

STRIKES

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John L. Lewis may be ready to call off that coal mine strike scheduled to far Sunday midnight. No details announced, but a report says that Lewis and the mine operators are near an agreement.

The New York Central Railroad escapes a strike. The Railroad Brotherhoods were threatening to tie up commuter service around New York City; but after four days of negotiations between Railroad and Unions, a joint statement indicates differences all ironed out.

STEVENSON

Governor Stevenson <sup>again</sup> defends himself ~~once more~~ against the ~~Republican~~ charge - that he is too much of a humorist.

Last week General Eisenhower said that the Democratic nominee was amused by problems facing this country, which are not at all funny. Like inflation and the Communist menace.

Speaking today in Springfield, Massachusetts, Stevenson replied that some of America's greatest leaders maintained a sense of humor in the midst of their political economic problems. He mentioned Al Smith, to whom F.D.R. gave the title - "The Happy Warrior." The Governor went back to the most famous humorist among our Presidents - Abe Lincoln. He noted that during the Civil War, Lincoln said of humor, "If it were not for this occasional vent, I should die."

( Stevenson criticized Ike for choosing Oliver Cromwell as model for the leader of a crusade. Cromwell, the Democratic nominee pointed out, never cracked a joke. But the Puritan rebel was guilty of persecution in Ireland, and of tyranny in England.)

After saying all this, <sup>Gov.</sup> Stevenson went back to the issues. <sup>He again</sup> ~~He~~ attacked Ike ~~again~~ for what he terms, giving way to Senator Taft; That meeting between the General and the Senator at Columbia University. - Stevenson calls it a "Munich, ~~which has been aptly termed~~ Unconditional Surrender on Morningside Heights."

<sup>He again</sup> ~~He~~ brought up the old Democratic charge that Ike is a captive of the Old Guard Republicans. <sup>While</sup> ~~And~~ Stevenson says that he himself is no captive of anyone, ~~in the Democratic Party.~~ He promises that, if elected, he will be a real President - not merely a front-man for the bureaucrats.)

## SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Democrats are feuding over the election. Governor Byrned recently announced that he would vote the Republican ticket in November. He said that the election of Governor Stevenson would only mean more of the Truman Administration - and he doesn't want any more of that administration.

Today Senator Olin Johnston refused to join with Byrnes in supporting Ike. Senator Johnston will vote for the Democratic nominee.

All of which is ironic, because in nineteen forty-eight Senator Johnston opposed President Truman. At that time the Senator broke with the Administration over the Civil Rights issue. He was one of the leaders of the Dixicrat rebellion. He even refused to attend a dinner at which Mr. Truman spoke.

Now, four years later, Senator Johnston is back on the Democratic band-wagon, and the Governor of his state who was Mr. Truman's Sec. of State is going to vote for Ke.

ADD SOUTH CAROLINA

by the way,  
Governor Byrnes, denies that he is quitting the

Democratic Party. He says that he will vote for Eisenhower

on an independent slate. ~~In his own words,~~ <sup>he put it this way!</sup> "I never had any

intention of voting for the Republican electors." My status is

the same as the status of more than fifty thousand South

Carolinians who signed the Independent Eisenhower petitions."

## NIXON

General Eisenhower today issued a statement about his running mate, Senator Nixon. The Democrats have been attacking Nixon because some Californians donated money to help the Senator meet expenses.

Ike says Senator Nixon's behavior has been completely honest - exemplary! The two haven't talked about it because the Senator is in California; General Ike campaigning in the Midwest. But, says Ike: "I am confident that he will place all the facts before the American people fairly and squarely."

Meanwhile Senator Karl Mundt, of South Dakota, calls the charge against Nixon - "smear tactics" by Left-Wingers and fellow travelers.

Vice President Candidate Nixon has already said that the money went to pay expenses that otherwise would have fallen on the American taxpayer.

This draws a retort from Democratic National Chairman, Stephen Mitchell. Says he: "If a fellow can't

afford to be a Senator, he shouldn't seek the office!"

