists. He also testified that the Russian Communists began<sup>a</sup> secret campaign against the Allies of Soviet Russia even before the war was over, in fact as soon as the first victories over the Germans were won. At that time he said he protested. Whereupon a Soviet leader told him that, after the war with Germany was over, the war with the western plutocrats would begin.

Dimitrov believes that war between Uncle Sam and the Soviet Union is inevitable, eventually. He says the Soviets don't want to start it now because they are not ready. But that they will choose the time, the place and the conditions for starting the war, if they are allowed to.



## CHINA

(In China, the Communist armies are pushing further and further south. Today the troops of General Lin Piao fought their way into a steel manufacturing city, sixty-five miles south of Mukden, the city of Anshan, called the Pittsburgh of Asia.) Chiang Kai-shek's officers ~~admit~~ admit they have lost Anshan -- the last stronghold they had in southern Manchuria protecting Mukden.

The Communists tried to take Anshan a year ago, but were driven back. The power they showed today is described as tremendous, and there seems a strong likelihood that the government armies in that part of Manchuria will collapse soon.

Mukden, capital of Manchuria, now is surrounded. Red armies only six miles distant to the south, and to the north.

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Chiang Kai-shek and his followers were addressed today ~~from~~<sup>by</sup> our Ambassador, J. Leighton Stuart, the aged American educator. He told them if they don't throw grafters and incompetents out of their government, no

amount of help from Uncle Sam will get them out of their dilemma.

Ambassador Stuart has devoted more than half his life to China, first as a missionary, later as a professor and President of a ~~Q~~ great University. He says that neither material assistance from America nor the most skilled American advisers can bring about political stability and economic recovery in China unless the Chinese themselves, both reactionaries and radicals, put aside their own selfish interests.

This message by the Ambassador seems to have come at a rather awkward moment -- on the heels of President Truman's message to Congress, asking for five-hundred-and-seventy million dollars for aid to China.

Two famous generals appeared before a congressional committee today, to tell the lawmakers how invaluable women have become in a modern army. The higher officers of our military establishment want the Wacs and Waves and lady Marines to become permanent institutions. <sup>H</sup> A California <sup>Congressman</sup> Representative asked why women are not used as cooks in Army kitchens. He asked General Omar Bradley, the Chief of Staff, whether the Army takes the point of view that men are better cooks than women? Nothing of the sort, replied the General, <sup>Simply</sup> ~~but the~~ <sup>and other gear</sup> simple fact is that a lot of the pots in an Army kitchen are too heavy for a woman to lift. "What is the good," he asked, "of having a Wac serving as cook, when she has to call on a G.I. every time she has to handle a large kettle?"

General ~~Ike~~ Eisenhower, the retired Chief-of-Staff, rather took the Congressmen aback when he said that women are easier to handle. The married men on the committee sat up straight in their chairs and said: "W--H--A--T!" Yes, replied General Ike, throughout the war he never heard of a

single uniformed woman who crabbed or asked for a favor to which she wasn't entitled. What most of them wanted was to get as close to the front lines as possible, where they could hear the roar of cannon. And, he added, that was more than he could say for some of his men.

One way or another, all the brass, admirals as well as generals, are strong for <sup>the</sup> Wacs and <sup>the</sup> Waves, because ~~they are so~~ efficient.



## WEATHER

Another cold wave heading East, with storm warnings up all 'round the Great Lakes. From premature Spring we're to switch back to mid-winter. In the Dakotas, Montana and Minnesota the sub-zero temperatures already have arrived.

Minneapolis -- forty-one above yesterday; zero today. At Chicago, where it was up to fifty, the thermometer is dropping fast. This time the cold to go as far south as Oklahoma and Arkansas -- reaching the Atlantic Coast states on Saturday.

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## FLOODS

Four hundred thousand acres of rich cotton land in the delta of the Mississippi inundated. The Yazoo, the Tallahatchie, the Yalabousha, and the Yocona, all in flood.

## RESCUE

The wife of a Hudson Bay trader, way up in the Arctic, ~~Circle~~<sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ critically ill. Two planes of Uncle Sam's Air Force, a B-17 and a C-47, equipped with skis, took off from Goose Bay, ~~in~~<sup>IF</sup> Labrador yesterday. The trading post is on the River Clyde, ~~which is~~ on the northeast coast of Baffin Island, ~~thirteen~~<sup>one thousand three</sup> hundred miles by air, north of Goose Bay, ~~and~~<sup>and</sup> two hundred miles inside the Arctic Circle.

So far the attempts of the airmen to rescue the ~~suffering~~ woman have been ~~thwarted~~<sup>checked</sup> by the weather. They were forced down last night at Frobisher Bay. All day today, an increasingly violent storm ~~has~~ made it impossible for them to take off. ~~There are hopes that~~<sup>When</sup> the blizzard ~~may~~<sup>will</sup> subside ~~by~~<sup>by</sup> tomorrow. ~~But even if it does, those~~<sup>the</sup> ~~planes~~<sup>still</sup> will have a ~~hard~~ problem, ~~on their errand of mercy,~~ because there are no landing facilities at Clyde River, ~~except for the C-47, with its special ski rig.~~ If they are successful, ~~with that~~<sup>the</sup> C-47 will take off by means of jet-propulsion, ~~units slung under the wing.~~<sup>Now Nelson, aboard -</sup> There is a medical orderly, of the Royal Canadian Air Force, on the C-47, to give the ~~suffering woman aid.~~

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TEST PILOT.

