

L.T.-W. Friday, Sept. 24, 1954.

President Eisenhower expected - a hostile reception today. Addressing - the Los Angeles Convention of the American Federation of Labor. The convention has been featuring angry criticism of the administration. So, this morning, the President said - he didn't expect a friendly greeting.

But he was wrong. He gave the Labor Convention that Eisenhower treatment - good humor, personal charm, and an amiable unpretentious manner.

The President struck the right note when he walked onto the platform and shook hands with A F of L President George Meany. Smiling and joking, he said: "Well, I'm glad we're still speaking."

The convention gave him a standing ovation. The delegates, again, thundering with applause when the President said:

"I regret the failure to revise the Taft-Hartley law -- and the union-busting provisions." He blamed the failure of

the Labor Law revision on the Democratic vote in Congress, and added: "I'm going to recommend, again, that we revise the Taft-Hartley law."

Earlier in the day, at a breakfast address, the President brought forth an Eisenhowerism. He took a fling at what he called, "wisecracking so-called intellectuals." And - gave a definition. He said a "wise cracking so-called intellectual" was "a man who takes more words than necessary to tell more than he knows."

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At the United Nations, today, there was a unanimous vote - placing President Eisenhower's "atoms for peace" plan on the agenda of the ~~General~~ General Assembly. Unanimous -- including Soviet Russia. There's a qualification, however. Moscow delegate Vishinsky declaring - that Soviet Russia would not actually participate in the "atomic pool" program, until atomic weapons have been outlawed. That's a pre-condition.

~~(All this is in accord with what we heard last night, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles revealing that the Kremlin handed us a note - "affirming its readiness to talk further." But - giving us no sign that Moscow may change its position. Insisting - on an abolition of atomic weapons before they'll talk.)~~

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GERMANY

Chancellor Adenauer, tonight - called for a conference with Soviet Russia, on world peace and German unity.

But - not until after the western powers have settled the question of German rearmament.

This came shortly after a demand issued by the opposition party, the Socialists - calling for an East-West conference, in advance of an agreement on West German rearmament. They disagree violently on - the timing.

Meanwhile, the United States, Britain and West Germany have reached an agreement - on German rearmament. Which they will present, in unison - to Premier Mendes-France at the London conference next week.

They're backing ^{the} ~~to~~ "Eden Plan," Under which western Germany would be taken into the Brussels treaty, a western defense ~~all~~ alliance concluded in Nineteen Forty-Eight.

Also - into the North^Atlantic Treaty organization—NATO - which followed the Brussels Pact. West - Germany -- to be

granted full sovereignty with the withdrawal of occupation

forces. ~~Now~~ Meanwhile ~~a~~ forming an army, as part of the

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EXPLOSION

The news today states the cause of the frightful explosion at Bitburg, Germany, yesterday. Thirty-two lives lost - when a huge tank of jet aviation gasoline blew up.

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empty space - filled with explosive fumes. Gasoline vapor, mixed with air - and one spark would cause a devastating blast.

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TIBET

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ATOMIC

In Vaucouver, British Columbia, radioactive particles were in the air, today - from an atomic explosion in Soviet Russia. So stated by Dr. Gordon Shrum, Director of the British Columbia Research council. He says that, according to the drift of radioactive particles across the Pacific - a Soviet atomic bomb must have been exploded in the last two weeks.

He gives figures to illustrate. The count of atomic particles in the atmosphere is, normally forty-two per minute. Today the count was - three hundred a minute. Not at all dangerous. The figure ^{has to} ~~must~~ be at least ten thousand to the minute - before any harm is done.

Dr. Shrum says the count, following Sovizt atomic explosions of the past, was much greater than the figure for today. Indicating - that the recent explosion was not as powerful as in previous cases.

Today, Vernon Pick told the story of his - fabulous uranium find. Pick - the lucky prospector who, recently, sold his uranium ~~discovery~~ discovery for Nine Million Dollars. He's attending the American Mining Congress in San Francisco, and here's how he describes - the wonderful break of luck.

He had a small electrical wiring business in Minneapolis, and was burned out. A fire- destroying his shop. So he and his wife "hit the road" in a trailer - heading for southeastern Utah. He thought he'd try his luck - at uranium prospecting.

