

ANTARCTICA

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A late dispatch tells of a stately scene, when a President landed today to lay claim to part of a continent. This happened at the Southern end of the world, President Videla of the Republic of Chile going ashore on the frozen coast of Antarctica.

(Chile claims a section of the South Polar Continent, and has a dispute with Great Britain about it. ~~The~~ The Chilean government figured to make things more impressive by having El Presidente take personal possession. *Hence what* ~~so, that~~ happened today - Senor Videla setting foot on the coast of Antarctica,) while a salute of twenty-one guns boomed from the Chilean Naval Transport.

Thus ~~a~~ history was made ~~p~~ - although not so much history perhaps as when Columbus landed at San Salvador and took possession of the new world in the name of the King and Queen of Spain.

MOSCOW

In Moscow, Kosygin is in, taking the place of Zverev. These ~~M~~^{may}scovite names ~~are~~ not mean much, just to listen to the Slavic sounds, but, they're important, when you note ~~h~~ who the Red Gentleman are:— Zverev ~~has been~~ ^{as} ousted ~~A~~ Minister of Finance - this following the news we had recently about a Soviet economic crisis and a new policy of cutting costs and increasing profits in Communist industry. ^{TP} Today Moscow ~~announced~~ ^{announced} that Kosygin becomes Minister of Finance. ~~He~~ is a member of the ~~Politburo~~ Politburo, ~~and tells the story. The Politburo is~~ the all-powerful group of Kremlin big shots. And when things really need a cleanup in Soviet Russia, a member of the Politburo takes over the job - ~~he~~ ^{that body} having the absolute power. ^{TP} Hence, the Soviet economic crisis, plus the new drive ~~for~~ for cutting costs and boosting profits, can be measured by the fact that a member of the Politburo takes over the job.

POLAND

Several weeks ago, I listened to an address by the exiled leader of the Polish peasant party, Mikolajczyk and heard him tell how he had escaped from his native land, to save his life. ~~He~~ ^{IP} said he realised that, to stay on as leader of the party in opposition to the Communist dictatorship would mean sure death. The proof of that was given today in a dispatch from Warsaw stating that eight of the lesser leaders of Mikolajczyk's peasant party have been condemned by a Red court, six to prison, two condemned to death.

MACARTHUR

Some advice about Japan - and it comes from General MacArthur. He today gave an explanation of his policy of destroying the traditional economic control wielded by old line Japanese industrialists. MacArthur speaks in answer to a charge recently made by Senator Knowland of California, who criticized what he called "socialization" - though its hard to think of Douglas MacArthur as a Socialist.

"The Japanese People," says a letter from the Supreme Commander in Tokyo, "have tasted freedom under the American concept, and they will not willingly return to the shackles of an authoritarian government and economy, or ~~resubmit~~ resubmit otherwise to their discredited masters. If this concentration of economic power is not torn down and redistributed peacefully, and in due order under the occupation", MacArthur goes on, "There is no slightest doubt that ~~next~~ its ~~next~~ cleansing will eventually occur through a blood bath of revolutionary violence."

In that resounding MacArthur prose, the

General says he's not going in for Socialism, but merely trying to tear down Japanese economic feudalism.

MARSHALL PLAN

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has okayed the Marshall Plan, finally and definitely - though with a surprise proviso. The Committee demands that, of the first five-billion, three-hundred-million dollars to be appropriated for European relief - three billions shall come out of the government surplus this year. A surplus of seven-billion, five-hundred-million is expected.

- The Treasury is expected to make a loud protest, wanting to apply all the surplus to the national debt - ²~~using~~ the whole of it to cut down the debt. The viewpoint of the Republican majority is, however, that if they use some of the Treasury surplus to finance the Marshall Plan, prospects will be better for reducing income taxes.

PRICES

Grain prices took another drop today but there was no collapse. Wheat went sliding down by as much as five-and-a-half cents a bushel, and the price of most grains closed lower than yesterday.^R But the trading was steady, no panicky selling - and prices did not hit the bottom permitted by law. So, opinion on the grain ~~exchange~~ exchanges continues to be that the collapse of last week is over, the market ~~is~~ settling down at lower levels.

