

~~DEMOCRAT~~ K.P. - K. Mon. Sept. 14 - '53,

The Democrats ~~are having~~ <sup>staged</sup> their big <sup>conclave</sup> ~~chance~~  
~~in Chicago. The conference began today and, right~~  
~~off the bat, an uproar. Some old argument - the~~  
~~loyalty pledge. Southern Democrats ~~were~~ on the warpath~~  
~~against the northern liberal faction. Some explosive~~  
~~issue, which nearly blew the ~~en~~ roof off the~~  
~~Democratic national convention last year.~~

~~The present event is~~ The largest ~~jump~~ political  
pow-wow the democrats have ever staged, in an off-  
election year. The purpose - to greet their last  
presidential candidate, Adlai Stevenson - recently  
returned from a trip around the world. And - to  
whoop it up and lay plans for the congressional  
elections next year. Fifteen hundred Democratic  
politicians from all over the country - gathered to  
assail the Eisenhower administration and the  
Republicans in general. Tonight, a fund-raising  
banquet - one hundred dollars a plate. ~~The speakers~~  
~~include ex-president Truman - and Adlai Stevenson.~~

~~Part of the program will be on television.~~

Headline highjinks in politics;- but, the discordant note blared forth at once today, at a meeting of Democratic State chairmen. Jim Peters of Georgia got up, and said the "loyalty pledge" was an "insult". That pledge at the convention last year - to make every delegate promise to support the candidate nominated. Some of the top southern democrats went home and campaigned for Ike.

"It's no longer a solid south", Jim Peters shouted. Whereupon the Iowa State Chairman arose - Jake Moore. He is a conservative northerner - and he supported the south.

Marion Gressette of South Carolina - ~~XXXXXXXX~~ then proposed that ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the committee of State chairmen go on record - against the "loyalty pledge."

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What did the northern liberals have to say about all this? They were mild and full of conciliation. Richard Balch, of New York, who presided, said - he

sympathized with the south, but the meeting of State  
chairmen was not the "proper forum" for the question.  
So the South Carolina chairman withdrew in his  
"anti-loyalty" pledge resolution - reluctantly.

The clash between the southerners and the  
northern liberals was expected. Some of the top  
Democrats of the South are boycotting the Chicago  
conference altogether. The "loyalty pledge" is  
dynamite, and it started exploding today.



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## EARTHQUAKE

The Fiji Islands had a severe earthquake today, but the worst of it was - the tidal wave. Two lives lost, and there was heavy damage in the city of Suva - where buildings were shaken down. People terrorized by the earthquake, and then they saw - the tidal wave. Three miles out, a wall of water tenfeet high - rolling in. Enorm Engulfing the low lying shores - far and wide.

At the same time, on the surface of the ~~ENORM~~ sea, thousands of dead fish - killed by some kind of catastrophe at the bottem of the Pacific.

In Korea - another rebellion of prisoners-of-war who don't want to go back to the Reds. This time - two hundred and fifty Chinese, a sit down strike.

Taken to the neutral zone, to be interviewed by Red envoys, they sat down at the compound entrance, and remained there in sullen silence. Until, the command of Indian troops guarding the camp - persuaded them to go in. There they screamed curses at Communist agents. Other prisoners joined in the uproar - and stones were hurled at the Reds.



## COUNCIL OF EUROPE

A plan for a reconciliation with Soviet Russia is being presented to the Council of Europe - which meets at the French city of Strassbourg - the scheme - handed in by former Belgian Premier Spaak, leader of the Belgian Socialist party. He suggests that the Soviets be invited to "associate" with a United Western Europe. For a settlement, on what he calls - a "family" basis.

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## GERMANY

In West Berlin, today, the number came to four millions. That many of <sup>what the Germans call</sup> "Eisenhower food packages."

The Reds of East Berlin are still trying to terrorize people swarming for American food, but can't stop them. The latest we hear tells of a huge crowd breaking into a riot, when the Red police seized parcels. Russian soldiers -- firing a volley over the heads of the people, in to intimidate them.

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## PROSECUTION

In Red Poland, a Roman Catholic Bishop, three priests, and a nun--went on trial today. Charged - with espionage in behalf of the United States and the Vatican.

The indictment has the same old sound. The Polish Bishop, say the Reds, dealt with U.S. Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane, planning American--in Vatican espionage, back in Nineteen Forty-five. The priests and the nun - accused of having been in the plot.

Today, the Vatican denounced the court room farce as - "legalized blackmail". Part of a Communist move to get control of the Church in Poland.

At the same time, anti-Religious terrorism is reported in Yugoslavia - Communist, though anti-Soviet. Reports tell of a whole series of churchmen beaten up by gangs of Reds. Brutally mistreated - while a Communist mob wrecked a seminary for training clergymen. There -- a Bishop was beaten unconscious.

