

ELECTION C.J.-P.H. Wed. May 3 - '50.

Alabama today had an old-time nip and tuck affair, suspense and uncertainty, up again, down again - as the vote cast in yesterday's primary election was counted. The point at issue - the feud between President Truman and the Dixiecrats. The voters cast their ballots to select seventy-two members of the Alabama Democratic executive committee. Which provided a showdown battle between the "loyalist" supporters of the White House, and the States Rights insurgents, who bolted the Truman ticket in the last election.

The decision was so close that the lead switched eight times during the count. About noon today, for example, the Dixiecrats were ahead, but that presently was reversed by another change. The latest - showing the Trumanites leading in ³⁹~~forty-one~~ contests for seats on the executive committee. The States Rights insurgents ahead in thirty^{-two}, ~~For the one~~ ~~remaining seat, a neutral candidate was ahead.~~

~~(They are still counting, and at this moment 40~~

~~INSERT THE FOLLOWING IN THE ELECTION STORY AFTER~~

~~THE PARAGRAPH ENDING "STATES RIGHTS INSURGENTS AHEAD-~~

~~IN THIRTY-TWO."~~

This may well be the final result, because at last reports the great majority of the Alabama precincts had been counted - giving the Truman supporters a majority of seven seats on the democratic executive committee.

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is not yet decided - who will control the Democratic Party in Alabama, the Truman people or the Dixiecrats. On the other hand, a Democratic renomination to the Senate ^{is} equivalent to election.)

In Florida, the result is being interpreted as a blow to the Truman administration. Senator Pepper lost out to Congressman Smathers by a heavy majority. Smathers - three hundred and sixty-one thousand, Pepper - two hundred and ninety-nine thousand. Margin - sixty-two thousand.

Senator Pepper, in a bitterly fought campaign, went all out for the new deal and the fair deal. Smathers was equally vigorous in championing - "free enterprise;" Also, in accusing Senator Pepper of association with pro-Communist groups. Smathers, who now goes to the Senate, interprets his victory as a Florida repudiation of Socialistic tendencies, and so do the Republicans.

In Washington, Senator Glen Taylor, seeking the Democratic renomination in Idaho, says that President

Truman has invited him to ride on the Presidential train through Idaho - during the Truman western trip. Which is most interesting - since the Democratic Senator repudiated his party and president in the last election, and ran for vice-president on the Henry Wallace ticket. Which was denounced loudly as alliance with the Communists.

But now Glen Taylor has ~~returned~~ ^{gone back} to the Democratic fold, hoping to be returned to the Senate. Today, stating that he has been invited to ride on the Truman train, he added: "I'm not prepared to say that it means an endorsement by Mr. Truman." Well, we can only wonder - what is the meaning of ^{that} a train ride?

The latest: White House sec. Ross declares that he knows nothing about the invitation.

LATTIMORE

In Washington, Owen Lattimore appeared before The Senate Investigators again - and was cross-questioned. Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa asked him about a lecture delivered by Mrs. Lattimore in Nineteen Forty-Three, at the Tom Mooney Labor School in San Francisco. Which school was denounced in Nineteen Forty-Seven as a place for instruction in Communism.

The Far Eastern expert replied that during the war he and his wife were asked to speak in many places - and, at the time, they were voicing strong support of Chiang Kai-Shek and the Nationalist Government in China. Lattimore denounced the question concerning his wife, and said - "It strikes a new low."

Senator Hickenlooper went on to ask the witness - if his eighteen year old son had attended a world youth conference in Red Czechoslovakia two years ago? Lattimore responded that his son went to a camp in Czechoslovakia, because he got what Lattimore called - "Cheaper dormitory facilities."

The question of Amerasia came up - the magazine involved in a theft of secret government documents back in Nineteen Forty-Five. Lattimore was a consulting editor on Amerasia, and today pointed out that he left that job four years before the affair of the stolen secrets. He was asked about the people who ran the magazine - including Philip Jaffe, the editor, who has been denounced as a Communist. He replied that he had no reason to believe that any of them were Reds.

~~(He said he knew Frederick Vanderbilt Field, who has been described as a millionaire backer of Communist causes. Ex-Communist Louis Budenz charged that both Lattimore and Field were members of a Communist cell in the Institute of Pacific Relations.)~~

TP Lattimore stated today that he did not believe

Frederick Vanderbilt Field was a Communist, ~~and added:~~

"I knew him as a man who had interests in the economics of the Pacific region, and a rather liberal young man."

All of which follows Field's refusal to answer the

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today
In his testimony ~~today~~ ^{today} ~~even~~ Lattimore blasted against what he called - "McCarthyism." Referring of course to the Wisconsin senator who brought the accusation of Communism against him. "The shadow of McCarthyism," cried Lattimore, "hangs over the whole procedure of our public life."

PHRASE - COLD WAR

Who invented the "cold war?" I mean - the name? We know that one memorable epithet was coined by Winston Churchill - the "iron curtain," which he introduced into the language in his famous address at Fulton, Missouri. But who was first to say - "cold war"?

It has been attributed to Bernard Baruch, the elder statesman. But today he said - no, he didn't invent it. He did put it into circulation, he says, in a speech back in Nineteen Forty-Seven. But the phrase "cold war" was mentioned to him a year earlier, Nineteen Forty-Six - by Herbert Bayard Swope, the old-time executive editor of that renowned newspaper, ~~The~~ The New York World.

All this was said in a news interview on the occasion of Bernard Baruch receiving - the "hearing advancement award." The elder statesman has been partially deaf, many years - and was something of a pioneer in the use of hearing device^s. So today he told what it was that led to his deafness - sixty-two

years ago.

