

EISENHOWER

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~~Today~~ ^{today Alf} In Washington ~~Alfred M.~~ Landon, climbed on the Eisenhower-for-President Bandwagon, making a trial run, couched in glowing terms, ^{all of which} ~~that~~ failed to stir General Ike from his determined refusal to seek the Nineteen Forty-Eight Presidential Nomination.) Landon says he is convinced that if Eisenhower is a candidate, it will be as a Republican; ^{and that he, Alf. Landon,} ~~and not a Democrat, and that he~~ and other Kansas Republicans believe in the five ~~xxx~~ star General one hundred per cent.

Eisenhower, says the ~~xxx~~ former Kansas Governor, has already shown leadership, administrative ability, a keen knowledge of politics, everything that any successful ~~xx~~ President must have.

When reporters told General Ike about this, he was surprised and angry. He said he deplored the organization of ~~those~~ Eisenhower-for-President ~~xxxxxx~~ clubs, and ~~he~~ hopes no one wastes his time and money on such groups. "A mistaken idea," he snapped; and he wouldn't be drawn into comment on what he terms the hypothetical

question as to whether he would consent to run for President.

As for Alf Landon, General Ike x said he had only met the Nineteen—Thirty—Five G.O.P. Presidential nominee once, and ~~he~~ wasn't familiar with ^{his} ~~his~~ views. He referred to Landon as a Kansan, like himself, and said that probably many of Landon's friends were his friends. But he added sternly that no one could be drafted for Presidential nomination without connivance. "And, I'll be party to no connivance," ^{said the} ~~such was~~ General. ~~His final words to the reporters. No connivance for Presidential nomination — not at present, at least.~~

MARSHALL

Europe must have help - at once. In Washington, today, Secretary of State Marshall announced that Europe will have to have immediate aid.

The only way to arrange this - to ward off disaster said General Marshall, is, a special emergency session of Congress.

The Secretary of State describes the European crisis as complicated, serious, and requiring urgent action. He further said that he hopes to have a better idea of the immediate needs of Europe - fuel and food, by the latter part of October. By then a majority of the Congressional Committees now visiting Europe will have returned ^{with} ~~and on~~, their reports, ~~and~~ ^{and what gets} those ~~to be~~ ^{from} our State Department people abroad, he will base his ~~action~~ ^{for ways of meeting the} ~~and make~~ ^{on some way to meet the} suggestions, ~~on some way to meet the~~ crisis.

BRITAIN

From London, indications that the cold blanket of austerity is rapidly spreading itself over Europe. A ~~max~~ hard winter to come, with too little to eat and a minimum of comfort. New bundles of grief for the British, a threat of a cut in the weekly allowance of one quart of milk ~~per~~ a person. This because of the drought. A serious coal shortage, this shortage now so grave that Communist mine leader Arthur Horner has ~~x~~ warned the British miners that they had better swing their picks or starve. Communist Horner fears that lack of coal this winter will wreck the labor government.

The latest plan of the British Government is to order thousands of workers to quit their luxury trades, and go to work in essential industries, to bolster Britain's critical export program; ~~to~~ make goods in exchange for dollars, ⁱⁿ an attempt to boost British export ~~to~~ ~~hundred and sixty per cent of their in Nineteen Thirty~~ ~~Eight level.~~

This British Government ^{order} ~~directing~~ is aimed particularly at thousands of men ~~xx~~ working for football

pools and other gambling enterprises. If these pools are closed down, the British working man will lose his favority occupation, spotting winners in the soccer football leagues, with a chance of winning sizeable prizes - a hundred thousand dollars or more each week. Of course the average person's chance of winning a big pot is slim. But they seem to enjoy it.

ADD BRITAIN

Tonight the Argentine dealt a body blow to harrassed Britain. No more shipmetns of Argentine canned meat to Britain. This sudden decision taken in Buenos Aires, is reported to have stunned the British Board of Trade, which had no previous notice of the action. Britain depends mainly on Argentine meat, and so this sudden embargo by the Argentine may have immediate and serious results.

