

Today brings a Taft Eisenhower dispute, -it seems- the first possible rift between the two, since they joined forces in the election campaign. The Senator does not approve of yesterday's nomination - Martin Durkin to be Secretary of Labor. He says the job should not go to a Democratic Union Leader, who supported Stevenson. He calls the selection -"incredible." And says: "It's an affront to millions of union members and officers, who had the courage to defy the edict of officials, like Mr. Durkin, that they vote for Stevenson."

Taft had made two recommendations of his own for the Labor post, advising President-elect Eisenhower to name either Clarence Manion, former Dean of the Notre Dame Law School, or former Senator Danaher of Connecticut. But that Eisenhower choice is very different - a Union Labor backer of Stevenson.

The Senator and the General, after their battle for G.O.P. nomination, had that famous campaigning love feast. But there have been plenty of suppositions that, in the

business of government, they might clash. ^{Still} ~~what~~ nobody expected
if a rift it is.
a rift so soon. The Taft opposition to Durkin could be serious -
since the nominee for Secretary of Labor, like any other Cabinet
member, must be okayed by the Senate. Taft, however, makes it
clear that he has no objection to Durkin personally. He states
that his comments are, what he calls - "no reflection on the
character or ability of Mr. Durkin." *And that would seem to* ~~which might~~ indicate -
that he will not fight the nomination in the Senate.

What's the reaction to all this? ~~None~~

~~What~~ Well, let's first consult the principal character.

Yesterday, when ~~Mr. Durkin~~ informed of his own selection, ~~that~~

Durkin ~~he~~ called for a meeting between Senator Taft and the Union

leaders on the subject of the Taft-Hartley Law, to which the

Unions are so hostile. The Senator and the Labor leaders -

to discuss revisions of the law, which would make it acceptable

to both Unions and Management. Today, when informed of Taft's

opposition to him, Durkin did not change his opinion. He said

he hopes for eventual cooperation with Taft. Prospects might

argument. G.O.P. Senator Dworshak of Idaho declares:

"This is Eisenhower's show." And adds: "I made up my mind long ago, that it was his prerogative to name his Cabinet."

COMMUNISTS - U.N.

(A New York Grand Jury accuses the State Department -
in connection with Reds in the U.N.) ~~A number of Americans in~~
~~the employ of the world organization have refused to answer the~~
~~sixty-four dollar questions about being Communists for the~~
he statement is that ^(American) ~~alleged~~ Reds were cleared ~~by the State~~
~~Department~~ for important posts in the U.N.) One ~~of these~~ - an
individual who acted as a Soviet espionage agent while in the
employ of the world organization. He was questioned, and refused
to answer whether or not he still was acting as a Red spy.

The Grand Jury declares that the disloyal Americans
are nearly all former government employees - having held various
posts in Washington. And adds that ^{there} ~~this~~ was ~~as~~ - a "definite,
planned, pattern." By which - ^{pro-communist} ~~high government~~ officials in
Washington surrounded themselves with subversive persons, and
then shifted them over to the United Nations. To which they
were transferred - okayed by the State Department. So says the
Grand Jury.

Add COMMUNISTS - UN

The latest - State Department makes a reply.

That -
~~stating~~ the Department is "not in a position" to tell
the United Nations who ^{it} should hire.

JESSUP

Philip Jessup has resigned - the Ambassador often under attack by McCarthy. Today, President Truman accepted the resignation with expressions of high regard for Ambassador Jessup.

LATTIMORE

A Washington Grand Jury is going to investigate Owen Lattimore - looking into charges that the Far Eastern expert in testifying to a Senate Sub-Committee, distorted what he had to say.

This goes back to an inquiry into charges that U.S. policy in the far East had been influenced by pro-Communists, acting in the interest of the Chinese Reds. The Institute of Pacific Relations, often under fire, was mentioned. Owen Lattimore, a former trustee of that Institute, was questioned - he having been denounced by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin as a Soviet agent.

