

STASSEN

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Congressman Carroll Reece, the Tennessee Republican, received a telegram today - which certainly looked like a political sensation. The wire signed- "Harold E. Stassen". Calling on liberal Republicans - to toss out the "Nixons and Knowlands."


~~What~~ We all remember how Harold Stassen, President Eisenhower's adviser on disarmament, came out against the renomination of Vice President Nixon. And Senator Knowland is a Republican Conservative leader.

Stassen promptly denied - that he ever sent ~~in~~ the telegram. Western Union has begun an investigation - to see who did. At the moment, all that is known is - that the wire was filed at Stamford, Connecticut.

All this - in connection with a new national chairman for the G O P to succeed - retiring Leonard Hall. One prominent candidate - H. Mead Alcorn, Jr., G O P National committeeman from Connecticut. The telegram - calling for the

election of Alcorn.

One suspicion is that the message, with its
denunciation of the "Nixons and Knowlands" - was meant -
really, to hurt the chances of Alcorn. But it's a puzzler -
the telegram signed with Stassen's name.



ADD STASSEN

Later in the day, Western Union made its report - and here it is. The sender of the telegram - definitely not Stassen, the President's disarmament adviser. The night manager of the Western Union office in Stamford states - that the man told the girl on the desk that he was "Harold Stassen." But - not the Stassen who's in the government." But there's a lot of confusion about what happened at the Stamford telegraph office.

This character sent other wires - and the word is - that other G O P members of Congress have received similar telegrams. Denouncing - the "Nixons and Knowlands."

The mystery - getting more and more complicated.

LOANS

In the Senate - a bill to provide a huge sum for government loans to home-buying veterans. Democratic leader, Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, introducing a measure that would put up one billion, four hundred million dollars, to stimulate housing construction, in behalf of war veterans.

RACKETEERING

In Washington, a woman witness expressed fear, today - fear of the kind of thing that happened to labor columnist Victor Reisel. Who was blinded - by an acid throwing thug. Mrs. Geraldine Taylor of Bayonne, New Jersey, told a Senate investigating sub-committee - that she was afraid of what would happen to her. If she told all she knows - about Johnny Dio, The union official - charged with masterminding the ~~xxx~~ attack on Victor Reisel.

Mrs. Taylor, a secretary employed by the union - was then questioned in a secret ~~xxx~~ session.

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The Senate is acting - to bring Robert E. Lee back into the Union. To restore - the full citizenship of the famous confederate General.

The sponsor of the Senate resolution - a Yankee, Homer Capehart of Indiana. The reason? Well, the facts about the citizenship of Robert E. Lee were made public by a "civil war round table" in Indiana.

The record shows that, after Appomattox, General Robert E. Lee retained - a part of his rights as a citizen. He could vote - but could not hold ~~an~~ political office, or serve on a ~~jur~~ jury. In Eighteen Sixty Six, Lee applied to President Andrew Johnson - for a full pardon. But, nothing ever happened. Which - is now to be remedied.

Today's action in the Senate is timed for an anniversary - the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of Lee's birth, January Nineteenth, two days from now. All of which is ~~now~~ news - that we should send along to those Elysian fields,

where the shades of great commanders foregather - Alexander,
Hannibal, Caesar, and Robert E. Lee.

ATOMIC

The United States - to have atomic task forces at strategic trouble spots ~~area~~ around the world. So say officials of the Defense Department. The task forces - to be armed with ground-to-ground missiles, carrying atomic warheads. The places where they'll be stationed - countries like Turkey, Iran, Japan, Okinawa; Alaska and points in western Europe. The idea - to be able to strike swiftly, with atomic weapons, in case of necessity.

Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles has assured Congress that President Eisenhower will exercise all possible caution - in taking action under the proposed "Eisenhower plan." Secretary Dulles used the expression "lean over backward," In telling - how careful the President will be about using American troops in the Middle East. "Lean^v over backward" - in efforts to avoid any such thing.

So stated in secret testimony - made public soon after speaker Sam Rayburn, today, threw his powerful support behind the President's program in the Middle East.

