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In Washington today, Democratic leaders made an offer to Southern members of Congress - trying to bring Dixiecrats back into the Party. Senator Anderson of New Mexico, a member of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee - presented to the Southerners a compromise plank on Civil Rights.

The nature of the compromise is interesting. The New Mexico Senator proposed - the Civil Rights plank drafted by the Platform Committee at the Democratic Convention in Nineteen Forty-eight. Which brings up that old story, so familiar to us who attended the Philadelphia Convention.

The big controversy was at a climax - the racial rights issue. The Southerners were threatening secession - if the campaign platform included an extreme plank on Civil Rights. Then the word drifted around that the Platform Committee had worked out a compromise, something mild - acceptable to the Southerners. And that seemed to be that - averting a pitched battle over the racial issue.

But there was an insurrection of Northern delegates .

and, the next thing you know, Humphrey of Minnesota was on the rostrum, stampeding the Convention, with a blazing speech for Civil Rights. The Convention got out of hand, and voted into the platform a drastic racial plank. The Party leaders had lost control, and were left mournfully with their beautiful compromise plank, now in the ashcan. All of which led to those wild convention scenes - the secession of the Dixiecrats who marched out, splitting with the party.

Well, that compromise plank has now been resurrected, and ~~now~~ today it was presented to congressional Southerners - to appease new fires of rebellion in Dixieland. They to get, in the coming campaign - that compromise plank which was tossed out in Nineteen Forty-eight. Today, Senator John Sparkman of Alabama, a Dixiecraft leader, said he thought the Southerners would accept.

But this is tied in with still another question - that number one political puzzle of them all. Will President Truman run for ~~his~~ re-election? Today, Senator Mike Monroney

of Oklahoma said his "guess" is - No. Which is echoed by Senator Sparkman - who, on Monday, said he had a "hunch" that Harry Truman does not want another term. The same thing - from Democratic Senator Johnson of Colorado.

Today's angle is that the Dixiecrats will accept the compromise on a Civil Rights plank - only if the President does not seek re-election. And some suppose that today's offer to the Southerners would not have been made, if the President intended to run again.

(Meanwhile, we have another Truman statement on the subject of Eisenhower - another denial that the President offered to back General Ike for the Democratic nomination. This was repeated by President Truman, as he left his Key West vacation - returning to Washington for a political speech tonight.

After which the spotlight swings to Paris - to the headquarters of General Eisenhower. Today Senator Carlson of Kansas had a long talk with General Ike, who is also

## FOLLOW POLITICS

President Truman gets a prompt answer tonight - from the Republicans. The President, in an embattled political speech, dared them to make foreign policy an issue in the coming elections. So Congressman Bender of Ohio says immediately the Republicans will be happy to accept the Truman challenge. The President charged that the G O P was running up enormous sluch funds for the election. To which G O P Chairman Guy Gabrielson replies that in Nineteen Fifty, Republican candidates spent less in the Congressional election than the Democrats.



AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA

President Truman confirms reports naming a new Ambassador to Moscow. He says that George Kennan is being considered. Which is exceedingly interesting, as Kennan, a high State Department official, is regarded as the principal author of the "Containment" policy. The principle, that is, of checking Red aggression at every point. If the Soviets and their satellites make a push any place - stop them.

George Kennan, now on leave, <sup>working</sup> ~~as a teacher~~ at Princeton, was the author of an authoritative article a few years ago, setting forth the "Containment" policy. One question is - how welcome would he be at Moscow? According to diplomatic custom, ~~at~~ Moscow would be asked.

(Our present Ambassador to the Soviets, Admiral Kirk, is moving to Bonn - becoming the <sup>(first)</sup> U.S. Ambassador to the new West German Government. In this post he will relieve ~~first~~ U.S. Commissioner John J. McCloy, who wants to come home.)

## SATELLITES - PLANE

An American Air Force plane has disappeared behind the Iron Curtain - after being shot at. This occurred near the border of Red Hungary and Romania. The plane, with two crewmen and two passengers, was flying from Germany into Yugoslavia, and got lost in a dense fog over mountain country. The pilot radioed that his aircraft was being - "shot at." He didn't say if hits had been scored - nothing more being heard from the plane thereafter.

