

POLICTICS.

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(General Eisenhower - - may return. That's from the General himself. He says those Minnesota results are making him reconsider.) They, in General Ike's own words, "are forcing me to reexamine my personal position and past decisions."

(Which goes back to his declaration, in January that he would not campaign, unless there was what he describes as "a clear cut call to political duty." Apparently, Minnesota might be that "clear cut call.")

General Ike said, on that former occasion, that he would not ask to be relieved of his international army command in western Europe. But that, also would seem to be no barrier. ✓)

Today president Truman, vacationing at Key West, stated that Eisenhower could lay down his command if he saw fit.) He said it was up to the General - -

entirely.

All of which puts a new face on the question - -
will the General campaign for the Republican
nomination? Maybe - - yes.

The political shindig brings a violent row
between Senator Taft and Governor Driscoll of
New Jersey. Taft withdraws from the New Jersey
primary, with a blast, charging that Driscoll
double-crossed him - - by declaring for General
Ike.

He says he knew all along, that the New Jersey
governor favored Eisenhower - - but was given to
understand that, publicly at least, Driscoll would
assume a neutral stand. So, believing that, Taft
entered the New Jersey primary. He says Driscoll
waited long enough for that - - and now declares for
Eisenhower.

Which, in Taft's opinion, stacks the New Jersey cards against him. So he won't campaign in the state, leaving the field to the Eisenhower supporters and to Harold Stassen. The latest from New Jersey - Taft's name may be taken off the New Jersey ballots, as a courtesy, if he wishes - although the deadline has passed.

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President Truman disavows his own democratic national chairman, Frank McKinney - - who said yesterday, the President gave him the impression that he would not run again if peace came in Korea. This the President denies - - declaring that questions of Korea have no part in his own plans.

SUBSTITUTE STEEL

In Washington tonight the wage stabilization board voted to recommend a wage increase for steel workers, seventeen and one half cents per hour.

This - over objections made by the industry. The Union is studying the proposal, and the belief is that the strike, scheduled for Sunday midnight, will at least be delayed.

and to the state of war with Japan.

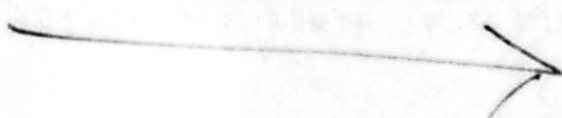
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TREATY

(The Senate made history today - - by ratifying the Japanese peace treaty. The vote - - sixty six to ten.)

The treaty goes into force, upon ratification by the Nations signing it, eleven. Until today, only Great Britain had ratified it. Now, our Senate puts the united States on record - - to make an end to the state of war with Japan.

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FOLLOW TREATY

Later on the Senate okayed a similar security pact with Japan - which permits American troops to be kept in that country.

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Maybe it ~~is~~ ^{concerns} all ~~of~~ the old oriental business of - -
 ~~maxingxxx~~ saving face. Maybe the truce talkers, by

making concessions in public, think they lose face.

P (In the air, five more Migs shot down today - - in two swirling air battles with American sabrejets.)

But the most interesting word comes from Lieutenant James Carey of Las Vegas, Nevada - - who was in a sky fight yesterday. He ~~got into combat~~ ^{tangled} with a new type of enemy jet.

Lieutenant Carey tells how he and his wing-man ^{got involved} ~~tangled~~ with a lot of migs. "We went round and round," says the Lieutenant, "firing at every opportunity - - and being fired at continuously. Then, I found myself on the tail of this funny looking bird. It looked just like a mig-fifteen, except the wings were high on the fusilage."

The conventional Mig has the wings mounted low - - and, there have been reports of a new ^{Red} jet fighter, ~~of the Reds~~. But this was the first time an American

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pilot got into combat with one.

"I gave him a few short bursts," says Lieutenant

Carey, " and caught him in the right wing and ~~the~~

after section of the fusilage. Then other enemy

jets started coming at me from all sides, and I

had to break off and get out of there."

R Combat indecisive - - with a new enemy jet!

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa has a headline of the first magnitude - for the people down there. (Today, the South African Supreme Court threw out the racial segregation policy. Calls it - unconstitutional. Which is a body blow for the government headed by Nationalist Prime Minister Dr D. F. Malan.)

The South African race policy has been a point of worldwide controversy - enacted after an election victory for the old time Boers, the South African dutch. Their leader, Dr. Malan, stood for an extreme version of white supremacy. Other races kept apart from the whites. The policy called - Apartheid (apart - ide) :- Full political rights - restricted to the whites!

That brought an appeal to the courts, made by four "colored" people. South Africa has a constitution, and the sumpreme court now decrees - that the racial

policy violates the constitutiona

There are immediate demands for the resignation
of Prime Minister Dr Malan and his ministry.