GAZA

In the General Assembly of the United Nations, tonight, Australia proposed - that U N forces occupy the Gaza Strip, ^{and} ~~in~~ the area along the ~~Gulf~~ of Aqaba. ~~In~~ Which Israel seized - and is reluctant to give up.

Israel Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, made a reply - which did not constitute a flat rejection of the resolution. To put the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Aqaba section - under U N control.

All this transpired during the debate on a resolution sponsored by Afro-Asian countries. Which would give Israel five days to get its troops completely out of all occupied Egyptian territory.

BRITAIN

The new British Prime Minister ~~went~~ on television and radio, today - and gave the British people a pep talk. Which, they say, was in the manner of a football coach, ~~in~~ in a pre-game session with his players, - the good old "do or die" spirit.

Harold MacMillan - demanding an end to what he called "defeatist talk." Putting it in these words: "All we need is confidence in our country and in ourselves. So don't let's have any more ~~and~~ defeatist talk, of second class powers, and of dreadful things to come."

He took up the all important ~~quest~~ question of British-American affairs, saying: "A lot of people are worried about our relations with the United States." And adding: "The life of the free world depends upon the partnership between us." Any partners are bound to have differences now and then - but true partnership is based upon respect. We don't intend," he declared, "to depart from the Americans. And - we don't intend to be satellites."

After which Prime Minister MacMillan defended the British-French invasion of Suez. Insisting: "I believe history will justify what we did."

Meanwhile, former Prime Minister Eden is leaving for New Zealand. The doctors have ordered him to take a complete rest - after the strain of ~~his~~ office, coupled with poor health. Sir Anthony getting away from it all - just

about as far as possible. ^{to far off} ~~Going to~~ New Zealand - for a rest.

In New Zealand it's summer now. An ideal place to be - taking those hot thermal baths in the geyser country at Rotorua; and pulling out those big lake trout in Lake Taupo.

On the island of Cyprus, the British Royal Air Force will hold a court-martial in an affair, the like of which - I don't think I've ever seen before. An R A F pilot accused of shirking an assignment - in the attack on Egypt. Taking measures to make sure that he wouldn't have to fly - in an air raid against the Suez Canal area.


Flight Officer Dennis Kenyon, Captain of a Canberra jet bomber - to take off in a squadron of other bombers. But, according to the charge against him - he had no stomach for the ~~xx~~ mission. So, in the take-off, he partly retracted the under-carriage of his jet bomber - so that the plane was wrecked, before leaving the ground.

~~I don't believe I've ever heard of anything like that before~~ - a pilot court-martialed for wrecking his warplane, to avoid carrying out a mission.

MOSCOW

A big time in the Kremlin, today - as the ~~East~~ Premier of Red China joined with Soviet leaders in loud propaganda.

Thirty-five hundred officials - hailing Chou En Lai, just returned from a tour of Poland and Hungary. Bitter attacks - on the United States. The Chinese Red Premier joining the Kremlin leaders in denouncing ~~that~~^{the} "Eisenhower doctrine" as a U.S. imperialistic plan to seize control of the Middle East.



Later, there was a sumptuous banquet for Chou En Lai at which - Khrushchev held forth on the subject of Stalin, again. Eating his words, it would seem. Soft-pedalling his previous condemnation of Stalin.

This time Khrushchev described the murderous dictator as a "model Communist." Waving his fist and shouting: "I do ~~not~~ not separate Stalin from Communism. But I consider that, as a Communist, fighting for the interests of the working class - Stalin was a model Communist."

At one point of the harangue, Bulganin whispered to Khrushchev, "enough, enough."

But Khrushchev ~~sm~~ grinned and retorted: "No, not enough." And - continued his harangue. Adding - that Stalin had his faults - but that Stalinism was true Communism.

All of which was ~~not~~ applauded by Chou En Lai, the Foreign Minister from Communist China.

HUNGARY

The puppet regime in Hungary - striking at leaders of the workers, in the factories of Budapest. At least five members of Budapest workers councils arrested - under a new decree which threatens the death penalty ^{for} ~~of~~ those inciting ~~the~~ workers to strike.