Today an extensive air search was being made along the fringe of the Iron Curtain, and the fear is that the plane may be down inside Red territory.

## ATROCITIES

(General Ridgway's report on atrocities should be noted carefully. He says that the number of Red murders that can be proved, with <sup>(deadly)</sup>~~deathly~~ certainty, is three-hundred-and-sixty-five. But there is evidence, not conclusive, that many other prisoners-of-war were killed by the Reds. The Supreme Commander admits that the number may be more than six thousand - as charged by ~~the~~ Colonel Hanley, War Crime Investigator for the Eighth Army.

General Ridgway says it was not the business of Colonel Hanley to make any figures public. His duty was to gather evidence and compile reports - and not give out statements.) The Colonel will not be disciplined, although he did cause much official embarrassment.

(The indications are stronger than ever - that the Reds will accept the latest U.N. offer, the challenge for a "truce by Christmas.") Today the Chinese Communist Radio stated that the proposal was "roughly the same" as the one demanded previously by the Reds themselves. Another session of the truce talks is on for tonight, and it might well result in an agreement.

But let's take a look at that "truce by Christmas" plan. It's a bit intricate - and might easily get confused in one's mind. The gist of it is this:~We would agree to the present battlefront as a cease-fire line, if full armistice terms are settled within thirty days - by Christmas. This does not mean that fighting would end <sup>immediately.</sup> ~~necessarily~~ U.N. forces might make advances during those thirty days - but, if a full armistice were signed by Christmas, they would withdraw to the present battlefront as the armistice line.

The point in the business is this. The Reds want the line to be along the present front. So we say - okay, providing

all armistice questions are settled within thirty days. Which is designed to keep the Reds from stalling with endless delays over other terms, particularly the question of an exchange of prisoners-of-war.



The latest from the war front - a bulletin telling of a sudden offensive by a South Korean Division on the Central Front. The Free Koreans caught the Chinese Reds off balance, and drove them back for a mile and a half.

## ATHLETICS

( City College of New York admits that two basketball stars, now convicted of bribery, were admitted on a basis of fraudulent records. Which confirms a charge made yesterday by Judge Saul Streit, when he sentenced basketball ~~players~~ players guilty of fixing games.)

( Earlier today, the basketball coach at City College, Nat Holman, made a denial, saying - "That's completely untrue. I don't know how a judge ~~■~~ could say ~~anything like~~ such a thing. But later, President Harry Wright of C.C.N.Y., revealed that the fraud had been discovered by a college official several weeks ago <sup>- and</sup> <sub>-</sub> the information turned over to the court.)

( The falsification of the records occurred in the case of Basketball Playerrs Al Roth and Herb Cohen. Roth graduated from high school as six-hundred-and-thirty-eighth in a class of eight-hundred-and-sixteen. His average was seventy point forty-three - not good enough for admission into City College. But the college records show his high school average as seventy-five point five, good enough -

~~a hike of more than five points. In the case of Cohen, his average hiked by ten points.~~

College President Wright says: "No evidence, as yet, has been found which would indicate who falsified the records. The situation is complicated," he adds, "because there are about fifty persons who had access to the files."

( In Washington, meanwhile, a preliminary report is made by ~~a~~ <sup>that</sup> special committee of college presidents, investigating bad conditions in college sports - especially football. They say - that presidents of colleges must assume all responsibility for the conduct of athletics. ~~This should not be left to the discretion of athletic boards.~~ Moreover, all athletes must take standard courses - do some regular study. They must not be able to get by with such subjects as "tap dancing and bait casting." ~~Such learned subjectxxx studies, say the college presidents, should be eliminated from the curriculum. No classes in - tap dancing and bait casting.)~~

There are no <sup>(luminous)</sup>~~(valuable)~~ details about the reason for the sudden violent blow-up of Hollywood's famous honeymoon -- Barbara Payton and Franchot Tone. We are merely told that late last night, their much-advertised romance blew-up in -- a "terrible fight".

One report is that the movie actor had a detective watching the bride he married recently, after tumultuous courtship. Friends declare he was jealous. In Franchot Tone's complaint there is no mention of actor Tom Neal, who beat him up ~~severely~~ in the fight that preceded the marriage of Tone and Barbara.

