

SLAUGHTER

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One Democrat ^{today is!} ~~blaming~~ everything upon National Chairman Bob Hannegan. Congressman Roger Slaughter, purged in the Missouri Primaries, ^{has} put out a three page statement urging the President to fire Hannegan from the Cabinet, and, ~~to~~ request his resignation as National Chairman.

"Hannegan and ruin," said Slaughter, "have been synonymous in Democratic affairs in Missouri. He has brought the Democratic Party in Missouri to the lowest ebb it has ever experienced," said ^{he.} ~~Slaughter~~.

For the first time since the Reconstruction Period, there will be two Republican Senators from the "show-me" State. And, by the way, the purging of Slaughter cost the Democrats that seat. The man who won the Primaries ^{and} was backed by the President, by the Pendergast Kansas Machine, and by the C.I.O. - P.A.C., lost out to Albert Reeves, Jr., a Republican. This happened in a district which had been Democratic for decades.

As for the P.A.C., what does it ^{say today?} ~~do~~ Its Leaders had claimed to be able to swing the decisive vote in the election of at least one hundred Congressmen.

Their Candidates lost out by a shift of only two to five per cent of the voters in certain districts. But this won't happen again, say the leaders of the Political Action Committee. ^{They announce that} they are already starting a program to turn the pendulum the other way, to secure the election of a pro-labor President in Nineteen Forty-Eight. There will be a meeting tomorrow of C.I.O. and ^{some others,} ~~Progressive~~ ^{To} ~~Leaders~~ in Washington. ^{they will} formulate plans for closer cooperation between the C.I.O. and the so-called liberal groups.

But while the P.A.C. was making these plans one of the top ranking C.I.O. Leaders reported a program to drive ~~out~~ the Communist element ^{out of} ~~from~~ the C.I.O. before the Nineteen Forty-Eight campaign, or at least to muzzle it. This ^{with} ~~has~~ the backing of Phil ~~Sp~~ Murray, President of the C.I.O., who is a Roman Catholic and ^{therefore no} ~~consequently cannot~~ ~~be~~ Communist. It is reported ~~a~~ that, at the next C.I.O. Convention ^{Murray} ~~he~~ will deliver an anti-Communist speech more biting than any he has yet uttered.

ELECTION

Republican Leaders today began to face the responsibilities of their victory by making plans to organize Congress. Most of them agreed that Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, Dean of the Republicans in the Upper House, will be President of the Senate and also have the Chairmanship of the important foreign Relations Committee. Senator Vandenberg today received congratulations from the President Pro-Tem of the Senate, Senator McKellar of Tennessee, who prophesied that Republican Vandenberg will make a fine presiding officer.

Taft of Ohio presumably will be majority leader of the Senate. Senator Taft says he hopes to cut thirteen billion dollars off Uncle Sam's expenses next year, -- and, reduce income taxes by twenty per cent. Representative Knutson of Minnesota, next Chairman of Ways and Means Committee has the same idea. In fact, these two G.O.P. Leaders are even talking about such an incredible miracle as a balanced budget, something some of us feared we'd never see again.

Senator Taft lost no time in denying the

Democratic Campaign charges that a Republican victory would mean a turn back to reaction. He assures us that the Republicans will not put an end to social services, nor to federal expenditures for social services. "But," ~~xi~~ said he, "with a twenty-five billion dollars budge, we cannot do too much."

Senator Taft himself will offer a bill to provide medical aid on a federal scale. This to cost two hundred and fifty million dollars which is quite a contrast to the bill offered by Senators Murray and Wagner and supported by the White House, which would cost the taxpayers between five and six billion, and said Taft, would mean complete socialization.

Democratic leaders including the Secretary of the Treasury, have repeatedly told us that the country can not afford to reduce taxes, now. But Senator Taft, in Chicago today, insisted that the Republicans intend to reduce the Federal budget within two years -- ~~xi~~ reduce it to no more than twenty-five billion dollars. And that would be eighteen billions

below the present budget. Which would mean a tremendous reduction in taxes. At the same time, Taft declined to say that this year's taxes are too high. He pointed out that our present high taxes now take more than fifty billion dollars a year out of our income; one-third of the national income.

In reducing federal expenditures, Senator Taft says he doesn't propose to include any further reduction of our occupation forces abroad.

One thing of which we can be sure is that ~~that~~ the Republicans will wipe out, or at any rate reduce, many of the federal controls that still hold over from the war. Apparently with no opposition from the Democrats. In fact one Democratic Senator came out today with a demand that President Truman call a special session of Congress, immediately, to get rid of all war emergency agencies. This from Senator Chavez of New Mexico, who just squeezed through in a hard fight to hold his seat. He finally seems to have won out over Former Secretary of War Pat Hurley.

President Truman hasn't yet declared the recent world war over. And that has enabled him to retain the special powers that were given to President Roosevelt. Congress, can if it chooses revoke those powers and declare the war over.