The Far Eastern expert denied everything - and the Committee thereupon accused him of having testified falsely. For example - about his relations with Henry Vanderbilt Field, called a financial angel for pro-Communist causes.

The Attorney General ordered the F.B.I. to look into the matter. So now, McGranery states:
"The F.B.I. investigation has been completed, and I have directed that all pertinent facts be given to the Grand Jury."

U.N.

At the U.N., the Political Committee votes down the Soviet plan for a truce in Korea - based on a forcible return of prisoners-of-war. The ~~vote~~ ^{majority -} forty-one to five. Which was to be expected, after action last night - when the Committee passed the compromise presented by India - although the Soviets and Red China had rejected it in advance.

(In spite of the Communist opposition, people at the U.N. retain some faint hope that the Indian compromise may bring about an armistice - with its proviso that Red prisoners, who refuse to go home, would be placed in charge of the U.N. for final disposition. The Indian delegate, whose government is in constant communication with Red China, says ~~the~~ ^{the} proposal may, in his words - "form the bridge across present difficulties." Hope seems to die hard at the U.N.)

SAAR

In Paris, Foreign Minister Schuman announces - that he will ask for a resumption of negotiations on the question of the Saar.

Over the weekend, they had ^{that} an election in that disputed coal mine section ~~is~~ cut off from Germany at the end of World War Two. It was a victory for the French. The Germans urged the Saarlanders to boycott the election. But a sizeable majority of the total voting population cast ballots in favor of the present international regime. Opposing - a return to Germany.

The Saar question threatens to disrupt the United front of Western Europe - Germany and France being angrily at feud. But now the French Foreign Minister says he's going to ask West German Chancellor Adenauer to resume negotiations - to decide the future of the Saar. This is well received by the West German government - a spokesman tonight stating: "The wish for negotiations on the Saar question is completely mutual."

VENEZUELA

We hear that the weekend election in Venezuela continues to build up ~~an~~^{an} overwhelming victory ~~for~~^{for} the Left Wing party - as against the military junta that has been running the South American country since Nineteen Forty-Eight. This was indicated by the first published returns - after which, the government at Caracas clamped on a censorship, to keep further election news from getting out. But, in the neighboring republic of Colombia, radio listeners are able to pick up broadcasts intended for Venezuela only. Presumably, the military junta is telling the local people about election results - while trying to keep these from the outside world.

(So that's the origin of tonight's dispatch, which states that radio listeners in Colombia have picked up word that the Left Wing party has nearly three hundred thousand votes. The government in power - less than one hundred and fifty thousand. A conservative faction - about ninety thousand. Such are the figures - with about a quarter of the total vote counted.)

The Left Wing party favors an increase of taxes on American oil companies - operating in the rich Venezuelan fields. But ~~it~~ states, ~~in~~ specific terms - ~~that~~ they do not advocate any nationalization of Venezuelan oil.

Substitute VENEZUELA

Here's the latest from Venezuela - the Minister of Defense has proclaimed himself Provisional President. By what authority? "By the decision of the Armed Forces" says Colonel Carlos Perez.

This is the answer the Venezuelan Military Junta gives to the election over the weekend - which resulted in an overwhelming majority ^{for} of the Left-Wing Party, running in opposition to the ^(Army) ~~military~~ group. The announcement means that the election is cancelled by a Coup D' Etat - the military forces retaining power.

SAINT

Remarkable scenes are being witnessed at Portugal's old city of Goa, in India. They ^are commemorating the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the ~~mission~~ ^{death} of St. Francis Xavier, the Apostle of the Indies. Tens of thousands of pilgrims throng the city. They come from all over the world - a large part from British East Africa and Portuguese East Africa. Presiding over the ceremonies, the Papal Legate, the Cardinal of Portugal, who has come from Lisbon. For four days, the body of St. Francis Xavier is being exposed to public view - strangely preserved after four centuries.

