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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(General Eisenhower today won twenty of his home state's twenty-two G.O.P. delegates. The other two/go to Taft.)
in Kansas) The National Convention count, including today's results from Topeka, gives so far - for Senator Taft a total of one hundred-and-eighty-seven delegates to eighty for General Eisenhower.

STEEL

In the steel dispute, the angry exchanges become more bitter. Last night Clarence Randall, President of Inland Steel, declared that President Truman made a "corrupt political deal" with the C.I.O., when he seized ~~the~~^{two} steel mills. Today, ~~the~~ Murray, head ~~President~~ of the C.I.O., ~~Philip Murray~~, counters this charge, calling it a "malicious and deliberate lie," and terming Randall ~~a~~ a prevaricator of the lowest type."

"This is an insult to President Truman and to me and to the hundreds of thousands of steel workers," was how ~~Philip~~ Murray put it.

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FOLLOW STEEL

In Washington Federal Court today, the steel industry received it's second rebuff. The steel men were requesting an injunction, which would challenge the government's seizure of the industry. Yesterday, they were defeated in trying to get an immediate temporary restraining order. And today they ran into a legal obstacle in trying to get an injunction. The case before Federal Judge David Pine, who refused to speed up action on the steel industry's request. Upholding a government demand for the full legal period of sixty days before hearing the case.

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Meanwhile, President Truman told his Press Conference today that he will not try to force the Wage Board's pay recommendations on the industry while it is still bargaining with the unions.

TELEPHONE STRIKE

In the telephone strike today Western Electric workers put up picket lines across the nation. Estimates place the number of workers idle at between two-hundred-thousand and two-hundred-and-fifty-thousand, but telephone service is still reported as from "fair to normal." From Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New York, and Fairmont, West Virginia, comes word of the first violence in the four day old strike.

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POST OFFICE

In a special message to Congress today, President Truman proposed that more than twenty thousand U. S. Marshals, Customs Collectors and Postmasters, be placed under Civil Service.

The President's new plan would end the present system of political appointments for first, second and third class Postmasters. It would also abolish all present offices of U. S. Marshall, and Customs Collection; -- both political appointments.

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Plenty of people have been saying - maybe President Truman could be drafted. Which is the old way of the human mind - never being quite certain about anything, especially when it's in the realm of politics. The answer is - no, H.S.T. could not be drafted, not even if the Democratic National Convention called him by unanimous vote. The authority for that is (the President ~~himself~~ ~~who~~, today, made the flat statement, in so many definite words. He would not accept a draft.

At a news conference, he gave the reporters a few more facts about his decision - at the time he announced it. He said he made up his mind, more than a year ago - he just didn't want to run again. He held up the secret, and kept the guessing game going - having decided he would make his announcement at the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner last month. Because, at this traditional Democratic festivity, he would have the

largest possible audience - the affair broadcast and televised.

Another question:

(What will he do at the Democratic National Convention? Answer - he won't be there.) Rumor has been that H.S.T. might exercise a lot of influence in the selection of a candidate. He might, perhaps, be the dominating figure at the Convention. But he says he doesn't even intend to be in Chicago for the big event - and he hopes he won't have to express his choice for the nomination, until the Convention is held. He has a preference - but that's merely like any other American. And he won't say what the preference ~~is~~ is.

All of which pictures the President who, in his own statement, does not intend to divulge the choice of a successor, not publicly, at least.

MORRIS

In Washington today, Newbold Morris began his testimony before a House Judiciary Sub-Committee.

Morris, the government house-cleaner fired in that dramatic double-play with J. Howard McGrath.

After his dismissal, Morris declared that his anti-corruption drive had been scuttled by "entrenched politicians," and today he was asked to elaborate on this statement to the House Investigators. However, Morris could offer little light on the subject, because as he put it, his "clean-up drive never got off the ground." But he did tell the Committee that many members of the President's Cabinet were "prepared to resign" rather than answer his income tax questionnaire. Though he would not state who these cabinet members were.

Morris also told the Committee, he "honestly couldn't give it any leads on corruption in government."

And that he couldn't recall from memory anything that he had recommended for investigation.

The house cleaner also praised President Truman. Stating that he had received everything he needed for his anti-corruption drive from the President, who was also the "one person in Washington who took it seriously." Strange testimony from Newbold Morris, who a few days ago was hurling abuse at the Administration over his dismissal.

KOREA - DOGS

Here's good news - for dog lovers. Which follows that story the other night from Korea. A report that scout dogs, who accompany American patrols in No Man's Land, would be destroyed when they are no longer useful. Today, the Far East Command issued a denial, stating that no plans have been made to destroy any of the combat scout dogs. "The only circumstances under which dogs would be destroyed would be if they acquired an incurable disease," said an Army spokesman.