Taft also made the remark today that is being made by all the Republicans, that the people, on election day, voted as they did because they are tired of having federal controls over their daily lives. He went on to say that some control of credit is useful in fighting against inflation or deflation." And, in this connection he remarked that we ~~ixix~~ must get busy and do something about the cyclical recurrence of depressions."

~~President~~ ^{Mr.} Truman back at the White House -- still has no comment to make on the suggestion from

Democrat Senator Fulbright that he appoint a Republican as Secretary of State and then that ~~the~~ ^{President} Truman himself

~~shall~~ resign. I wonder if anyone takes the idea seriously? ^{One of the leading} ~~the New York Sun~~ ^{of the country,} a Republican paper today

described the Fulbright suggestion as fantastic.

About the only other Republican comment came from Representative Charlie Halleck of Indiana, who said the idea was un-American; that we don't choose our Presidents by subterfuge. Mebbe so, ~~mebbe so~~. But we do want efficient and responsible government. And can we get it with one party in control of the executive branch of our government and the other party in control of the legislative? Even if both sides are bursting with good will. The point is, who is going to accept the responsibility?

ADD ELECTION

Some southerners - a few, seem worried.

For instance, Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia believes that Anti-Lynch laws will be pushed through Congress. ~~and that the South will become the whipping boy of the country.~~ And ~~Virginus Dabney, Editor of the Richmond, Virginia Times Dispatch says it looks as though the South will be in the political doghouse,~~

But, many other southern leaders, ^{Governors} including various ~~Governors~~ were less pessimistic. They opined that the Republicans ^{will be much} ~~would be~~ too busy trying to maintain harmony, ~~and too~~ busy preparing for the Nineteen Forty-eight elections, ~~to give the South any rough handling.~~

Our delegation to the U N today submitted a program for trusteeship of the Islands once mandated to the Japanese. At the same time, it was made quite clear that no matter what action the U N takes, Uncle Sam intends to hold those islands.

Mr John Foster Dulles, American member of the Trusteeship Committee, was the official spokesman. When newspapermen asked him: supposing the United Nations Assembly rejects Uncle Sam's proposal of trusteeship, what then? ^{Dulles} /Replied: "The territory will continue in de-facto control of the present administrative body". Meaning we'll hold the islands whether or no.

~~According to the draft for ~~trusteeship~~, the United States will have the right to maintain Army and Navy bases on the islands, and close off part or all of them, at any time.~~ The only difference between ^{our} ~~the~~ Trusteeship proposal and outright annexation, being that trusteeship ^{will} guarantees the inhabitants of the islands certain political and social independence.

PEPPER

One of the minor results of the war has been the shortage of pepper. It took a food inspector of the State of Georgia to discover that some enterprising souls have been putting out a phoney pepper like the German ersatz papper. Agents of the Georgia Government noticed big signs at stores advertising pure black pepper. Now, they knew there was actually no pepper on the market, at any rate in Georgia. So the inspectors investigated.

They found it to be made of ~~fifty per cent~~ salt, cornstarch, ^{and} cotton-seed hulls, flavored with a tiny dash of oil of pepper. The Georgia food inspectors promptly confiscated all the cases they could find, and will burn them in the incinerators.

COLORADO

It all happened in Colorado. The forces of law getting their men in a pre-dawn raid, just like in the movies.

F B I men and a sheriff's posse surrounded a cabin in the Colorado ~~ix~~ wilds, creeping through underbrush and deep snow, partially obscured in the early dawn by a blinding blizzard. Flattening themselves against the cabin wall they covered the door and all the windows with their automatics and sub-machine guns. Then they kicked in the cabin door.

The F B I men carried in their pockets charges of kidnapping, brought by a Virginia taxi driver. The F B I had trailed their men across the continent -- from Virginia to Colorado. A dramatic chase that began on October twenty-seventh when cab driver Harold Crawford reported he had been robbed of three hundred and forty-seven dollars in cash at Jewell Valley, Virginia, kidnapped and taken to West Virginia.

And now Ernest Short and Edward Hillyer, are

on their way back to West Virginia ~~right~~ to face
federal trial for kidnapping.

AGED EDITOR

For the first Thursday in thirty-eight years. George E. Gee, of Powers Lake. North Dakota failed to put the "Powers Lake Herald" to bed tonight. Nor did he lock up the matrixes and start the presses rolling. For George Gee, the nation's oldest active newspaper ~~man~~ editor, has turned his newspaper over to his grand-daughter.

But the two-hundred pound editor and printer, who has been handling type for eighty-two years, isn't through yet. He says he'll be around to give advice, for many many years.

PUSH BUTTON WAR

Now about that bug-a-boo of "push-button" warfare, with the next war a nightmare of death-dealing rockets and radio-controlled missiles filling the skies. Well, it won't happen that way - not for a long time. So said John Northrop in Los Angeles tonight. And Northrop, President of the Aircraft Company which bears his name, is regarded as one of the farsighted men of the aircraft industry. The Northrop organization has already built the "Flying Wing" the P-Seventy-Nine "Flying Ram" pursuit ship, and other unconventional aircraft besides pioneering in the manufacture of guided missiles.