In any case, the argument flared with such violence that Barbara yelled: "Get out of my house immediately." Saying -- if he didn't she'd get a court order to throw him out. But Franchot Tone stayed in the love nest last night and Barbara left. Today, they were both rushing for divorces.



## DOCTOR

In Canada, two things have happened in rapid succession - and ~~mighty~~ <sup>mighty</sup> strange succession. The Canadian Navy prepared a press release, giving high praise to an American doctor serving with Canadian forces in Korea. He was commended in most glowing terms for skillful operations at the battlefield - saving lives with expert surgery. But that is followed by another announcement, stating that this same brilliant surgeon will be discharged from the Canadian forces - for posing as a doctor. All fraudulent, no doctor at all.

He joined the Canadian forces in March of last year as Dr. Joseph Cyr of ~~Grand Falls,~~ <sup>Grand Falls,</sup> New Brunswick - presenting top level credentials as a physician and surgeon. But now the real Dr. Joseph Cyr has put in a report that his medical credentials were stolen - and it is found that the Korea surgeon is actually Ferdinand Waldo deMara of Lawrence, Massachusetts. <sup>The father</sup> where - his father is a motion picture projectionist. ~~He~~ <sup>The father</sup> declares that his son's only medical



experience was as an orderly at an Eye and Ear hospital in Boston. His principal career, according to the father, was in religion. The younger deMara left home to enter a Cistercian Monastery at Cumberland, Rhode Island, but stayed there only briefly. He went to other religious retreats, served in the Navy during wartime, and then ~~then~~ taught philosophy at St. Martin's College, Lacey, Massachusetts.

Not much medical background, a sheer imposter, fake and phoney, but the Canadian authorities are not condemning the false <sup>physician -</sup> ~~statement~~ not at all. They point to an operation he performed at the Korean warfront - when he extracted a bullet lodged within a quarter of an inch of a soldier's heart, patient recovering. In another medical emergency, he collapsed a soldier's lung, in a delicate and <sup>successful</sup> ~~statement~~ operation. The amputations he performed were models of what an amputation ~~was~~ should be.

He may not be a doctor, but he certainly is a man of mystery. Where did he get all that medical knowledge and surgical skill?

## TRUCK

I think I'd better begin this next story by saying - that three people were slightly injured, that's all. Otherwise, as we go on, you might get the horrified feeling of a regular massacre on the highway.

In California, James Cagle of Amarillo, Texas, was driving a ponderous truck, loaded with eleven tons of apples - which provides an odd note, right off. The consignment of apples was from Idaho - shipping fruit to California! Something like - coals to Newcastle.

Cagle, taking U.S. Highway Forty, was driving over the Sierra Nevada mountains, and had reached the highest point ~~in~~ okay. Then <sup>he</sup> started down a long incline toward the Sacramento Valley - the highway descending steeply for seven miles. He put on his brakes to slow down - and then things happened.

"The brakes got hot and went out," says Cagle.

"Then the transmission came apart, and all I had was the steering wheel." That - on a seven mile down-grade, and there

was plenty of traffic on U. S. Highway Forty. He stuck to the steering wheel, as the juggernaut got up a speed of eighty-five miles an hour.

Ahead was a bus-load of soldiers, and Cagle at the wheel, tried to miss it - but failed. He side-swiped the bus-load of soldiers. Then, coming toward him, was an enormous tank truck. He missed it so narrowly, that he took the side mirror off the tank truck. So on he went, scoring narrow misses, side-swiping one thing after another.

The irony is, the way Cagle finally came to a stop. Did he hit something? No, something hit him. A Greyhound bus ran smack into the runaway truck. Which ended Cagle's wild ride (and he says that, all the way, he did < a lot of praying. So, I should imagine, did a lot of people in the other cars.)

*Nelson*  
Yes, it could have been a holocaust on the highway.

But, as I started out by saying, only three people were slightly injured. Cagle, himself, with bruises on his legs -

as a result of his joy-ride with eleven tons of apples *careening*  
*down* to the Sierra Nevadas.