In those days, Bernard Baruch was a ball player on the team of the college of the City of New York. "We were playing Manhattan College," he relates. "We had three men on, and I was at bat. I made a long hit, three men came in, and I rounded third, and headed for the plate. The throw came in at the same time, and I collided with the pitcher - who dropped the ball. The umpire hollered - safe."

The Manhattan College players blamed the collision on Bernard Baruch - and the fight was on.

"I was hit with a bat just behind my left ear," he says.

Adding:-
^ "But, anyway, we won the game!"

Yes, they won that ball game sixty-two years ago - so today we have an elder statesman with a hearing device.

PAKISTAN

Washington this afternoon witnessed the usual ceremonies attendant upon a visit of state. President and Mrs. Truman were at the airport to receive the Prime Minister of Pakistan, ~~Iskander Ali Khan~~, and his wife. Flying to this country aboard the presidential plane, ^{great new} ~~and~~ the head of the Moslem state in India will tour the United States for three weeks. The usual complimentary speeches were exchanged this afternoon, and tonight the President ^{is} ~~entertaining~~ ^{ing} the Premier of Pakistan at a dinner of state.

BATTLESHIP


In circles of the Navy, there seems to be some confusion about what the sentence imposed today will mean for [Captain W. D. Brown, the skipper of the battleship Missouri, when Big Mo went aground on the mud bank, ~~and~~ found guilty of negligence, and today the sentence was pronounced.

"Captain Brown loses - two-hundred-and-fifty seniority numbers. Which means that, [In the seniority list of promotions, he is put down the line behind two-hundred-and-forty-nine other officers. A similar setback on the promotion list is imposed on the operations officer and the navigator aboard the Missouri - who lose one-hundred-and-three-hundred-and-fifty seniority numbers, respectively.

~~Naval officers agree that it's a severe loss for Captain Brown, but some say the very severity will act in his favor. They explain that, if he were deprived of fewer seniority numbers, he might be in line for promotion this year or next year, and would be passed over - because of the mishap to the Missouri.~~

GAMBLING

The Senate gambling investigation produced a parade of testimony today - from the big news agencies of the nation. Associated Press, United Press, and International News Service joined in opposing the bill to outlaw the interstate transmission of race track information by bookmakers. One argument was that the measure would compel an agency sending out news on sports to bear the burden of determining whether or not such news would be used for illegal purposes. Moreover, they contended that the legislation proposed would be a danger to the freedom of the press. In all this, the press associations were joined by Elmer Davis, ^{this year's} president of the ^{Washington} Radio Correspondents' Association.



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The latest tonight on gambling comes from the academic halls of Harvard where the students are described as - "spending as much time with the bookmakers as with the books." The Harvard Crimson, the under-graduate daily, estimated that Harvard students are betting about five-hundred-thousand dollars a year on the horse races. "It is easier," says the Crimson, "to place a bet on a horse, or on a number, in Harvard Square, than ~~xxx~~ it is to get a shine, a haircut or a newspaper."

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To this the Chief of Police at the College town of Cambridge replies that the charge is -- exaggerated. But he admitted the bookies, were hard to catch because they are "mental". Which would seem to be appropriate in the atmosphere of Harvard, instead of making written records which give evidence, they memorize the bets -- "mental".

ODDITIES

Here's one for the book, entitled - there are still suckers for the old swindles. At Buffalo a housewife charges that an eighteen year old gypsy fortune teller, named Tina Kaslov, told her how to double her money. Wrap it in a handkerchief, have some gypsy incantations, and let the handkerchief lie for six months. Then - open it, and you'll find twice as much money. So the lady in Buffalo put thirty-nine hundred dollars in the handkerchief - which must have been a big one. Three months later, she opened the handkerchief - and all she found was a wad of waste paper. The old switch game. - It still works!

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Next, under the heading of the "devastating retort" - a reply made to Canadian Prime Minister St. Laurent. Response - to a challenge to a duel. In the Parliament at Ottawa, there was a hot argument - between the Prime Minister and member of Parliament Howard Green. So hot, that St. Laurent, living up to

his French ancestry, I suppose - challenged the ~~R.~~M.T. to mortal combat. Howard Green had the choice of weapons; and, today he named them - "Cream puffs at twenty paces," said he. I'd like to see that affair on the field of honor - the two Canadian statesmen hurling cream puffs at each other.

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For the Book of Oracles - something profound from a centenarian, really cryptic. At Washington, Alfred Heitmuller, celebrating his hundred-and-first birthday, says that things have changed - a transformation having come over the world. People are not so friendly any more. Something has altered the human race. "People used to be friendly," says the centenarian, "but now you can't trust anyone on the other side of the door." He ^{goes on to say} ~~says~~ that this change for the worse became noticeable - after the Spanish-American War. To which the bewildered echo responds in a puzzled tone - why the Spanish-American War?

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For the book of poetry - the lyric that won a hundred dollars today. The National Safety Council in Chicago held a contest to promote safety in the household - offering a prize for the best poem to accompany a picture of a woman in high heeled shoes, carrying a huge heap of bed linen, and falling down the stairs. The winner - Forrester H. G. Pond of the Town of Hudson Bay in Saskatchewan. His poem reads:

"Loaded to the eyebrows,

Heeled to the hilt,

Nothing to hold her,

So she got spilt."

Quite a rhyme, "hilt" and "spilt", especially after that first line - "loaded to the eyebrows."

1/3 And now here's Nelson - who is always loaded - above the eyebrows - with good ideas!