

TRUMAN L.T. P. & G. Thurns. Sept. 18 '52.

(This afternoon in Washington, President Truman denied what General Eisenhower had to say about the railroad strike in Nineteen Forty-Six.) That is, the President denied it - at first.

In that labor dispute, (the ~~xxxx~~ President proposed to draft strikers into the army - and the General stated that he, as Chief of Staff, had been directed to come to Washington and take command of the strikers, ~~xxxx~~ conscripted as soldiers. He said he refused) - with a bitter protest. At his news conference today, (H.S.T. said he never gave Chief of Staff Eisenhower ~~xxxxxxx~~ any such order.) So far as he knew, the incident reported by the General -- never happened. (But a White House ~~xxxx~~ press secretary ~~then~~ whispered something to the President, who then said - somebody else in <sup>his administration</sup> ~~the government~~ may have spoken to the General ~~xx~~ about taking command of strikers, drafted into the Army.)

SUB EISENHOWER

(General Eisenhower is continuing his whistle stop campaign through the mid-west. Today he spoke at several places in Iowa, and then crossed over to Nebraska.) In Omaha, ~~he delivered~~<sup>in</sup> a major address on his farm program, ~~he~~ attacked the Democratic administration for letting bureaucrats control the farmers. (He promised that, if elected, he will promote basic farm needs - soil programs, farm credit, agricultural research, and the increase of rural power and telephones.) All this, he noted, can be accomplished with less interference from Washington.

( "Farmers" he said, "like all other citizens, have had enough of what is humorously called the Fair deal. What we all want now, and what we are going to get, is an honest deal." )

( Governor Byrnes of South Carolina says he will vote for General Ike. Byrnes was once President Truman's Secretary of State. ) But now he announces his opposition to the Democratic ticket, because he thinks Governor Stevenson agrees too much with the President -- on <sup>a</sup> such things as the Taft-Hartley law, F.E.P.C., and the filibuster. Says he: "I shall place loyalty to my country above loyalty to a political party -- and I shall vote for General Dwight D. Eisenhower."

He is the second southern Democratic governor to abandon the Stevenson-Sparkman ticket. Almost two weeks ago, Governor ~~Robert~~ Kennon of Louisiana said that he would vote for Ike.

POLITICS-- NIXON

(At Los Angeles, the statement is - that a group of Californians put up sums of money for paying the expenses of Senator Nixon in Washington.) Nixon is, of course, the Republican candidate for VicePresident

Wealthy tax attorney Dana Smith says a group was formed, when Senator Nixon was elected, a couple of years ago. The money, between Sixteen and Seventeen thousand dollars -- not for his personal use. It helped to pay for such things as radio recordings, telephone calls, <sup>and</sup> ~~Christmas cards~~, travel. Because the young Senator had no means of his own -- and a Senator's expenses, in the normal course of politics, are heavy.

The group of Californians wanted to see Nixon do a *first*

rate / job. ~~In brief behalf of private enterprise.~~

(At Senator Nixon's campaign headquarters in Washington, the statement is confirmed - that the



~~thxxxxxxx~~ Senator has used "a private fund" to "take care of expenses" not covered by government allowances.

Democratic headquarters launches an attack at once, challenging General Eisenhower to demand the resignation of the Vice-Presidential candidate from the Republican ticket.)

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STEVENSON

The Stevenson campaign appearance in Connecticut tonight features a sort of indirect cannonade. You praise Brutus to condemn Caesar. In Hartford, Stevenson goes all out in a boost for Senator Benton, seeking re-election. He makes hardly a mention of the target the candidate is really shooting at. But, Benton has been trying to get the Senate to expel Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin. The Benton-McCarthy vendetta is as lively a rumpus as you'll find in Washington.

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*says:* "I don't have to get out a political slide rule and calculate - whether supporting Bill Benton or disowning him, would be the least disastrous for the

national ticket," said Stevenson, and added: "Nor do I have to ask you to put on a gas~~k~~ mask and go into the polling booth and vote for him". Add up those words, and they spell - McCarthy.)

(Stevenson also takes notice of all the talk about - his humor and jokes.) He makes a reply to Republican attacks, calling him "a funny man". But, even here, (his remarks have a McCarthy angle. He puts it this way: "A lot of people say I'm not serious enough. If I was wedded to some of the folks they are, I couldn't be humorous either.")

The word ~~xxxxxx~~ "wedded" is a curious choice for Stevenson, who is an expert with words. But that was as near as Adlai came to a joke in his Connecticut address today.

All this is accompanied by a news dispatch with a tune slightly different. The Democratic national chairman says that Senator McCarthy will not be "a prime target" for attack in the Democratic campaign. They won't concentrate on McCarthyism - those rambunctious allegations of Communism in government. *(Democratic* Chairman Stephen Mitchell explains: "Our party's platform and candidates are strongly opposed to Communism. We don't want that to be obscured by controversy about a personality," says he.

At Des Moines, he told a news conference that they won't make special issue of the Wisconsin election - in which McCarthy is running.) All of which recalls that overwhelming ix victory won by Senator McCarthy in the Wisconsin Primary.



POLITICS-MORSE

Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon went into some double action today - punching with one hand, petting with the other. (He said the Republican campaign was being quarter-backed by Senator Taft "toward defeat". But he praised General Eisenhower - highly.)

(Senator Morse, way over on the liberal wing of the Republican party, addressing the A F of L, assailed Senator Taft all over the place, calling him -- "the dazed quarterback."

But he hailed ~~the~~ Eisenhower,) and called his labor union convention speech "courageous." As he put it: it was squarely and courageously put as the Republican ~~an~~ candidate for President faced the labor issue."