All recalling a fabulous episode - of profoundest importance in history. Beginning with a young Spanish soldier, Ignatius Loyola, who was wounded in battle - and became converted to religious enthusiasm. Gathering around him a group of companions, ^{which} ~~was~~ became the nucleus of the Jesuit Order. One of them, a fellow Spaniard, Francis Xavier. Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, had his career in Europe, organizing the Order, which battled for Rome against Luther and the

Protestant Reformation. But Francis Xavier became a missionary in distant lands.

In those days, the Portuguese had a fabulous empire in the East - India, the Indies. So to that exotic world the young missionary went, voyaging to the shores of southern Asia. In time, he made his way to the Far East, the China coast, Japan. His missionary exploits won for him the title - Apostle of the Indies.

He died in China, in Fifteen Fifty-Two, four hundred years ago, his body taken to Goa, the city the Portuguese held on the Arabian sea at the foot of the Deccan Plateau, in India, His tomb there - a mecca for pilgrims, culminating now with an enormous pilgrimage, commemorating ~~the~~ ^{the} Four Hundredth Anniversary of the death of the Saint.

Years ago, when I visited Goa, a priest at the great cathedral unlocked a massive door. And then a smaller carved door. and then he took out a heavy silver monstrance with a small glass frame. Behind the glass the bones of 2 human toes. Which he told us were the toes of St. Francis Xavier.

GIRL

(From Copenhagen, ~~an odd sidelight in the~~ ^{the} /strange story - of the G.I who became a girl. Now, Miss Christine Jorgensen, after serving in the U.S.Army as a soldier - no different, apparently, than any other G.I. Joe.) The news has been telling how Jorgensen became disturbed, and was in some curious transformation. (He went to Denmark, where medical scientists changed the ex-G.I. -- from him to her.)

Today's odd sidelight comes from "Miss Denmark of Nineteen Fifty-Two," who says she owes her own rise to fame to the one-time American soldier. He was always interested in photography - and, in Denmark, made pictures of a radiant blonde named Hanne Sorensen. She submitted one of them to the "Miss Denmark" contest - and won. That sent her to California for a "Miss Universe" contest - though she didn't win that one.

Today, Miss Denmark said: "I liked Chris very much. But I never knew where to place him, or her - as a friend, or she goes on, a girl friend. Although Chris seldom spoke of it, we were aware of great personal difficulties. We felt the flavor of

tragedy in the air, but did not try to make Chris unmask. "

Miss Denmark says she is glad about what ^{has} happened
to the former G.I. - who helped her win beauty contest fame.

~~And a curious angle in a strange story.~~

KIDNAP

Dawson

~~From~~ the Rio Grande - ^{or} vicious kidnapping case.

Mexican bandits abducting two Texas farm boys, and torturing them until a fourteen hundred dollar ransom was paid. The Mexican^s lured the boys across the border on a pretext of selling cattle cheaply. Then - seized them.

Their father

~~The Texas farmer~~, made a quick trip to

Chihuahua City, where he put in a complaint to the Governor. The Mexican authorities got busy on the case, and announce^d three arrests.

BRINK

News from Boston, that indictments are coming, in that famous Brinks affair - that record breaking robbery. A federal grand jury is hearing evidence presented by the F.B.I., and accusations will be brought against three men - charged with having played a part in the one-million,-two-hundred-thousand dollar hold-up.

The robbery of the Brinks armored car, loaded with a treasure of money, was two years ago - the crooks making a clean getaway. It looked like a blank mystery, with no clues that led anywhere. But now we hear that three men have been ~~identified~~ identified by the F.B.I., as having been seen in a truck that carried off the masses of loot.

This vehicle, it turns out, was a green panel truck, which had been stolen. It vanished, never seen again - not as anything on wheels. They found it cut into small pieces - in a dump heap of junk at Stoughton, Massachusetts. The crooks, after having reduced the truck to bits of metal, thought it would never be discovered. But they were wrong about that - and it now looks ^{Nelson} as if the Brinks hold-up might eventually be solved.