And - at last reports, it isn't clear what they
will do. They might call a general election.

Or, they might add new judges to the supreme court
to get a majority. In any case, its world news -
this legal overturn of the South African race
policy.

STOWE

We all know how fickle is the weather man - always playing jokes on us. During the recent winter Olympics at Oslo, Norway, in the land of bountiful snow, they had a shortage of it - for the first time in memory.

And now here at Mt Mansfield, near Stowe, Vt., skiers have gathered from many countries, and one of the

racers, Ernie McCullough of Mt Tremblant - ~~has~~ the present National Downhill Champion - ~~Ernie~~ has just been complaining to me that here there is too much snow. He thought there was enough yesterday. And then it went ahead and snowed ^{again} ~~some more~~ last night.

The races to be run here this week-end are called the nationals. But top-stars from other countries are here as well - 12 who were in the recent Olympics at Oslo.

Between them they hold four Olympic gold medals - ~~is one~~ winner of the ^{other} Schneider of Austria

slalom at Oslo; Stein Eriksen, Norwegian ace, who won the Olympic giant slalom. And Andy Mead of Pico Peak, Vermont, who won two Olympic gold medals. In fact they are all in this room with me here at Stowe. Also Sigi Engel and a group from Sun Valley.

In the practice runs on the Nose Dive today, three of the racers were injured. One, Madelaine Berthand, Swiss Olympic star; and then two young men collided in mid air. Andy Tommi, of Canada, stopped for a moment half way down the trail.

P Jack Valentine, of McGill University, coming some second behind him at top speed, jumped at the top of a steep pitch, never suspecting anyone would be in the way. In full flight he hit Tommi; and both were taken to the hospital. The impact must have been terrific. Both are suffering from shock; and the racer

~~who was~~
7 standing still has a broken thigh.

Both in practice runs, and in the races on Saturday and Sunday, the participants will be doing around 60 miles an hour most of the time. Which is plenty fast on your own two feet, with nothing between you and the course over which you are traveling, but a half inch of hickory.

POLICE QUARREL

Things look bad for motorists in two cities of Indiana - Terre Haute and nearby Sullivan. A feud has broken out, - ~~with cops in one town arresting automobile drivers from another town.~~ Today, police chief David McCullough of Sullivan accused Chief Frank Riddle of Terre Haute of locking motorists up - just because they're from Sullivan.

Mayor Tom Grayson of Sullivan tells how the quarrel began - when his cops locked up some truck drivers on U S highway forty one. "You know," says His Honor, "how those truckers are in a town like this. They go through like it wasn't even there."

The truck drivers drove on to Terre Haute - and made a squawk. Which was followed by the arrest of some people from Terre Haute pinched in Sullivan - for speeding. The police in Terre Haute retaliated by locking up every motorist they spotted - from Sullivan.

And then the feud was on.

Indications are that there'll be truce talks between the Mayors of the two cities - trying to negotiate an armistice.

DOGS

On a mountain ledge in the state of Washington, a ferocious drama of nature is being enacted. Three dogs, marooned at an altitude of ^{nearly} fourteen thousand feet, are fighting off the attacks of eagles.

They ^{are} ~~are~~ cougar hounds, used for hunting mountain lions, - ^{they} ~~and~~ trapped themselves, ^{by getting out} ~~when they got~~ onto a mountain ledge. For days, the owner of the dogs, Cleo Riddles of the town of Darrington, has been leading attempts to get them off. But rescue parties have been stopped by the deep snow.

Those mountains of the Cascades are the haunt of eagles - which see the dogs as their prey. Down they swoop, with beak and talon - only to be fought off by the cougar hounds, a fighting breed. Today, **R**iddles went as far up into the mountains as he could - and watched his dogs through binoculars. He says the

eagles, "dive bombing," are trying to knock them
off the ledge. So they'll fall on the rocks far
below. Where they'd be - meat for ^{the} eagles.

Tonight mountaineers are making new plans - hoping
the dogs can fight off the great birds of prey,
until rescue arrives, in this ~~cinematic~~ ^{fiend} drama of
nature.

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DIANE

In France, the great construction job in the valley of the Loire brings reminiscence of one of the famous women of history - though her reputation was not so edifying. A great new dam is backing up a lake, and this will engulf the chateau of Diane de Poitiers - who, in the sixteenth century, created wonder and scandal, mistress of King Henry the second of France.

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to figure almost any marvel beyond understanding -

a compact with the devil. Maybe it wouldn't be a

bad explanation for a few things nowadays. Even

including the ravishing beauty of
some women we know, would you
say Nelson - like Diane de Poitiers
and her compact with the Devil!