SPECULATION

A strong denial voiced in Washington - a denial that the grain markets of the nation ^{were} ~~had been~~ rigged. Charges are being made that in the violent ups and ~~down~~ downs of commodity prices, the grain exchanges have connived in fixing things so that speculators could clean up. The denial comes from Richard Uhlmann, President of the Chicago Board of Trade, who today told the Agriculture ^(Committee) ~~Committee~~ of the Senate;- "There could not have been any collusion, *said he,*

At the same time, a spokesman for a farm organization, testifying before the committee, repeated the accusations. He declared that professional speculators, on the inside of the grain exchanges, were using their inside information to play the markets up and down. Still another opinion was given by a witness before the committee who said that the farmers themselves are partly to blame for the price situation, because they've been holding back an abnormally large part of their grain crop.

WOMEN

President Truman today called upon the power of the women - and the ladies are a power indeed, as any husband can tell you when he gets into an argument at home.

The President summons the might of womanhood in the battle against high prices. Opening the conference of women's organizations in Washington, he pictures the housewife as the holder of the family purse strings, and thereby wielding - "The power of the ~~new~~ consumer."

The conference of women's organization is celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the first "Women's ~~convention~~ Rights" convention held at Seneca Falls, New York. There feminist leaders like Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton drew up the famous proclamation demanding women's rights. The document was headed - "A declaration of sentiments," ^{which} ~~that~~ was a good old fashioned phrase of the Nineteen Century. But the sentiments expressed by those pioneer suffragettes were not the kind of sentiment^s you think of in connection with moonlight and roses.

SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS

We hear that the revolting Southern Democrats are going to demand their price, if there is to be peace within the party. Up in arms against President Truman's plan for racial rights, they may insist that President Truman's running mate in the election be a Southerner, a Dixieland Vice Presidential candidate to be picked by the southern leaders. And they may also demand an Attorney General from the South. Such is the Washington word, with a delegation of Southern Governors due in the national capital to confer with Democratic National Chairman McGrath.

ELECTION RESULT

In New York today, Leo Isaacson, candidate of the American Labor Party, ~~and incidentally~~ ~~of Henry A. Wallace~~, won ^{an} ~~a sweeping~~ upset victory over his democratic opponent, Karl Propper. This in the twenty-fourth congressional district of New York's Bronx County, [—] for years a democratic stronghold. On the final returns the A L P man polled twenty-two-thousand, six-hundred-and-ninety-seven votes against twelve-thousand, five-hundred-and-seventy-eight for the Democrat.

So there is glee in the ~~camp of~~ Henry A. Wallace, ^{camp} ~~the wandering Democrat~~ tonight, ^{where they} ~~everyone~~ ^{are} claiming ~~of course~~ that the victory ~~is~~ not only as a repudiation of the Truman administration, but - ~~guess~~ ~~what - well, the supporters of Isaacson and Wallace~~ ~~see their majority~~ as a demonstration of popular support for a ^{Wallace} ~~third~~ third party. In Washington tonight the Democratic National Committee withheld comment on what the U P correspondent terms "this surprising victory," until it has an opportunity to study the vote.

But other people have plenty to say.

ELECTION RESULT - 2

Rep Clarence Brown, Republican of Oregon, Chairman of the Executive committee of the Republican National Committee sees the victory as a demonstration of Wallace's strength within what is normally the Democratic party. Because the Democrats and the American labor party have been electing their candidates in New York ~~thru~~ through a coalition, Brown says this A L P victory makes it quite evident the Democrats have no hope of carrying New York in the Nineteen Forty-eight elections.

Sen. Glen Taylor of Idaho, ^{often mentioned} ~~who has been~~ ^{as} ~~considering~~ running ^{mate on} ~~as Vice President of~~ the Wallace ~~Presidential~~ ticket, terms the Democrat defeat a blow to our ^U "get-tough" foreign policy. "Heartening demonstration that people are going to vote for candidates who lead in trying to get along with ~~Russians~~ Russia" ^{of Idaho} is how Taylor puts it.