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BYRNES

Here's the latest. In South Carolina, Governor Byrnes declares ~~himself~~ himself in the Presidential race. This evening he stated -- he will vote for General Ike.

SOVIET VETO.

( The Soviet union today vetoed Japan's application for membership in the United Nations. ~~it was~~ <sup>have</sup> the fifty-third time the Soviets ~~had~~ used the veto. )

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KOJE

The communist prisoners on Kojé have been causing more trouble. In a minor rebellion, they refused to obey orders of camp commanders. They carried on demonstrations in an exercise area, <sup>and</sup> ~~so~~ U N troops had to move in again. Eleven prisoners were injured, none seriously, ~~in~~ before order was restored. More fuel for Communist propaganda about "persecution" of prisoners in the Kojé camps.

## GUIDED MISSILES

Last night, I began with a dispatch that was just coming in on the wire. The dispatch was from Korea. It told us that the Navy was using guided missiles to blast the Reds. Today the story is complete with details - a story as incredible as anything from the science fiction of Jules Verne or H.G. Wells.

Lieutenant Commander Lawrence Kurtz discloses that the Navy has a fleet of eighteen hundred guided missiles - <sup>-- meaning</sup> World War Two planes which have been converted into pilotless drones. This ~~kkmx~~ type of robot flies with a "mother plane" which guides it by means of electronic controls. Through television an officer in the "mother plane" has the same view as if he were in the cockpit of the empty drone. When the target appears on the television ~~xx~~ screen, the drone is directed toward it - plunging from the sky to blast the objective.

Commander Kurtz says that it is just a matter of time before guided missiles make human pilots unnecessary in aerial warfare. The robots can be refueled in the air for long distance attacks. They can make sharp turns and dive <sup>in a way that</sup> ~~which~~ would cause human beings to "blackout."

*Also* They are more effective than piloted planes in shooting down enemy aircraft. And they can operate "many miles" from their mother planes.

Commander Kurtz described the robots as 'just a forerunner' of what is to come. In Washington a Navy spokesman clarified this by calling the pilotless planes of the Korean war - primitive weapons. Compared with those under development. He says that the Navy has at least eleven other kinds of guided missiles for military use.

We are moving closer to the era of push-button warfare.

## LEBANON

Another "strong man" has seized power in <sup>set</sup>  
the Middle East. <sup>The beautiful mountain land of</sup> Lebanon was the scene of the latest  
coup e'etat. The new "strong man," General Fuad Shehbab,  
a French trained professional soldier.

Like Egypt, Lebanon had been simmering because  
of corruption in the government. In each case - a  
revolt led by the Army. In Egypt, General Naguib  
overthrew King Farouk. Following Naguib's example,  
General Shehbab has seized control of Lebanon.

The Lebanese coup was affected without incident.  
The Ex-President <sup>now</sup> is in hiding, <sup>with</sup> One report ~~says~~ that  
he has fled to France.

~~The revolt was the climax of weeks of agitation  
against the government. General Shehbab stated his coup  
in the midst of a general strike to enforce a house  
cleaning in the administration.~~



The General has <sup>yet</sup> not declared himself dictator of Lebanon. He is directing a three-man cabinet to maintain law and order until the Parliament meets to elect a new President.

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## TRIESTE

Tito has rejected an Italian proposal for a plebiscite to settle that question of Trieste. Jugoslavia wants a twenty year period of joint rule with alternate Italian and Yugoslav ex governors. A solution which Italy has turned down because she fears that Jugoslavs will crowd into the area - over-run it - and dominate any future election.

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## HELICOPTER

A flying machine has flown from Texas to  
Niagara Falls, in just under thirteen hours. Very  
slow time? Well, it's fast for a helicopter. With  
pilot Elton Smith setting a new distance record  
for "flying windmills" covering more than a thousand  
miles in his egg-beater.

He states that the weather was good, apart  
from a rain-squall over the Ozark mountains. He said  
the hardest part of his record-breaking flight was  
sitting in one cramped position for almost thirteen  
hours.

## ARCTIC FLIGHTS

Passenger planes may soon be flying from the West Coast <sup>of America</sup> to Europe - by way of the North Magnetic Pole. This is the prediction of the famous flyer and explorer of the ~~Arctic~~ Arctic regions, Bernt Balchen. He points out that the distance from Seattle to London is ~~an~~ eight-hundred-and-thirty miles shorter by the polar route <sub>^</sub> than <sup>via</sup> through New York. ~~and~~ The distance from San Francisco to Oslo ~~is~~ fourteen hundred miles shorter!

In November, Scandinavian airlines will test the Arctic route by flying two passenger planes between Santa Monica and Copenhagen. The planes will refuel at Edmonton, Canada, and in Greenland. This flight may lead to re-routing air services away from New York - and <sup>via</sup> ~~through~~ the North Magnetic Pole - which is in <sup>^</sup>Elasmere Land - way way up in the Polar region.



## QUEEN

News from Texas -- about the Queen of the cattle rustlers. At Fort Worth, the authorities announce the arrest of a gang of cattle thieves, headed by a twenty one year old, blue-eyed, brunette. There were four in the gang, and their method of cattle rustling was modern. They'd drive along with a trailer, see cattle along a Texas highway, load a cow in the trailer - and drive off.

Today Melba Doris Basham, one-time soda jerker said: "I'd see cattle grazing by the side of the road, and I thought how easy it would be to swipe a few. I wanted fine clothes and a fine car," said this

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\* Queen of the cattle rustlers, Nelson.