

Tonight brings a Republican move,

reported insistently during the past few days.

John Foster Dußles -- given a number one role in drafting the G O P platform at the Chicago convention.

Dußles has been prominent of course, in the realm of foreign policy -- advisor to Governor Thomas Dewey in the Nineteen Forty Eight campaign. Dußles likes Ike, but Senator Taft is agreeable to the appointment of Dußles as a special advisor to Senator Milliken of Colorado. He's the chairman of the committee that has to do with the writing of the platform.

All -p- part of an attempt to keep the Taft Eisenhower battle from developing into a fight ~~xxxxxxx~~ in the Republican Party.

## MACARTHUR

The Army has finally passed a ruling on General Douglas MacArthur. At first, the Pentagon tried to keep mum on the subject - though MacArthur the keynoter, seemed ~~to~~ in violation of a military regulation. President Truman, as Commander-in-Chief, also kept out of it. Nobody wanted to get tangled up with such a hot potato. But the question refused to die - so now the high brass produces an official ruling.

An Army regulation, clear and distinct, says - that no military officer on active duty shall make an address at a political convention. General MacArthur is listed as being on active duty - so how do you get around that?

Well, it's a bit abstruse, technical. MacArthur is on active duty all right. But - without assignment. A Five-Star General is not automatically retired when he reaches an age limit - as any other officer is. So, he may be considered as having retired - when he is not given any assignment.

The official statement puts it in these subtle words: "When officers holding this rank (five-star general) are not assigned any duties, they are considered to be in a status similar to retired officers." ~~Sounds rather picky - not retired, but considered to be in a status similar to retired.~~

But will General MacArthur wear his five star uniform and his ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ scrambled egg cap - when he sounds the keynote? At the Pentagon, an Army spokesman says - presumably, yes, if he wants to. Under the ruling, the General can address the Republican National Convention in uniform.

But what about General Eisenhower? He retired, and he gave up his pay - when he came home to plunge into the political campaign. Well, a Pentagon official declares that the same technicality would have applied to General Ike. He could have gone into the political battle, a five-star general in active service, and in uniform - had he decided to do so.



## POLITICS

The Presidential hullabaloo being what it is, we don't pay much attention to a battle for the Senate. But there was a presidential angle in a Maine election yesterday - final figures ~~XXXXX~~ coming in today.

Senator Owen Brewster, a stalwart for Taft, Governor Frederick Payne - a supporter of General Eisenhower. Brewster - out<sup>†</sup> for re-election. Payne - seeking to capture his place in the Senate. The Eisenhower backer wins out by a narrow vote - seventy thousand to sixty-seven thousand. The G O P nomination is about as good as election in Maine, and so it looks like - Senator Payne.



## POLITICS

This was election day in Washington - as much of an election day as the District of Columbia gets. The people have no vote. They're disfranchised. That is, when it comes to electing candidates to office. But they do have a voice in selecting the candidates - for whom they'll never vote. They can cast ballots in party primaries.

Today, the Democrats held their presidential primary in Washington - selecting six delegates to the Chicago convention. A prize worth trying for - and Washington has been the scene of lively campaigning by Kefauver and Harriman. (The Senator from Tennessee and his wife Nancy - making the rounds. Driving, with banners, through Washington streets - and going in for the folksy, hand-shake tactics of the Kefauver campaign. Candidate Harriman - making speeches. His campaign literature - hinting that Harriman is the Truman choice.

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Today, both candidates were much in evidence, making the rounds of the polling places.

Tonight, in voteless Washington, they<sup>a</sup>re counting the votes. Naming the six delegates, who will go to Chicago and help to select a candidate - they'll never be able to vote for.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY

Congress today passed the bill to hike old age benefits - five dollars a month. The majority - two hundred and sixty to twenty-two. It was only a month ago that the lawmakers of the House rejected the Bill. Republicans claiming - it included a provision that would really mean socialized medicine. But the lawmakers changed their minds - and how.

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## RADIO

Congress voted this afternoon to exempt radio and television stations from libel suits - because of remarks made by political candidates. This-- tacked on as an amendment in a bill to regulate broadcasting and televising in political campaigns.

