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President Truman rose to a climax today - in the business of keeping 'em guessing. He held a news conference, and the talk was nothing but -- politics. Hitherto, the question has been - will he or will he not? ~~run for President?~~ But tonight, it's a three-way guess - will he run for President, or for Senator from Missouri, or neither? ~~one?~~ That's what the reporters were able to accomplish with all their quizzing - making the puzzle more complicated.

The President stated that he'll make his decision public before April twenty-ninth, which is the closing day for the Missouri primary. But why the Missouri deadline? ~~with well.~~ Of course, it could be that famous Truman loyalty to Missouri.

But, on the other hand, a prominent Missouri politician has spoken up - urging the President to retire ~~in~~ from the White House, and go back to the Senate, where he served for ten years. Today the President kept 'em guessing ~~on~~ on that one. But, if he has any notion of running for the Senate, he'd have to

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file in the Missouri primary. So the only real meaning  
of the Missouri deadline is to make it a three-way  
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~~General Douglas MacArthur has a lot of will power, but he has to deal with a really stubborn citizen - Lar Daly, a Chicago business man, Today, the General withdrew from the Illinois Republican Primary. But that doesn't count - not with Lar Daly.~~

*is* ~~now~~ a number one MacArthur booster, who put the General's name in the <sup>Illinois</sup> primary - without the General's consent. MacArthur declared himself out - but that didn't count, not with Lar Daly.

On Tuesday, the General sent a telegram to Illinois primary officials, demanding that his name be taken off the ballot. The officials replied that - they'd have to have a written statement, attested by a notary. The General went ahead and sent a written statement, with his own signature and a notary's official seal. Today the primary people obliged - and removed the General's name.

But that doesn't count with Lar Daly either.

He declares that he's taking the case to the Illinois Supreme Court. He finds a legal technicality - which, he claims, will keep MacArthur in the primary,

no matter what the General says.

His plan is to produce a "draft" which MacArthur will be unable to ignore. Well, it's hard to ignore Lar Daly - one stubborn citizen.

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KOREA-TRUCE

The word still persists that, in Korea, the Allies are getting ready for new concessions in the truce talks. One sign being -- a new negotiator.

Major General W. K. Harrison, Deputy Commander of the Eighth Army, takes the place of Major General Claud Ferenbaugh. In Korea they say - "fireball" Ferenbaugh. Because of his outspoken way with Red negotiators. The belief is that General Harrison will use a more tactful diplomatic approach - not so fiery as "fireball" Ferenbaugh.

Another sign - a repetition today of yesterday's offer of a compromise on the subject of Red airfields. Today, for a second time, the U N Truce team indicated that they would be satisfied with a simple promise that the Communists, during an armistice, would not build up air power on flying fields in Red Korea. But, once again, they got no answer from the Reds.

Deadlock as tight as ever, ~~as the dispatches keep on intimating that new concessions are being~~

## JAPAN

Japan is resuming diplomatic relations with the Vatican - so announced in Rome tonight. Relations ended seven years ago, upon the surrender of Japan - when the conquered country ceased to be a sovereign power. But now the peace treaty restores to Japan the full privileges of diplomacy - and relations with the Vatican are immediately restored.



PHILIPPINES

( Manila reports a drive against the Huks. Today government troops were closing in on a stronghold of the Communist rebels ) - in the mountains only five miles from Clark Field, the U.S. Airbase on Luzon.

The drive was timed with reports of a top level meeting of Huk leaders, conferring in their mountain hideout. The plan is to surround the Communist headquarters, before the leaders can get away -- thereby seizing the high command of the Huk <sup>Balahara</sup> in one fell swoop.

That was the hope, as the drive today made swift progress -- spearheaded by Philippine combat veterans from Korea.

From the Himalayan land of Nepal, <sup>more</sup> strange news of a revolt - an insurrection that swept the capital city of Khatmandu; But - was quickly suppressed.

Recently, Nepal overthrew the power of the great Rana Family, which had been in control for more ~~the~~ than a century. A liberal government was installed - and you might suppose the trouble was the doing of the ousted clan of Rana. But not at all. The revolt was instigated by a Dr. Singh, who figured in the downfall of the Ranas. ~~He~~ <sup>Dr</sup> turned against the new government, <sup>he</sup> ~~and~~ today led a revolt of the Raksha Dal, a sort of Nepalese Militia.

This Dr. Singh was in jail. The prison guards - a detachment of the Raksha Dal. That outfit of Militia was used to guard all the government buildings. So the prisoner converted his jailers - and they, in turn, talked other units of the Raksha Dal into joining an insurrection.

Today, suddenly, the jailers freed their prisoner, and marched under his leadership. At the same time, other detachments of the Raksha Dal, guarding

public buildings, captured headquarters of the Ministry, the arsenal, the radio station, and the airport at Khatmandu.

So it looked like a clean sweep; but, the Raksha Dal Militia forgot about the regular army. Government soldiers rallied against the revolt - which immediately collapsed, after so much initial success.

