

LEAD

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~~News~~ News in the Post-Election political field:-

Stassen will seek the Republican nomination in nineteen-
fifty-two. A leader ^{of the drive} for the former Minnesota

Governor States: "Stassen will be in the political
picture in the campaign for the next Republican
nomination."

Seems a bit early, but not altogether unexpected.

Stassen made a whirlwind campaign for the nineteen
forty nomination and he is still young. Governor

Dewey, after two tries, declares that he is out of the
Presidential picture. So now the man from Minnesota
is already announced as ^{probably} ~~being~~ in the race for 1952.

ELECTION BET

There are millions of people in this country who have been saying -- "If I'd only put a bet on Truman." So now among them we have a headliner -- Mrs. India Edwards, Director of the Women's Division of the Democratic national party.

Today she explained to newsmen that she wanted to bet a thousand dollars on the President, at fifteen to one which would have brought her fifteen thousand dollars. Why didn't she do it? Because her husband knew better.

"I feel terribly" she said today. "My husband thought loyalty and confidence were fine, but you don't have to be idiotic about it. So," she added sadly "we still have the mortgage on our farm."

Which is the classic of not betting on Truman -- hubby persuading the Director of the Women's Division of the Democratic National Committee that she would only lose her money.

POLITICS

(At Key West the democratic leaders are rallying around the President, whose vacation seems to be a fairly busy one. In the Key West High Council, there is one big question -- what to do about the Dixiecrats? They are trying to figure out what kind of welcome to give the Southern Democrats who were against President Truman in the election.

~~The news today told of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt coming out for drastic reprisals against the Dixiecrats. The anti-Truman rebels retain their place in Congress, and a powerful place it is -- especially as they are entitled to Chairmanships of important committees. The widow of the Late Franklin D. Roosevelt demands that the Dixiecrats in Congress be deprived of these influential posts -- on the ground that they are Democrats no longer. She mentions Congressman Rankin of Mississippi who supported the Dixiecrat ticket, Thurmond and Wright. She also called for action against Senator Olin Johnson of South Carolina -- who was bitterly Anti-Truman at first, but supported the President after he~~

was nominated.

The word in Washington tonight is that these Congressional reprisals, proposed by Mrs. Roosevelt, will not be made -- that the party and administration will not intervene in the Congressional business of naming Committee Chairman. That comes from Democratic National Chairman, Senator McGrath, who says that (punishment will be confined to the top Dixiecrat leaders. They will be deprived of positions in the regular organization of the Democratic Party.)

In particular, there is J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, who ran for President on the Anti-Truman ticket. He will not be recognized as Democratic National Committeeman from South Carolina. Support will be given to Southerners who supported the President, a spokesman of the Democratic National Committee stating that the aim is to establish, what he calls -- "A loyal functioning, pro-Truman Party-organization in every Southern State."

Prominent among the Southerners who supported the

Truman cause is Governor Folsom of Alabama -- although his own state threw the President off the ballot. So what now about Governor Folsom, known far and wide as -- "Kissin' Jim"?

He comes up with a bright idea, as he is always likely to do. He suggests that he would be available for -- that Mission to Moscow. Which would be a revival, indeed, of President Truman's plan to send a personal emissary to the Kremlin to have a talk with Stalin. The President thought the right kind of envoy would be Chief Justice Vinson, but now Kissin' Jim offers himself, for what he calls -- "A cracker-barrel-Mission-to-Moscow."

But what would he and Stalin do with a cracker barrel? The Alabama Statesman reverts back to good old American ways, farmers talking politics in a rural general store. He explains it in these words: "I've always believed that, if I could get across a cracker barrel from Joe Stalin, we could talk peace."

So maybe that's the answer to the Berlin Crisis, Send Kissin' Jim to the Kremlin with a cracker barrel.

FOLLOW POLITICS

Something more serious along these lines is a late story from the temporary White House at Key West - a denial that President Truman may see Stalin. The report was printed in the Washington Times-Herald, which told of a plan for the President to have a talk with the Soviet Premier either in Moscow or in Washington - some time before the new Congress convenes in January. The answer, given by the White House Press Secretary, is in the following words: "There is no such plan in mind."