The argument was that, right now, a station is not permitted to censor a political speech - but may be sued for libel if defamatory remarks are made in that speech. That, said Congressman Horan of Washington, puts radio and television - "between the courts and the deep blue sea." So a provision was adopted by a tentative vote to grant exemption from libel.

# STRIKE

The Long Island railroad strike has just ended - called off a couple of hours ago. But <sup>not in</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>time to</sup> ~~seem~~ stop the <sup>big</sup> ~~big~~ <sup>again</sup> rush this evening.

A settlement between company and union was concluded about five P.M. the locomotive engineers agreeing to go back to work "at once." But, the way a railroad is run, "at once" couldn't mean -- within minutes. The word was that the first Long Island train would pull out of Pennsylvania station along about now -- seven P.M.

Most of the three hundred thousand Long Island commuters ~~was~~ were on their way about five o'clock - and they wouldn't have heard of the agreement, anyway. So, for the second day, it was a rush homeward bound by bus, private car, subway, anything they could get.

The settlement involved changes in a couple of working rules - a dispute over which precipitated the strike yesterday morning.

SWEDEN

The latest international news tonight is a Soviet protest to Sweden. The Scandinavian Kingdom has of course <sup>good</sup> ~~the~~ reason to protest -- a Swedish patrol plane having been shot down by Soviet jet fighters. So Stockholm complained to Moscow, but back comes a ~~xxx~~ Red reply -- claiming that the patrol plane violated Russian controlled territory. And -- fired on the Red fighters. Whereupon, the Soviet fighters shot the patrol plane down.

Amazing story -- since the Swedish aircraft was a flying boat -- searching over the Baltic for the survivors of a Swedish plane that was missing. Must have been audacious indeed - to start shooting at jet fighters. The Stockholm retort is brief and to the point, an official stating <sup>t</sup> ~~h~~ "Everybody knows



the flying boat was unarmed." Another story from Sweden concerns the missing plane for which the flying boat was looking. A rubber life raft has been found ~~xxxxxxx~~ which indicates -- that this plane, ~~demands~~ is about a billion dollars. World Jewish ~~too,~~ was shot down. Tonight there is bitter ~~organisations~~ ask for five hundred ~~xxxx~~ million. indignation in Sweden -- and no wonder.

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## GERMANY

( The West German government offers to pay the State of Israel three billion ~~DM~~ marks - seven hundred and fourteen million dollars. In restitution for Nazi crimes against the Jewish people. Israel demands ~~DM~~ about a billion dollars. World Jewish organisations ask for five hundred ~~DM~~ million. )

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# ROMANIA

In Romania, the <sup>downfall</sup> ~~annihilation~~ of the world's number one woman Communist - becomes the usual Communist catastrophe. (Foreign Minister Ana Pauker, one of the top Red bosses, was dropped from the Romanian politburo and the Secretariat of the party.) Often - a prelude to a Red trial for treason. So now, what have we?

(Today, the Romanian Red radio broadcast a denunciation of Ana Pauker, calling her - a "counter-revolutionary class enemy.") This - from the Red federation of trade unions. The charge is phrased in deadly words. Such as - "enemy of the working class." Ominous indeed - for woman communist number one.

It would be hard to make a statement more positive than that.




**RIDGWAY**

In Rome, today, General Mathew Ridgway gave as fervent a denial as could be put into words. A denial of the Communist accusation of - Germ warfare.

The government of Premier De Gasperi has crushed every Red attempt for demonstrations against the new commander for the North Atlantic Treaty organisation - and, today, General Ridgway held a news conference. He's well aware that the Communists yell - "General plague." And, in answer to a question by a British correspondent he stated:

"As former commander of the U N forces in Korea, as God is my witness, I affirm that no element of that command ever employed germ warfare at any time."

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## FOLLOW RIDGWAY

The latest -- Premier DeGasperi ~~is giving~~ giving the Communists a stern warning. In a stormy session of the Italian Parliament tonight, the Reds howled against General Ridgway. Whereupon DeGasperi told them -- his government would ~~surely~~ outlaw the Communist party if they didn't look out.