So I suppose that the canine scouts will be sent home, repatriated when their time is up.

ALLIES .

Our European Allies come in for bitter criticism, by a House Sub-Committee. In Washington today, a Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee issued it's report, following an inspection trip to Europe last year. At the head of the list is Britain, criticized for refusing to become a "participating member of the European Federation." The report also asks whether "British influence in the development of U. S. Foreign Policy has caused the loss of valuable Allies in Europe and the Far East." Germany, France and Italy all share in the criticism from the Sub-Committee which at the same time urges increased aid to Franco Spain and Tito's Yugoslavia.

The London carrying the heavy weight of the world's gold for this currency, on golden plates, taken from the fabulous collection of crown jewels in the Tower of London.

ELIZABETH

Queen Elizabeth ~~the~~ Second performed the first public duty of her reign today -- the young Queen described as "a slender, pale figure in black," appearing for the first time in public as Queen.

The occasion -- the distribution of "maundy" money to the poor in Westminster Abbey. An occasion of simple ceremony, carried out each year by the Sovereign in a gesture of humility. This century-old custom commemorates the washing of the feet of the Apostles by our Lord, on the day before his crucifixion.

P Vast crowds had turned out to cheer Elizabeth at Westminster Abbey when she arrived. Inside were the Yeomen of the Guard, dressed in their crimson robes. The Yeomen carrying the maundy money, specially minted for this ceremony, ^{carrying it} on golden platters, taken from the fabulous collection of crown jewels in the Tower of London.

The proceedings ^{were} ~~are~~ rich in Medieval lore.

the washing of the feet of the poor by the Royal Almoners, the handing out of the Sovereign's age. All part of an ancient ceremony that marked Queen Elizabeth's first public appearance in London today.

SOUTH AFRICAN TRIBE

In England today, there arrived six senior members of a colorful South African tribe - the Bamangwato, ^{from the far off Kalahari.} Which might suggest colorful native dress, flamboyant plumage in their hats. But no. The delegation from the Bamangwatos were dressed in sombre black suits - European style. ^{They} And had come to pay homage to Seretse Khama, their exiled Chief, who was banned from Bechuanaland by the British Government forever. ^{seretse} Khama married ^{and was relegated} to a London typist, ^{and sent} into permanent exile ^{for doing so.} ~~on these grounds.~~ Today the tribal delegates went to ^{seretse} Khama's home and met his English wife and baby daughter.

Next week the delegation will meet the British Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, Lord Salisbury, in an attempt to reverse the decision. But it's a forelorn hope, the British official saying that he will only see them as a matter of courtesy.

FLOODS

The worst floods in seventy-one years *have* inundated Pierre, the capital of South Dakota, today. The swirling Missouri rolling waist deep through the main streets. In South Sioux City, Nebraska, the river also burst it's banks, crashing through the protecting dikes and levees. Tonight, thousands are homeless, with the waters ten feet above flood level.

The Mississippi is also on the rampage, and warnings have been issued from Hastings, Minnesota, to Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin.

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EARTHQUAKE

Today, the geologists explained that the earthquake yesterday occurred - when an "underground mountain range" moved four inches. That was the cause of the shaking and trembling of the ground ^{all the way} from Des Moines, Iowa, to Austin, Texas.

Last night we heard how they were ascribing the quake to giant movements of rock of what they called the "Nemaha Range;" Subterranean Mountains, under the surface, on a line from Nebraska to Oklahoma. Today they calculate, from recordings made by scientific instruments that the movement of that underground structure amounted to four inches.

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a guess; ~~that is~~ Suppose that, at some remote period, millions of years ago, there was a line of peaks pointing up to the sky - the usual thing. And then, suppose, the whole area sank - the way land can subside. Sinking - so far, that the whole section was below sea level. Mountains - below the level of the ocean. Water pouring in - until the peaks were mountains below the sea. After which - all that filled up with sediment, the way a body of water tends to fill up. The sea might become dry land again - and there ~~the~~ mountains would ^{still be --} be underground. |

I wonder what the geologists would say to such a theory of subterranean mountains, the "Namaha Range."

CANDY

At Worcester, Massachusetts -- a sweet catastrophe. A department store prepared a spectacular show window -- for Easter. Behind the glass, there were six feet of jelly beans -- the show window filled that high with sugary candies. But the ordinary laws of physics took a hand.

With jelly beans up to the six foot level, the pressure was too great -- and the show window burst. The sidewalk -- deluged with the candies. Then, deluged with a swarm of kids. They flocked from everywhere, cramming their mouths, their stomachs, their pockets -- with jelly beans.

The Easter rabbit arriving several days ahead of time. Or rather, ^{Nelson-} -- a whole flock of Easter bunnies, with the sidewalk deep in jelly beans.