In Los Angeles today a test pilot calmly ordered his crew to jump to safety, and <sup>then</sup> lost his <sup>own</sup> life because he would not desert a crippled experimental plane he was testing. Staying in the doomed plane until it was clear of a million barrel oil storage reservoir.

That is the saga of Slim Perrett, a Northrop test pilot. <sup>R</sup> Slim took off in a three engined Northrop Pioneer, a new type of cargo-passnger plane. After a flight of some thirty minutes, trouble ~~developed~~ developed. Slim fought to keep control of the plane, but it went into a slow spin, ~~losing~~ losing altitude rapidly, right over the oil reservoir. <sup>R</sup> Perrett ordered the ~~two men~~ two men with him to jump, and headed for a crash landing spot. By this time the plane was almost beyond control, but the ~~brave~~ pilot sweated it out. Only when he had cleared the oil tanks below did he jump. But it was too late, and he was killed. <sup>R</sup> The plane struck a lightning tower



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on the outskirts of the oil reservoir, and burst  
into flames. ~~But~~ The ~~precious~~ oil, and the lives of the  
men working among those million barrels of fuel, were  
saved, thanks to the ~~cool-determined~~ heroism of Slim  
Perrett who thought <sup>a</sup> of others ~~before himself~~ *— and lost his*  
~~gallant deed by an American flier.~~ *own life.*



METEOR

About that strange story of how Editor Krehbiel, of the Weekly News of Norton, Kansas, was sitting at his desk, about to go home, when at one-minute-past-five P.M., by the clock on his desk, there was an explosion, and then another. <sup>There were news on it.</sup> Said the Kansas editor: "The first blast sounded as tho the gas station in the next block had exploded. The building shook as in a strong wind and a ~~big~~ big pane of glass crashed on the floor." And then, he adds, came a terrific roar, as of a blast furnace getting ready to blow its top. Everybody scared stiff, started running for the doors, running up and down the streets, shouting, wondering what had happened.

In the sky to the west they <sup>saw</sup> ~~saw~~ a long streak of blue-grey smoke, the smoke plain against the clear blue sky. It seemed ~~like~~ to come from the north, from Nebraska, as he put it: "looking like the vapor trail of a plane out of control."

Some thought maybe a huge plane had exploded in mid-air. But apparently no plane ~~had~~ had been in the

skies in that vicinity. And the latest theory is that Norton, Kansas, had a visitor from outer space, that had exploded in the sky; a meteor. Although no fragments have been found.

~~A weird story.~~

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Here's <sup>the</sup> later word: A couple of B-29s on a routine flight from Colorado Springs, to Grand Island, Nebraska, report seeing a huge trail of vapor, and a ball of fire, at about a quarter to five. They were flying at ten thousand feet, over Limon, Colorado, and the phenomenon was to the southeast of them, a hundred miles or so away; over northern Kansas. As they watched, the ball of fire, of many colors, suddenly exploded. Unlike anything they had ever seen before.

a weird story.

TRUMAN

At ten o'clock tonight, President Truman will be on the air, formally launching the Nineteen Forty-eight presidential campaign -- for the Democrats. His address will be directed <sup>ostensibly</sup> at the Jackson and Jefferson dinners attended by party workers in all cities. The main purpose of these dinners is to raise campaign funds. For instance, there will be two in Washington, D.C., the guests at each to pay a hundred dollars a plate.

According to reports, there'll be a few vacant chairs at the Washington dinners, that were to have been occupied by Southerners. For instance, Senator Olin Johnson of South Carolina, says he bought two of the hundred-dollar tickets, that his wife had sold thirty-five or forty more, but that none of them would be used. And the same for some of the other Southern Congressmen. All because of injured feelings over the ~~Truman~~ Truman civil rights message.

The Democratic National Committee, we hear, doesn't intend that there be any empty seats, even if the



Southerners do stay away. Their places will be allotted to others who contributed to party funds, but who did not obtain reservations.

The two Washington dinners are all sold out; three thousand people having paid a hundred dollars per plate.



ROSCOE DRUMMOND

That election upset in the Bronx still continues  
to get a big play in the press, <sup>— Still the comment of the day.</sup> Roscoe Drummond,  
political pundit for the Christian Science Monitor,  
one of the ablest in his field -- says: "A Wallace  
third party candidate for Congress.....has won a  
decisive upset victory, and in consequence Democrats  
in Washington are rubbing their eyes in surprise  
and dismay.

Roscoe Drummond concludes his story with this  
interesting statement: "His (Henry Wallace's)  
victory certainly forecloses any <sup>prospect</sup> ~~project~~ that Mr.  
Wallace might be persuaded to withdraw from the race,  
in favor of the President. That's <sup>out</sup> ~~him~~", he concludes  
"and if Mr. Truman can't do better ~~than~~ at drawing  
Democratic voters to the polls ~~than~~ than his  
machine and his supporters did in the Bronx this week  
he's going to be out, too".

Roscoe Drummond points out that the Bronx defeat by the Wallace candidate, was inflicted upon the Ed Flynn regular Democratic organization in Flynn's home district, which in his recent book "You're the Boss", he, Flynn boasted had been impregnable against all opposition throughout his -- the Ed Flynn - chairmanship."