Ed Flynn, whose Bronx democratic organization worked for ~~Mr~~ Propper, says the election result shows that the Communist menace in America is much greater than most people thought. "I hope this election will serve as a warning to those who don't exercise their franchise" said he.

ELECTION RESULT - 3

Flynn. He points

~~has pointing out that only~~ ~~more~~ forty-thousand of the
ninety-five thousand registered voters in the district
went to the ~~polls~~ polls today.

HOOVER ELECTION

This being Presidential year, with its national conventions, it's appropriate to have an inside story of something that happened in a previous presidential campaign - a clever trick at the Republican nomination in Nineteen Twenty Eight.

Today Lee Ellmaker, publisher of the Philadelphia Daily News prints a signed article telling about a Pennsylvania political battle that year between the late Senator Vare, Republican Party Chief in ~~Phix~~ Philadelphia, and Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, who was the power in Western Pennsylvania. Mellon, says Ellmaker, wanted President Coolidge to be nominated again, in spite of that famous ~~and~~ Coolidge statement - "I do not choose to run." Senator Vare, opposing Mellon, ^{had his political eye focused} ~~fixed his eye~~ on Herbert Hoover, then Secretary of Commerce.

As the Republican National Convention — gathered in Kansas City, [—] all the nation was looking to Pennsylvania - to see what candidate that ~~powerful~~ powerful state would support. Mellon, arriving in Kansas City,

called a press conference - planning to make a formal declaration in favor of renominating President Coolidge. But Vare pulled a fast one. He waited for the Mellon Press Conference to gather. Then just before Mellon appeared to make his declaration, a Vare statement was given to the assembled newsmen - the Pennsylvania Senator coming out for Hoover. The result was a stampede - with two hundred newsmen dashing to get the story on the wire. As a result, when Secretary of the Treasury Mellon entered to give his own statement to his own press conference, nobody was there. The Senator had beaten him to it. Mellon had lost his own spotlight, - and, Herbert Hoover was nominated.

Yes, there sure are a lot of dodges in politics - ^{--and no doubt} ~~and~~ we'll be seeing a few ^{more} ~~^~~ this year.

BABY SITTER

The Chicago police are looking for a baby sitter - though not to mind Junior. The story goes like this: last year an Illinois court decision brought about the release of Charles Hanson, seventy-five year old, who had served thirty-nine years in prison for killing a policeman back in Nineteen Six. But the appeal that set him free has now been reversed, and the veteran convict has been ordered back to jail.

P The higher court issued that order today; - x but, where was Hanson to be found?

 { The last seen of him was a year ago, when he was turned loose. He was offered a job, but said - no. He explained it wasn't the kind of profession he wanted - he intended to become a ~~xxx~~ baby sitter. So he went his way to pursue that ambition - and now you know why, tonight the Chicago police are looking x for a baby sitter.

SMART BOY

From Burley, Idaho, a story of how an eight year old boy performed ~~an almost incredible~~^a feat, showing, resources^{fulness,} courage, and coolness in a ~~desperate~~["] emergency.

8yr. old Roy Grimrod was playing on a sage and lava flat at Paul, Idaho, near the spot where his father and elder brother, assisted by a friend, were sinking an oil well. Suddenly there was an explosion, and, cries of pain, as flames shot ~~from~~^{from} the mouth of the well. Grimrod Senior had accidentally exploded the gasoline he was using for illumination. He, his elder son Kenneth, and ~~Paul~~ Paul Chesley, the friend, were all blinded by the flames, and in great pain. The nearest hope of medical help twelve miles away - and only eight year old Roy could see.

"I'm going to drive you, Dad" the youngster told his father, as he calmly lead the three, who could not see, to the Grimrod automobile. Then, sitting on his father's knee, his Dad working the gears and the accelerator, this eight year old

youngster drove off over the sage brush wastes, through piled snowdrifts, along icy trails, till he reached the highway, where going was easier. There he signalled a passing car for help, and ~~the~~ the three injured were taken to the general ~~hospital~~ hospital at Burley for treatment.