The reason for this embargo is, of course, that the Argentine meat packers want to be paid in dollars. They say pounds sterling are not much good these days.

ELIZABETH

As we already have heard Britain's economic crisis is eliminating most of the pomp and the ceremony from the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Mountbatten. No trousseau. That we heard. And now comes word that the young couple will have to spend their honeymoon in the British Isles. The Princess we are told is much disappointed, ~~xxxx~~ having set her heart on a honeymoon over here with us. But when Papa says no, and especially if Papa is a King, I guess he has to be obeyed.

One reason for the ban on the honeymoon abroad, is the new currency restrictions:- no money for vacations abroad! And that goes for everyone in Britain, Royalty and Commoners alike.

BULGARIA FOLLOW BRITAIN

In Bulgaria, a shortage of food. The corn crop stunted by drought. With little hope of relief this winter, despite Russian claims of the success of Soviet post-War planning.

In Germany, the food shortage this winter expected to be the most severe ever experienced.

Even Sweden is anxious -- and waiting three - hundred - thousand tons of cereals to feed her population.

In France, a shortage of everything, with Premier Ramadier having great difficulty, with the Communists crying for his head, and the middle classes resentful as the Socialist Premier plans new austerity measures to help France survive the coming winter.

ITALY FOLLOW BULGARIA

In Italy, a labor crisis, fanned to fury by the Communists, who threaten a general strike unless their attempt to smash the moderate government now in power, succeeds.

A BULLETIN FROM PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A bulletin from Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Explosive packages sent to three prominent cabinet ministers. One of them foreign Minister Jan Masaryk, who leaves on Saturday, for the United Nations General Assembly in New York. The Minister of Information in Prague tonight issued a warning to all cabinet ministers and ordered police inspection of all mail.

GANDHI

he calls, ^{for} Today in India, Mahatma Gandhi began, ^{what} ~~his~~ crusade for peace and moderation. He visited the refugee camps in old and New Delhi, moving fearlessly amongst the hate-inflamed people, ^{some} ~~many~~ of whom had thrown stones at his residence and threatened him with death. Showing no fear, Gandhi pleaded with the refugees for calm and fortitude. ~~He~~ ^{He} begged them to give the new government of India a chance.

Some of Gandhi's listeners were resentful, others deeply respectful and awed. To them he must have seemed like a Saviour, come to relieve them in their direst hour. Women kneeled down to kiss his feet, and men pressed in to touch him.

Elsewhere in India, riots continue. ^{Viscount} ~~Lord~~ Mountbatten, the Governor General, today signed an ordinance providing ten years imprisonment for soldiers who fail to do their utmost in fighting off ~~these~~ attacks on refugee trains. Hitherto, many massacres have been carried out ^{with} ~~while~~ Hindu soldiers ^{standing} ~~stood~~ by and watche^{ing} ~~d~~ because the murderers are of their own religion.

The Security Council of the United Nations today failed to come to an agreement regarding the Anglo-Egyptian dispute. Egypt has been clamoring for the British troops from the Nile to get out -- also put an end to Angle-Egyptian rule in the Sudan. The British, on the other hand, claim that their troops are in the Nile Valley as a result of a perfectly valid twenty-year treaty signed with Egypt in Nineteen Thirty-Six. That Britain continues in joint control over the Sudan by reason of that treaty.

The matter came before the Security Council of The U.N. today for the third time in a month. And, for the Third time, the delegates disagreed. China and Columbia offered the suggestion that England and Egypt settle their differences privately. The Syrian delegate proposed that Britain announce withdrawal of her troops from Egypt, even though the U. N. hasn't yet requested such a withdrawal. The eight

other members of the Council abstained from voting.--

~~one way or the other~~ And ^{there} the matter ^{stands.} ~~is ended~~

~~temporarily, with the British still in Egypt.~~

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Also at Lake Success today the Russians aired another old complaint -- Gromyko protesting that efforts to control atomic energy are "moving backwards."

