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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In the Philippines, Raymundo Palarca seems sure to be elected president - if the other candidates play the political game in the Palarca way. He proposes to prove his own superiority - in a series of athletic events.

He suggests a foot-race, a tennis match, a boxing bout. Offering to meet - outstanding performers in those three sports. Other political candidates - to do the same, and see how they make out.

Instead of a battle of ballots - have it out with running shoes, tennis racquets and boxing gloves.

Today's dispatch from Manila says - the other candidates are not likely to accept this way of electing a President.

SHRINE

In the old Province of Quebec, a record-breaking number of pilgrims and visitors - today celebrated the favorite religious festival in French Canada. St. Anne de Beaupre - the two hundred and ninety-ninth anniversary of the famous Canadian shrine. More than a thousand people gathered - at the center for miraculous cures. More - than ever before.

It was in Sixteen Fifty-Eight, that a French settler, with crippled legs, dragged himself to the foundation of the first chapel - and was healed, on the day of the Feast of St. Anne.

TIGER

In India, this next - is an important headline. A bus-load of armed men - proceeding to a section in the foothills of the Himalayas,. For a campaign - against a tiger. A bounty of one thousand dollars - for the head of the Master Stripes.

This tiger, a man-eater - that has killed seventeen villagers. Terrorizing the people of the district.

Other countries may have troubles of a new fangled sort. But India still has its old enemy - the tiger.

CHESS

Dallas, Texas, announces a sports event - scheduled for October. A meeting - of champions of thirteen countries. Including the world's champion - Smyslov of Russia. Easy to guess the game - chess. At which - the Russians have always excelled.

This may have, perhaps, some international significance. The appearance of Smyslov in Dallas - some sign of an easing of tensions between East and West. No chess champion of the world has played in the United States ever since Nineteen Thirty-Two - when Soviet Russia gained supremacy.

For the United States, Samuel Reschevsky of New York - will battle across the board against the other champs.

EEL

Tonight, the Long Island "eel" is in a Manhattan hospital - seriously wounded. For a couple of weeks, he created a scare among Long Island householders - evading a manhunt, slipping out of traps. So elusive - that they called George Larned, "the eel". But he was caught - in uptown Manhattan.

Early today, Larned held up a restaurant at one hundred and third street and Broadway. But his getaway was not slippery enough. Chased by the cops - and shooting at them. But they felled him - with bullets.

Not at all difficult - identifying him as "the eel". Because he still had the bullet wound in his leg - incurred in the battle with Long Island police, when he escaped from a robbery attempt.

Last night, Long Islanders were still worried - believing "the eel" was lurking in the woods around their homes. But, actually, he was in uptown Manhattan - trying a hold-up.

TRUMAN

At last reports, former President Truman still refuses - to autograph dollar bills. Earlier in the day, he hurled a blast at Attorney General Brownell - for prohibiting him from signing his name on the national currency. But, now, he won't do it anyway. Which may sound a bit confusing - and it is. So let's merely summarize the puzzling events.

At Independence, Missouri, today, H.S.T. was chatting with Lon Gentry, architect for the Truman Library Building. And, in the course of the talk, the architect asked the former President - to autograph a dollar bill for a friend. Which might have seemed to be - in line with an old custom. When in the White House, H.S.T. often wrote his name on bills for friends.

Today, however, he refused, and said indignantly: "That Attorney General would love to put me in jail."

KHRUSHCHEV

In Moscow, the statement that Soviet Russia had the hydrogen bomb - before the United States. Which information emanates - from Khrushchev. Who was doing some talking before a group of Americans. He said: "We had the hydrogen bomb before you - and our bombs and rockets are not worse than yours." All the more interesting - because one argument for constructing the American hydrogen bomb was that, if we didn't, the Soviets would. But now we hear - they had already done so. At least, if we take Khrushchev's word for it.

The story got on the news wire, and, promptly, drew a reply from the "Treasury Department in Washington. Where the statement was issued - that it was all right for H.S.T. to autograph dollar bills.

But, when that permission came, the former President replied - no, he wasn't going to do it. And explained - "It's against the law."

The logic may seem a bit complicated. But, it may not be so complex as it sounds. Maybe H.S.T. just doesn't want to autograph bills, and hand them around to friends. He has a lot of friends - and it might be expensive.

JAPANESE FLOODS

Word from the stricken area of southern Japan is that twenty-seven inches of rain fell in a little more than twelve hours. Producing a deluge, which is called - the worst ever recorded in so short a space of time. The death list may run as high as three thousand. Seventy-nine thousand - left homeless. Railways washed out - at fifty-one places. Communications - disrupted.

Yesterday, the only communication between the stricken area and Tokyo was provided by - amateur radio. The U.S. Air Force - providing helicopters. Aiding the Japanese - in rescue work.

Whole families were wiped out by landslides or flash floods. One woman, washed out to sea, was found clinging to a bit of floating wood. Drifting - for twenty hours, before being rescued by a fisherman.