"Aw shucks, it wasn't anything" Roy, who had never driven a car before, told the newsmen. "I just steered the ole car, that's all". Good steering at the right time, Roy.

MYSTERY NOTE

Word from Hollywood ~~today~~ gives details in a weird mystery, and ~~a~~ develops a theme of surprise - a surprise that hit the police. They ^{were in the} ~~are in~~ process of reading an ^{on} ~~an~~ymous letter, which related a shocker of melodrama. It sounded like something from a crank. The raving of a disordered imagination - and then what happened?

The anonymous individual stated that recently he was approached by a racketeer who said he wanted to buy a home in the Hillside section, but couldn't - because of his bad name. The racketeer wanted to engage somebody to front for him in the ~~the~~ purchase of a home, and the writer of the letter undertook the assignment. He says he went to a woman real estate agent, a Mrs. Gladys Kern, and arranged for himself and the racketeer to be shown a suitable piece of real estate. They drove to the place in question - and, when they got there, the racketeer and Mrs. Kern went into the house.

The anonymous letter writer says he waited outside, waited for some time, then grew impatient and

went into the house. There, in the kitchen he found the racketeer leaning over the body of the woman real estate dealer, who had been stabbed to death.

The racketeer turned on him with ~~an~~ a pistol, tied him up, and shoved the woman's purse into his ^{pocket.} ~~purse~~. So he was left there -- the racketeer ^(putting him) in such position as to indicate that he was the murderer, who had tied himself up to avert suspicion. The anonymous letter concluded: "I must find this man. He is my only alibi."

This, naturally, ^{enough,} ~~enough,~~ was a little thick for the cops - this melodrama of the man who must find the murderer to clear himself. You can imagine their comments about such crackpot nonsense. However, just as they were reading the note, the word came of the finding of the body of the real estate woman, Mrs. Gladys Kern - murdered exactly as described in the letter. That was the surprise shocker for the police, and tonight they are trying to find (A) the writer of the letter, and (B) the racketeer described in it.

There comes a time to every one of us when we feel impelled to come forward with humble and abject apology -- beat our breast, strew ashes on our head. So that's what I am doing tonight - not only because of the enormity of an offense I have committed; also because of the heart breaking accents of the complaint I received.

I have a letter here from James M. Watson, who writes as follows:

"Sir: When I first journeyed from the fastness of Idaho to the East - even as far as ~~Chix~~ Chicago - I discovered, that I lived in a modern Shangri-La. No one would admit that such a place existed. When I related that I came from Idaho the letter continued "They first assumed ~~thxxxx~~ that I had said - Ohio. The repetition brought out the impression I had said - Iowa. No amount of argument would convince them that Idaho was a place to come from."

~~With this pathetic beginning,~~ ^{Then} James M. Watson, from the state of beautiful mountains and big potatoes, reproaches me for a mistake I made the other

nitht -- in telling of something that happened in the town of Gooding. "Sir" he says in tragic accents, "you stole twenty-five hundred souls and God knows how many potatoes -- and put them in Iowa."

~~The letter concludes gaily:~~ "A few more
he adds
mistakes like this, "and I will be forced to agree with Colonel McCormick - that we can do without you
(But I'm a westerner, Jim!). And now let's Easterners." ~~Well, rather than have that happen, I not~~
~~only apologize, but also arise~~ *arise* ~~and~~ sing - There will always be an Idaho..

And now, what will you do?

TOKYO BACHELOR

Ichiro Akimoto, aged sixty- put an advertisement in a Tokyo paper, for a bride, and was swamped with proposals. More than twenty-one hundred women willing to marry him.

But Akimoto, it seems, can't make up his mind, so he has asked the newspaper to help him solve the problem of whether to marry a fifty-five year old widow with half a million yen in the bank or a nineteen year old Geisha girl with a lovely voice and a yen to become Mrs. Akimoto.

Which merely proves that, all over the world, men have their problems. What's your's Nelson?