## KOREA-TRUCE

In the Korean truce talks - one more three-day recess. Called today, by our Chief negotiator, General Harrison. The Reds ~~XXXXXX~~ were only spilling a lot of "propaganda drivel" as General Harrison called it. So he said he'd give them three days to think things over. Where<sup>u</sup>upon the U N delegation walked out.

As they did so, the Reds burst into laughter - although it isn't clear what they were laughing about. Later a U N spokesman said the outbreak of mirth had apparently been- rehearsed. Some kind of Communist theatricals.



## KOREA-PRISONERS

At the prison camps, General Boatner says - he thinks they have singled out the "Czar of Koje". That is, the number one Red, who directed the violence and murder. The "Czar of Koje" is believed to have been responsible, personally, ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> murdering sixteen non-Communist prisoners in compound seventy-seven. Six other Red leaders are being held - and all will probably be brought to trial for atrocities against fellow prisoners.

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9 There are complaints in Australia - over one event in the prison camp business on Kojé Island. The visit of the British Minister of Defense, Field Marshal Earl Alexander. Australians complain about our new camp Commander, General Boatner - though there's no suggestion that he was not friendly enough toward the Field Marshal, who is also an Earl. Just the reverse.

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to countless pictures - a smiling, jovial visage. He's  
a jolly good peer of the real - hot dog, I say there.



# EXPEDITION

London announces an expedition to answer a question that may seem silly. Is Greenland an island?

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Well, all you have to do is look at a map, and see it's an island. But that's not so sure. Just ask Bert Balchen, who is Mister Greenland. Greenland is buried under a stupendous ice-cap, and may really be - Not one land mass at all, But - a number of islands, hidden under ten thousand feet of ice. The British expedition will try to find out. Going to Greenland - for two years of exploration.

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- two blind men. The Greenland Construction Company of Chicago, Illinois, he is headed by Thomas Strickland - sightless. The diver who did the under-water job - hasn't seen the light of day for forty-three years. He's a veteran of the under-water, who doesn't need eye-sight, as he gropes around below the surface in his diving suit.

## AUTOMOBILES

At Golconda, Illinois, three automobiles, today, were dragged out from under the water ~~at~~ of the Ohio River. A promising start for a job of recovering the hundred and forty-six sunken motor cars.

The automobiles went to the bottom, when a barge - load capsized in a storm. Early this year, a salvage concern attempted the task, but abandoned it - after they were able to raise only one sedan, at a cost of fifty thousand dollars.

So now another company is trying. In charge - two blind men. The Strickland Construction Company of Moline, Illinois, ~~is~~ is headed by Thomas Strickland - sightless. The <sup>diver</sup> ~~strickland~~, who did the under-water job today -- hasn't seen the light of day for forty-three years. He's a veteran of the under-water, who doesn't need eye-sight, as he gropes around below the surface in his diving suit.

## PIGEON

At Pawtucket, Rhode Island, they're having another fireworks display tonight. Pawtucket, in fact, is having permanent fireworks this week. For the amusement of the local kids? No - for the confusion of the local pigeons.

On Thursday, the "eastern trailer show" begins - manufacturers putting their newest of trailers on display at McCoy Stadium. But the stadium has long been the home of an enormous flock of pigeons. And - imagine what the pigeons would <sup>do</sup> ~~be~~ to the shiny trailers!

So the manufacturers had a bright idea for driving the birds away. The campaign began last night with a dazzling ~~at~~ display of ~~the~~ fireworks. Suddenly, in the darkness of the stadium, a blaze of brilliance burst forth - batteries of Roman candles turning the place into a dream of the Fourth of July. The pigeons, roosting all over the stadium, were scared out of ~~their~~ their lives - and off they went in one huge flock, with an immense whirring of wings.



But you can depend upon the birds to come back -- which makes it a case of permanent fireworks. Patrols of guards, armed with Roman Candles, are ~~keep~~ keeping up the pyrotechnics. Shooing the pigeons away to save the looks of the trailers.

And now Nelson how about some pyrotechnics from you.