Who's the villain, in Russian eyes?

Uncle Sam, of course. Gromyko claims that we want to set up a world-wide atomic trust over which we will be boss.

~~It was~~ The same tune ~~the same verse~~

Gromyko has been high singing for a year now. ^{This time} ~~But today~~ he angered American delegate Fred Osborne, ^{who} Said Osborne tonight: "The ~~xx~~ accusations made by Gromyko ~~were~~ ~~xx~~ in my opinion false. False statements are ~~xx~~ not made true by repetition, and this repetition has been going on too long."

TRUMAN

Aboard the Missouri, President Truman is heading for rough weather. Tomorrow the Presidential battle wagon enters the domain of King Neptune. And the President must undergo the ordeal of "crossing the line" when all pollywogs are turned into shellbacks. Pollywogs are those crossing the equator for the first time.

Today King Neptune's Lieutenant, "Old Davy Jones", came aboard the Missouri, with seaweed in his hair and barnacles clinking, in true tradition. With him he brought charges to which the pollywogs must plead before the court of King Neptune tomorrow.

Old Davy Jones disclosed that in King Neptune's opinion, Mr. Truman is a foul land lubber and must face the charge of ~~flouting~~ ^{fouting} deep sea protocol by flying across the equator without King ~~Neptune's~~ Neptune's permission. This on his flight down to Rio. Another charge, a violation of the no-politics rule in King Neptune's domain. A serious charge: - that of being a Democrat!

Mr. Truman is reported to be unconcerned

about the charges made against him. This morning he took a hair-cut in the ship's barber shop, apparently confident that he will not be one of the pollywogs ~~next~~ selected for the head shaving ceremony which is a part of nautical tradition for neophytes when a ship bumps over the Equator.

Also I suppose the President will escape the merciless paddling handed out by the pollywogs by the shellbacks; this in spite of the fact that President Truman has informed King Neptune Neptune that he is willing to take his initiation with the rest of the pollywogs. But it would have to be a hard-shelled shellback indeed who would dare apply a ^{paddle} ~~paddle~~ to the Presidential pants.

SPELLMAN

At Rome today there was public mention of a rumor that has been circulating insistently -- that Cardinal Spellman of New York will become Papal Secretary of State. An afternoon paper in the Eternal City says it has this on semi-official information -- that the next Secretary of State at the Vatican will be an American, Spellman of New York.

And that, of course, would be a new development - a drastic change in Vatican policy. Tying in with the fact that the United States and the Church of Rome and such prominent forces in opposition to Soviet Russia and the spread of Communist Dictatorship. Also no doubt because so much of the income of the Church of Rome comes from this country.

Cardinal Spellman has been a life-long friend of Pope Pius the twelfth, Spellman, as a young American Ecclesiastic, having had his training in Rome, under the present Pontiff, who was then Cardinal Secretary of State.

There are many in this country who see the day when the Pope will be an American -- a not far distant day.

SINGING

Rita Banford is an eleven year old girl who likes singing, especially choir singing. Last weekend, at the Hollywood bowl, she heard the Vatican Choir and has been thinking about it ever since.

What wonderful music, thought Rita. "Really, I ~~xxxx~~ must thank somebody for it." Whom should she thank? Well, why not the Pope himself. The idea kept growing, and there was that telephone -- temptingly near.

Last night Rita gave in, picked up the receiver and said: "I want to speak to the Pope in Rome."

The operator was astenished, but not half ~~xxxxxxxx~~ so astenished as a Monsignor Carroll who answered the phone in the Vatican a few minutes later. But the Monsignor was polite, the Pope was busy, he said, but he'd tell him about the call.

Then Rita told her mother what she had done. Mrs. Banford thought the child was kidding, but she called the phone company just to make sure.


And the phone company informed her it was no joke. Or if it was, it was an expensive one. Slightly more than thirty-five bucks, to be exact.