So we hear from Khatmandu, which states that the rebel chieftain is a fugitive - the prisoner who talked his jailers into a conspiracy to overthrow the government.

Today, flashing scenes were witnessed at the Cap Bon Peninsula, the tip of Tunisia that reaches north into the Mediterranean -- and it may be that a French garrison there was relieved without firing a shot.

Riot and disorder have been spreading in that North African land -- native mobs in revolt against the French. The news today tells of clashes in half a dozen places, but the focus of interest is Cap Bon.

There, a French detachment occupying a military post, was assailed by swarms of white robed insurgents, who attacked with -- dynamite. The garrison radioed a frantic message -- "send tanks, planes!"

Well, the planes got there first, and they were jets -- vampire jets of British model. They came roaring through the sky, and down they streaked with a whistling roar of jet. Making passes at the Moslem swarm besieging the garrison post. The latest news describes the white robed assailants fleeing in panic. Although, we hear, the diving planes did not fire a shot, ~~They~~ merely made passes, the Moslems thrown into a panic by

the terrifying swoop of jet.

Well, that headland called Cap Bon has witnessed many a strange scene, ever since Carthagian and Roman days. In the second World War, the peninsula saw the last stand of Rommel's Afrika Korps, the remnants of which were cornered and captured at Cap Bon. Today, the Moslems fleeing from the mere speed and roar of jet.

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~~A late dispatch states that~~ (Alger Hiss has  
appealed for a third trial.) Today, his lawyers declared  
that new evidence has been uncovered - bearing on  
the conviction of the former State Department official,  
~~in connection with Soviet espionage.~~

The principal item of new evidence they  
cite, concerns - the ~~the~~ typewriter. Whittaker Chambers  
declared that espionage documents were copied on an  
old Woodstock typewriter belonging to Hiss. Which  
machine Hiss gave later to former servants, An old  
Woodstock typewriter was found in their possession -  
and the type corresponded with the typing in the  
espionage papers that chambers produced, "the pumpkin  
papers."

Found guilty. (Hiss ~~declared~~ <sup>insisted</sup> that Chambers  
had committed forgery - by typewriter. So now his  
lawyers ~~declare~~ <sup>say</sup> that a New York typewriter expert  
has built them a machine with type that no expert could  
tell from the typing of the Woodstock machine in the  
trial. ~~Which~~ Which they intimate, indicates that

Whittaker Chambers could have planted the typewriter.

The gist is that, if you can make machines with

identical type, forgery by typewriter is possible. ( )

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CYANIDE

The New Jersey police are staging a hunt for something as dangerous as you could imagine - two barrels of potassium cyanide, which were lost from a truck on its way from Newark to a plant on Raritan Bay.

The truck was carrying a load of the deadly poison, used in the chemical industry - and two one-hundred-pound barrels fell off. Somewhere - between Rahway and Raritan.

When that was discovered, there was a frantic search along the highway - but no sign of the two white, bulky drums. Maybe somebody spotted them and took them off, though they were plainly marked - poison.

Poison is the word - the deadliest. The warning is that anybody opening one of those barrels - might be killed by the fumes <sup>alone.</sup> ~~of cyanide.~~



## MURDER

At Sacramento, California, a weird story of wanton murder. A Mexican ex-convict testified that he killed nine men in the hoboe jungle--robbing them of sums of money ranginf from five cents to twenty-four dollars in all. The confessed murderer, Gomez by name, made a cool complete statement of today of the series of brutal crimes.

## WEST POINT

West Point announces that Earl Blake will remain as football coach for the army- and athletic director.. There have been persistent rumors that Blake would step out after the cribbing scandal, which brought about the expulsion of most of his mighty football team. Furthuremore, the game is being sharply de-emphasized at the military academy. Tonight, however, the West Point Syperintendent, General Irving, announced- Earl Blake will stay on.

## COUNTERFEIT

From St. Louis, the sad story of a man who tried to be a crook - and it really was pathetic. Today the police arrested Courtney Mead Button, - a former commercial artist who thought he'd be a counterfeiter.

Four years ago, using his cleverness and skill as an artist, he engraved a plate for ten dollar bills and printed - just one. Which he tried to pass. In his car, he drove to a gasoline station, and handed the phoney money to an attendant, who took a look at the counterfeit and handed it back - suspicious. This frightened the would-be crook so badly - that he stepped on the gas, and drove out of there <sup>in a hurry,</sup> ~~as fast as he could.~~

So scared, in fact, that he decided he wasn't meant to be a counterfeiter at all. He never printed another ten spot. Instead, he went to work as a vacuum cleaner salesman.

He did all right at that for four years, but Nemesis caught up with him - all because of that unlucky ten dollar <sup>counterfeit.</sup> The gasoline station attendant had reported to the Secret Service which worked on the case for four

years. Today in St. Louis, Nelson, they arrested the man who thought he was enough of an artist to make money.