According to Northrop, the era of "push-button" warfare is still far, far in the future. "The United States has no effective long range guided missiles" he tells us, "and has only gone a short way in developing short range ones. It will be two to five years before we have guided missiles worthy of the name."

Should any war come within the next decade,

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Northrop feels that it will be won by bombers now built or building.

The main problem of guided missiles right now, is -- well, it's guiding them. Radar control is effective, only up to two hundred miles. Radio control is unreliable over long distances and if mother planes are going to accompany the missiles, then they might just as well carry the bombs.

PLANES

The Army Air Force got itself a new record today. The good ship Pacusan Dreamboat flew from Seattle, Washington to Miami in eight-hours-and-thirty-four minutes. The distance, three-thousand,-a-hundred-and-fifty-miles; non-stop.

Even more interesting is a flight achieved at Danbury, Connecticut. A flying motor car took off from the ground and cruised over Danbury at a hundred and twenty miles an hour, for upwards of half an hour. The name of the man who developed this new though long promised departure in aircraft, has an appropriate historic ring:- Robert Fulton, Jr., descendant of the man who invented the first American steamboat.

The car is an aluminum bodied convertible. It has already gone some four thousand miles on the road. Fulton drove it to the airport, locked wings and fuselage onto it, also a three bladed propeller. That three-bladed propeller pulled it into the air after a run of only four hundred feet, and everything went as smoothly as you could ask.

When he finished cruising, he brought his craft down to a four-point four-wheel landing, taxied to the side of the airport, disconnected two locks while sitting in the driver's seat, and the ~~wings~~ wings and fuselage came off in one piece.

With the turn of another lock, the propeller came off. Whereupon, Robert Fulton drove off to his office.

The wings and fuselage unit - that part of it has three wheels of its own and can be parked at the airport. Fulton says the design has been made so simple even a woman can take it apart and put it together - for either flight or road purposes.

And why shouldn't a woman be able to do it - if a mere man can? The body is lighter than a Ford, with seat space for two people, rear wheel drive, and practically unlimited road speed so we hear. The inventor ~~estimates~~ estimates that in the air it can travel four hundred miles on thirty gallons of gas.-

on Dynafuel, ~~which~~ Hugh Nelson, can we sell you an automobile with wings?

JUGOSLAVS

It did not take the Italian Government long to reject Yugoslav Marshal Tito's offer for a horse trade, Gorizia for Trieste. Nothing doing on that, replied ⁵ ~~the~~ ~~Cabinet~~ Rome. But, the fact that the Jugoslavs made the offer, ^{that's a} ~~is in itself~~ ^{sign.} ~~It~~ ^{may} open up prospects for negotiations, ~~on a different basis.~~ ^{TR} Gorizia, ~~however,~~ is an integral part of Italian territory and has been so recognized unanimously by the Big Four Foreign Ministers.

^{TR} Italian Foreign Minister Nenni said that if Tito desires to examine all problems between Italy and Jugoslavia in conjunction with general peace negotiations, Italy is favorably inclined to negotiate directly with Jugoslavia in the hope of an understanding and a lasting peace, to be guaranteed by the Allied Nations.

~~Of course,~~ Tito's offer had its ironic side. He was offering to trade nothing for something, something which he has not got, [^] naming Trieste, for Gorizia, which is definitely Italian. But, the idea seems to be that if a Communist offers a compromise of any kind, that's news.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Byrnes had a

long, earnest and private conversation in New York with the Foreign Minister of Jugoslavia. This provoked the hope that the Big Four might soon be able to break their deadlock. Byrnes has been ^snubbing the Jugoslavs for months, politely declining to have anything to do with them until they change their tune and attitude. But today he received not only the Foreign Minister, but also the Yugoslav Ambassador to Washington.

RUSSIA

The world today again heard the word "Democratic" repeated and emphasized, by Moscow. This from Red Army Marshal Govorov, who during the war was called the hero of Leningrad. His is the third statement on Soviet policy within twenty-four hours. The Red Marshal said & that the Soviet State is tirelessly defending the principle of honest cooperation between nations and fighting ceaselessly for a solid and responsible democratic foundation.

Democratic foundation! -- One Soviet spokesman after another has been talking about Democracy in the last year as though the Soviet version of Democracy were the only true version.

And, he went on to say that the Soviet Union has the support of the wide masses of people throughout the world.

"Despite the efforts made by international reaction, "The Democratic world must conquer." Those were the Red Marshal's words.

At the same time he advocated "tightening

military discipline and guarding the borders of the Soviet Union."

GERMANS

The German Zone occupied by the British is in a bad way. A dispatch from London reports that if something is not done about it, and ~~that~~ immediately, the Germans there are in for a winter of hunger and disease.

~~The General in command is~~ Air Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas ~~He~~ flew to London today to make a personal plea to Prime Minister Attlee. The report is that he wants Attlee to ask Uncle Sam for help, as usual. The food situation in the British Zone ^{he says} is far more serious than in the ^{American Zone.} ~~part occupied by our own troops.~~