All this - encouraged by the government of the anti-Soviet Red Marshal, Tito. Who, according to church authorities, is running a campaign of terror against both the Serbian orthodox and the Roman Catholic churches in Jugoslavia.

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## ITALY

A dispatch from Rome tonight states that the Italian government has handed formal diplomatic notes to the United States, Great Britain, France, and Yugoslavia suggesting that the question of Trieste be decided by a plebescite in that city. Let the people vote the decision. This was proposed in a weekend address by the new Italian Premier- Pella.

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## MYSTERY

There's a town in France where a gloomy mystery still hasn't been solved - the mystery of that thirteenth coffin. At Fronsac, the Dorneau family maintains a crypt in the local cemetery - where family members are laid to rest. You may have read how recently, the Dorneaus had the crypt opened. Where there should have been twelve coffins inside - there were thirteen. They were astounded - it was impossible. The thirteenth was opened, and in it - the body of an unknown young woman. Who was she? For a week now they have been trying to solve the mystery. Who is it. Who's the blonde in that thirteenth coffin. So far no clue!

## REFORMATORY

At a reformatory in Maryland, another outbreak today - after a ~~previous~~ riot last night. They sure take their softball seriously. When the umpire makes a wrong decision - it's no fooling.

Yesterday - the crucial game of the season. They have a softball league, among the nine hundred and fifty youths. Teams - competing for the reformatory pennant. The season ended with two tied for the lead, and the playoff was yesterday.

The umpire called a close decision, and there was a protest. The usual argument - with the ump. He stuck to his verdict - and the team, making the protest, walked off the ball field. There were arguments all over the place - and sixty players and softball fans went on a rampage.

The disturbance was put down, but broke out again today - with forty smashing things up, and barricading doors.

## FOLLOW REFORMATORY

The latest - reformatory officials have asked the state and local police to stand by, in anticipation of new disorders tonight.

So early tonight the five policemen in a row of a building that no other manager has ever seen able to accomplish.

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## BASEBALL

The New York Yankees clinched the ~~prx~~ pennant today, beating the Cleveland Indians - eight to five. So Casey Stengel wins five pennants in a row - a thing that no other manager has ever been able to accomplish.

*— as you no doubt know —*  
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## SLAVERY

A report is being issued by - the anti-slavery society, in London. Which is a reminder that this historic organization still exists - and is active. Founded back in Eighteen Twenty-three, when the famous Wilberforce led the great anti-slavery crusade, and legal servitude was abolished in the realms of the British empire. Today, the Society calls on the U N to enforce an anti-slavery decree, issued by the old league of Nations in Nineteen Twenty-six.

The report says slave trade still goes on - especially in Arabia. The chief market place - in Mecca. The human chattels- brought in largely from Syria - to be sold in the markets of southern Arabia.

The slaves are said to number three-quarters of a million -- in the dim world of the desert and ~~gh~~ the Bedouin ~~xxx~~ tribes.

Africa gets a prominent mention, too. Chattel slavery -- in Ethiopia. Peonage - on European owned

plantations. And, in Central Africa, wives are still on sale - amounting to servitude.

The anti-slavery society notes that the price of brides has gone up - post-war inflation everywhere. In the Southern Sudan, the price is in terms of spears. Before the war, a wife cost twenty spears. Now - fifty spears. In Uganda, the price of a bride is five cows, fifty goats, and about three dollars in cash.

On the basis of the report, it's no wonder that the old anti-slavery society still goes on.

## SULTAN

Here are two reports - concerning the Sultan of ~~Mxxx~~ Morocco - in Corsica. I don't know how these two bits of news are connected - I'll just pass them along.

The Sultan, exiled to Corsica by the French government, is complaining - he's cold. The nights are chilly - and he's shivering. With three official wives and a couple of concubines, Sidi Mohammed occupies a resort hotel, overlooking the blue Mediterranean. Corsica has a <sup>glorious</sup> balmy climate - it's just off the Italian Riviera. But it is a good deal cooler than the burning sands of the Sahara. So the former monarch of Morocco has the chilblains, virtually - if not frostbite.

It's a problem for the government at Paris, which intends to move Sidi Mohammed and his entourage from Corsica to a place in the Pyrenees. But that's chillier still - <sup>up in those lofty</sup> ~~in the~~ mountains.

Report number two. The French authorities have sent the whole royal harem to Corsica, today.

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at the Morrocan city of Rabat, twenty veiled  
concubines boarded a plane, and flew to the  
Mediterranean island. Which aroused no end of  
curiosity - among the Corsicans, Mike. The twenty  
veiled women of the harem taken to Sidi Mohammed --  
the shivering Sultan.