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The Kadar government continuing its persecution of Hungarian writers, a number of whom have been arrested.

The Hungarian writers association - outlawed.

Refugees reaching Austria describe ^{it} ~~conditions~~ as "a reign of terror."

IRELAND

In a Dublin courtroom, today - the disclosure of a document, outlining plans for the Irish Republican Army - for terrorist raids in North Ireland. The ~~mi~~ police declaring they found the fifteen page record in the apartment of a Dublin journalist, Sean Cronin - who once worked as a ~~mi~~ newspaperman in New York.

The document lists _ four "Flying Columns". Bands of armed men - with raiding assignments. And routes to take - into North Ireland, targets - to strike. Including - police ~~mi~~ barracks, bridges and various industrial installations.

The outlawed Irish Republican Army is being prosecuted by the Dublin government - for a whole series of raids in North Ireland. Now the discovery - of a plan of campaign of the I. R.A.

MARIE MCDONALD

Marie McDonald appeared before a Hollywood Grand Jury, today, and said: "I am not looking forward to this. I don't see how I can convince the ^{jury,} if I can't convince the police."

She says the cops have refused to issue warrants for two men who, she said, kidnapped her. And now hopes - a grand jury will issue the warrants.

All implications are that the ~~px~~ police are skeptical about the kidnap story told by Marie "the body" McDonald.

HYPNOTIST

In the judicial chambers of a Milwaukee judge - a weird scene, today. Ending the case - against an amateur hypnotist. Charged - with having put a spell on a woman. Convincing her that she had married him - in Seventeen Seventy Six, that fateful year.

Sylvester Werra sued Jacob Apsel for damages.

Charging that Apsel, using hypnotism, had convinced Mrs. Werra of that previous marriage in a previous life. As a result of which Mrs. Werra would have nothing more to do with Mr. Werra.

The case came up, today, before circuit court Judge Harvey Neelen. With Apsel declaring - that he, himself, believes that he married Mrs. Werra in Seventeen Seventy-Six, but he was willing to de-hypnotize Mrs. Werra. So the Judge took him up on that, and the occult business ~~was~~ was transacted - in Judge Neelen's chambers.

Apsel did some chanting - and then rubbed Mrs. Werra's temple with his thumbs. Telling her - she must forget

him - and return to her husband. "You will give him," the hypnotist commanded, "the same love and respect you did before you knew me."

When it was all over, the husband said: "I'm satisfied," he ~~went~~ withdrew the lawsuit, convinced that the spell was broken. Mrs. Werra - no longer believing she married Apsel in Seventeen Seventy Six.

DUEL

Political news from Peru - having to do with high government affairs. An aftermath - of the Peruvian presidential election, last summer. So what's today's political event?

A duel - a meeting on the field of honor. With sabres - those heavy slashing blades, which can ~~an~~ take an ear off. Or, for that matter - ^{- your} ~~take a~~ head, ~~off~~.

In the election, last June, Gernando Belaunde Terry, head of the popular action party - was defeated by President Manuel Prado. Remaining - chief of the political opposition.

Then, at New Year's President Prado gave an address to the nation - which made no hit with opposition leader Belaunde. Who, thereupon, published a reply. And that, in turn, was answered by Eduardo Watson. Who, with his Anglo-Saxon name, is a member of the chamber of Deputies at Lima. Watson - criticizing Belaunde severely.

That's what brought about the duel - Belaunde challenging Watson. Their seconds, top level politicians -

meeting at Lima's aristocratic National Club, Tuesday night.
Making - arrangements.

The field of honor - a terrace at a Peruvian Air Force base outside the city. Where, today, the duelists - went at each other with sabres. The contest - lasting for half an hour. Ending - when both were wounded. In the melee of slashing blades, Belaunder - sustained a cut on one arm, Watson, a cut on ~~his~~ one ear.

- Henry -

Showing _^ that politics in Latin-America can be ~~is~~ livelier than mere oratory, counting votes, and all that, ~~rest of it.~~