Which is rather a curious statement. For it all office-holders adhered to that idea it would mean government by the wealthy - an aristocracy of those who could afford to hold office because of their private means. Which was the system practiced in Britain back in the Eighteenth Century. So the words of the Democratic National Chairman sound more aristocratic than democratic.

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Just off the wire - word that Governor Steve - does not want Senator Nixon condemned in the press before all the facts are known.

Substitute CHARLIE CHAPLIN and MOSCOW EMBASSY

Today, Attorney-General, James McGranery, ordered immigration authorities to bar Charlie Chaplin from re-entering the United States, until he has been investigated

Last Wednesday, Chaplin, who has always remained a British subject, sailed for Europe. His wife and children with him. Mrs. Chaplin is, of course, Oona O'Neill, daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill.

Attorney-General McGranery has given no reason for the order, but Immigration Law provides for the investigation of aliens who return here after going abroad. And Chaplin has often been accused of extreme left-wing sympathy. In 1949, Senator Cain of Washington charged that Chaplin's public utterances were apologies for Stalin.

The actor's attorney predicts that Chaplin will hasten back for the immigration hearings.



## KOREA FIGHTING

Ground fighting in Korea has erupted into a savage hand-to-hand struggle. And at the moment the Reds appear to have the best of it.

The Chinese hurled a ferocious attack against "Kelly Hill," cutting to pieces a Puerto Rican unit which had been ordered to hold the position to the last man. They broke into foxholes and bunkers, using bayonets filed to razor-sharpness. A Puerto Rican private - veteran - said it was the toughest battle he has been in.

The Chinese also attacked a hill called "Old Baldy" where the U.N. defenders fell back. So now the Reds are in possession of "Kelly Hill" and "Old Baldy," with our forces pouring napalm, high-explosive bombs, and artillery shells down upon them.

## STALIN

Stalin is pleased with the Korean War. This is disclosed by British Socialist leader, Richard Crossman. Crossman got the information from Italian left-winger, Pietro Nenni, a well-known Soviet sympathizer.

According to Crossman, Stalin told Nenni in an interview, that the Korean War has swung sentiment in Asia against America, and has tied up half of our army.

Nenni also describes Stalin as anxious to avoid a shooting war with the West. But at the same time the Soviet dictator is prepared to carry on the Cold War for ten or fifteen years. <sup>Read -</sup> He thinks that Russia can keep pace with America in an armament race. *Now does he intend to* ~~and he will not~~ give up any of the captive lands in East Europe.

HATE AMERICA - FOLLOW STALIN

Meanwhile, U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, George Kennan, reports that the Russians are continuing their "hate America" campaign. Some time ago <sup>Geo.</sup> Kennan protested to the Kremlin against <sup>all</sup> the vilification of America. But, says the Ambassador, the Soviet Government is still telling its people to "hate America", <sup>— hate this</sup> ~~as the~~ land of capitalistic warmongers.

<sup>Amboss</sup> Kennan describes the atmosphere toward Western diplomats in Moscow as "icy cold." He adds that the diplomats are completely isolated. No Russian will carry on a casual conversation with a Westerner. And the Ambassador's own servants are not permitted to talk to him except on business.

## MOSCOW EMBASSY

Recently Moscow asked us to move our Ambassador and his staff from the building they have long occupied near the Kremlin. The Russians said they wanted it for use by the University of Moscow. Now we hear the new American Embassy will be on Tchaikovsky Street - over near Rebellion Square. Anyhow its an address to remind our diplomats - and all of us - of the old Russia and the new - Tchaikovsky Street, named for the famous composer of sad lyrical music. Also Rebellion Square, will remind us of how the Revolutionary swept Tchaikovsky's Russia away!

## BRITISH ORCHID

*Here's a story with*  
~~This~~ story ~~has~~ Russians, orchids and British tyrants all mixed together.

Peter Black runs a plant nursery in Britain. During World War Two he developed a purple orchid. And he called it the "STALIN ORCHID," in honor of Britain's ally.