Well, the luck was mighty poor for nearly a year - until Vernon Pick decided to investigate along a muddy stream in a deep canyon. With layers of rock, dating back millions of years - to the age of the dinosaurs.

One day, he was trudging along the muddy stream - testing the rocky sides of the canyon with a scintillometer, an

today told the members of The American Mining Congress.

instrument more sensitive than a geiger counter. He climbed four hundred feet up the side of the canyon, and as usual - nothing. The scintillator - a dead negative.

He was tired out by now, and made his way to a place - to sit down. Resting his weary bones, he glanced at the scintillometer - and couldn't believe his ~~my~~ eyes. The instrument going wild - ~~was~~ registering radioactivity. In fact, he didn't believe his eyes. He thought the scintillometer was ~~gum~~ out of whack. So he just remained there, resting.

Then, however, when he started on his way again - the scintillometer - ~~was~~ went back to ~~normal~~ neutral. It wasn't out of whack, after all. Only then did Vernon Pick realize - he had struck it rich.

The place where he had been sitting was ^a ~~the~~ fabulous uranium deposit, one of the richest in the world. So he today told the members of The American Mining Congress.

The Senate vote on the McCarthy Censure motion will be put off - until after the Congressional elections. The voters go to the polls, November Second - and the Senate will convene for a special session on November Eighth, six days later. So arranged - by the leadership of both parties.

Today, the Republican leader, ^{Sen.} Knowland of California, said - he thought the Senate should not consider the explosive McCarthy question, in the tense atmosphere of a political campaign. Then later, the announcement - Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, the Democratic leader, was in agreement. Knowland and Johnson - fixing the date, ^{for} November Eighth.

This gets a mixed reception among the Senators. Extreme anti-Mccarthites complaining - there should be a pre-election showdown. Other Senators - glad enough that that the Senate vote is not all mixed up with election politics.

Meanwhile, Senator McCarthy has had to cancel speaking dates in the middlewest - because of a sinus condition.

He's being treated at the Bethesda Naval hospital, and
the doctor has ordered him to stay at home, and rest.

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ROBBERY

The police declare that a bank robbery at Mount Vernon, New York today was a "professional job." Which is exactly - what the robbers had to say. Two bandits held up a bank, and got away with nearly one hundred thousand dollars. To the bank employees they said! "We are wanted men, and don't care what happens to us." Professional criminals -- hunted by the police.

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HURRICANE

There's a denial in Washington - on the subject of the hurricane last month. The tropical tempest ~~is~~ named - Carol. The charge being - that New England did not get an alert in time; ~~Because~~ - of economy measures in the ~~radio~~; after that, my second longest, with Procter & Weather Bureau. Senator Green of Rhode Island saying and Max Gamble; and tonight ends the fourth sponsorship. that "false economy" at the Providence Bureau caused a ~~Working for Kaiser Willys has been an exceedingly~~ delay.

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Let's see, in a few days now I will be entering my twenty-fifth continuous year on the air with this news program. In all that time, only four sponsors. First a great magazine; then for sixteen years with Blue Sunco, - longest sponsorship in the history of radio; after that, my second longest, with Proctor and ~~Hub~~ Gamble; and tonight ends the fourth sponsorship.

Working for Kaiser Willys has been an exceedingly pleasant and satisfactory experience, especially the association I have had with Edgar Kaiser, President of Kaiser-Willys, (as well as with Henry Senior and Henry Junior, their brilliant executive Vice President Gene Trefethen, Vice President Roy Abernethy, and many more, including those working with me from ~~many~~^{two} advertising agencies, Weintraub, and Evell & Thurber.

One thing that has made it a double pleasure has been the fact that under this sponsorship I have been associated largely with young men full of enthusiasm and drive, an inspiring group - and two star radio announcers - Mike Fitzmaurice and Harry Marble. And now I am going to do something that I seldom do - say a

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word about my sponsor's products. I've been driving a Kaiser, and it sure has the power and all the stuff that Mike Fitzmaurice has been telling you. As for the Jeep, well, as Harry Marbel has often ^I mightly said, its fame is world wide. In the country where I live I could hardly get along without one. So, my closing words are; Solong to a grand sponsor.

As for those of you who have been with us down through the years, you listenning in who have made the program possible, here's a salute to you - and I'll be with you again in a couple of days. As usual it's time now to say.: Solong until Monday.