JAPAN

Western Democracy is taking root in Japan but not without difficulties. Emperor Hirohito, General MacArthur's imperial ward, found himself face to face with the new spirit of democracy when he recently visited a factory. The foreman was a trade union leader and probably a great admirer of Americans, definitely a progressive man. No more Banzais to the Son of Heaven for him. When the Emperor approached, this foreman held out his hand saying, "Let's shake hands; I'll be honored to shake hands with you."

Hirohito looked puzzled for a moment, and backed away a trifle, smiling. "Let's do it the Japanese way," he said to the foreman. He bowed stiffly and turned away.

The other workers were very angry with their foreman. In asking any Japanese to shake hands with the man was definitely going too far. Orientals consider handshaking unsanitary, and so they refrain.

 There's another little story about Hirohito in the Japanese Press, another item to remind the

Japanese that Hirohito is no longer divine. A Tokyo cobbler reporting that he has just received two pairs of shoes from the Imperial Palace. One of them, ten years old, belongs to the Emperor. "And," says the Cobbler, "Tgere are many holes. I don't know whether I can repair these Imperial shoes."

The Emperor of Japan -- on his uppers -- I suppose you'd say!

And now Hugh who is not exactly on his uppers.

FRANCE

The police at Saint Tropez, a fashionable resort on the French Riviera, have a problem. How to cope with floating colonies of nudists in boats and on rafts, disporting themselves in birthday suits instead of bathing suits off St. Tropez beach.

Now, the St. Tropez police have only bicycles. And you can't do much with a floating nudist problem on a bicycle, can you?

The gendarmes have asked the burghers of St. Tropez to provide them with a motorboat. But the town authorities, say, no! no! too expensive.

So, it's the old story of Adam and Eve - on a raft; -- with the St. Tropez police on their bicycles going nowhere.

And now Nelson will you pedal over here on your bicycle?

BEQUEST

From Chicago, a Cinderella story, real *a heart-warming extravaganza* life romance; with all the trimmings. From poverty to riches over night, tears and happiness; and, a three day banquet.

The Chicago Cinderella ^{is} James Mattalina, who earned thirty-five dollars a week, as chauffeur to an elderly woman. And of course James could never ^{quite make} ~~make~~ ends meet on thirty-five ~~dollars~~ a week, with a wife and three children. ~~and~~ So, to help out with the family budget Mrs. Mattalina ran a tiny grocery store in the front room of their flat.

And then came tragedy for Jimmy Mattalina. Miss Craig, the elderly employer, died, and Jimmy was out of a job. That meant ~~hard~~ bad times, especially as the fifty-three year old chauffeur has a veteran son at home, suffering from shell shock, and unable to work. ^{TP} Then the miracle happened.)

Yesterday, a shiny limousine ^{drove} ~~came~~ up to the block where Mattalina lives, and out stepped an attorney

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with a brief case under his arm. To Jimmy Mattalina broke the news -- that Miss Craig had left her loyal chauffeur the bulk of her fortune, three hundred thousand dollars; maybe five hundred thousand dollars - in cash, stocks, bonds and oil wells.

Jimmy was overcome, as who wouldn't be. For the fifty-three years of his life - up to now - he said he has never been able to eat a meal without worrying ~~xxx~~ about the cost. But today Jimmy and his wife are in their seventh heaven. I'm going to give a banquet" says Jimmy. "A big banquet for all the neighbors and friends. Maybe it will last three days, maybe four."

And there's another thing James Mattalina is going to do. "I'm going to spend fifty thousand dollars or whatever it takes to cure Sam" he said -- speaking of his ~~xxxx~~ shell-shocked son. He should talk to Dr. Howard Rusk of the New York Times about that! "Then" he adds, "I am going to buy a nice home, just a small one, seven or eight rooms."

All of which goes to prove once more
how real life so often turns up with a good one - as
good as any the fiction writers can dream up.