Then the shooting war ended, and the cold war began. *est, including people* The Soviet dictator ~~became~~ <sup>coming</sup> a menace to ~~the~~ <sup>all the</sup> Britain. So Peter Black decided to change the name of the orchid he had developed.

But here he ran full tilt into British tyranny. The botanical authorities ruled that he has no freedom to change the name of his flower. He called it the STALIN ORCHID originally, and say the authorities, the name is now beyond his control.

Recently a group of Russian horticulturalists visited Peter Black's plant nursery. They noticed the orchid named after their Premier. *When* They asked for one, ~~and~~ <sup>reluctantly</sup> Black agreed to send ~~stalls~~ one of the new *Stalin*

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*to the Kremlin —*

orchids *^* the flower which remains the **STALIN ORCHID** *only*  
because of the tyranny of those British botanical  
authorities.

## ISRAEL

The Jewish New Year begins tonight. According to the Jewish calendar, this is not the year 1952 - its the year Five thousand, seven hundred and thirteen!

A dispatch from the Near East <sup>a sudden quiet fell over</sup> tell how/Jerusalem at sunset today. Almost all traffic came to a halt. Shopkeepers closed their shutters and hurried home for services in the synagogues. Pilgrims, wearing balck silk robes and stockings, and fur-trimmed velvet hats, climbed Mount Zion. But they were unable to make their way to the ancient Wailing Wall, for that is inside the old city - which with traditional ceremony, Israelis today dipped slivers of apples into honey, to symbolize the sweetness hoped for in the coming year.

The climax of the celebration wil come Sunday morning, with the sounding of the shofar - the ram's horn - which represents a prayer against evil.

From Chaim Weizmann, first President of the New  
of Israel,  
states/came a message to his people. He has been

bedridden for over a year.

Foreign diplomats in the city outside the wall, paid their respects to the Acting President. Five hundred American tourists are present to participate in the festivities.

Israel we hear is facing a political crisis.

David Ben-Gurion, the Premier who has lost his majority in the Israeli Parliament is trying to gain enough votes to save his government.



## CORRECTION

I've just had a call from the American Federation of Labor, correcting a statement on this program, night before last. The dispatch on the news wire told of a luncheon given by General Ike for the members of the Executive Council of the A.F. of L. And Harry Bates, President of the Bricklayers Union, was quoted as saying afterward: "Well, we got a free lunch out of the Republicans anyway."

I am told that this was an error. That some newsman must have been talking to somebody else, or got it all garbled. What Harry Bates says he said is this: - "General Ike made a wonderful speech, and we enjoyed a first rate social visit."

## GREENLAND CRASH

From Greenland comes more of the story of the twelve men marooned on that Arctic ice-cap. A transport plane bound for a British base in North Greenland - crash landed only a few hundred miles south of the North Pole.

They are all safe, holed up in the fuselage of the wrecked plane - and already supplies are being dropped to them from the air.

The irony is that they are only about a mile from a base, - only a mile - but what a mile! No one can get over that mile of the ice-caps on foot. Too dangerous. Too many yawning crevasses.

A ski-equipped U.S. Air Force plane is going to their rescue - a plane similar to the one on which I landed and took off from an ice field in Alaska 2 years ago. A dispatch says that if the the rescue attempt fails, pre-fabricated huts and other equipment will be parachuted to them. So they'll hold out alright - and they will be rescued sooner or later.

## BOAT RECORD

Two men in an outboard motorboat have raced up the Mississippi from New Orleans to Saint Louis. Roy Smith and John Langford were trying to better the historic record of the ROBERT E LEE. Eighty-two years ago that celebrated steamboat made the trip in just over ninety hours.

Smith and Langford cut the time by <sup>only</sup> two-hours-and-forty minutes in their motorboat. But the ROBERT E LEE is still the champion among steamboats - no craft of its own type, <sup>Nelson,</sup> has yet matched that famous run of Eighteen Seventy.