The Washington newspaper report was passed along tonight by the Soviet news agency Tass, which made no comment. And this American rumor has drifted across the ocean to Rome, where it is the subject of remarks tonight by the official newspaper of the Vatican. The reception -- one of approval. "Perhaps" declares the Vatican paper, the rumor of a Truman-Stalin meeting in the near future is not pure fantasy." To which it adds: "We now believe that direct negotiations between the two sides can bring equilibrium." The Vatican newspaper declares

that it would be the "first to salute" a Truman-Stalin meeting.

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U.N. FOLLOW POLITICS

In the Berlin Crisis, a new attempt for a compromise was begun today by the Secretary of the United Nations, Trygve Lie. He has initiated conferences with the Western and Soviet representatives, also with delegations of the smaller nations. Previous attempts have failed, but now -- another neutral quest for a middle-of-the-road solution. In the political committee of the U. N., something that sounds as American as Folsom's cracker barrel -- a filibuster. Today the Committee voted a restriction of debate -- to end a marathon of talk headed by the delegation from Yugoslavia. The committee is preparing to act on a resolution condemning the puppet states of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Albania for giving aid to the Red Guerrillas in Greece. Trying to stop the vote, the Yugoslav delegate addressed the committee twenty-seven times in two sessions.

Today American Delegate John Foster Dulles proposed measures to break the filibuster, and a restriction was passed, a gag rule -- limiting all speeches to ten minutes.

ANTI-COMMUNIST RADIO

A mysterious underground radio is found to be operating in Europe -- with anti-communist broadcasts against the Red Regime in Czechoslovakia. United States Government monitors have picked up messages *from it --* ~~messages~~ *there*, advancing the suggestion that a new republic may be formed within the Soviet Satellite -- a free Slovak Republic.

American radio officials are not inclined to believe the clandestine station is operated inside ~~of~~ Czechoslovakia -- where it could be detected easily by the Reds. So the secret broadcasts must emanate from some other place. *what are termed* They feature *true* pictures and the facts about the world this side of the Iron curtain.

The concealed station also sends code messages -- communications meant for the Czechoslovak underground. For example, American monitors picked up the following mystifying jargon: "We are calling Orion," said the ~~secret~~ *secret* radio. "Thanks for the message received an hour ago. We are in a festive mood. *is* at least one candle left? Greetings to the Porter. East will probably

come next week."

Sheer nonsense to us, but it may be full of meaning to people in the Anti-Communist underground.

SUBSTITUTE LEAD PALESTINE

(The latest from Palestine pictures a new flare-up of war in the southern desert, the Negeb. Troops of Israel today captured a fortress held by Egyptians. Tel-Aviv states that the Egyptian garrison was under seige -- during these days of truce.) Today they tried to steal past the Jewish positions -- whereupon artillery opened fire on the beseiged town. The Egyptians yielded and surrendered.)

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PALESTINE

(At the U.N., another proposal to guard the truce in Palestine, made officially today by the U.N. mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche -- the idea being to establish a no man's land between Jewish and Arab forces.) The mediator submitted his proposal to a closed Council meeting in Paris, and immediate objection was made by Israel. "We categorically oppose any plan which calls for demilitarized zones, or a no man's land, in our land," declared the spokesman for Israel.

The government at Tel Aviv, meanwhile, has asked the U.N. truce officials to investigate reports that British troops have entered Palestine. Israel says that word has been received of British Contingents arriving in Trans-Jordan recently, and that some of them are in Palestine. So an investigation is requested -- as the London Government denies the report, and insists that no British soldiers are in the Holy Land.

EGYPT

Egypt is in a state of emergency tonight -- after an attempt to kill the leader of the Extreme Nationalist Party, the WAFD. He is Ex-Premier Mustapha El Nahas Pasha, and the would be assassins were certainly out to get him -- with bombs and machine guns.

This afternoon, the Nationalist leader was in his home, when a bomb, planted just outside of the house, went off -- and the reverberation shook Cairo. Mustapha El Nahas Pasha, and his family, escaped injury. Whereupon the Ex-Premier went to a meeting of his Nationalist Party.

There he attended the proceedings -- and, as he left for home, another attempt was made on his life. A bomb was hurled at his car. Again he was uninjured by the explosion.

He drove to his home, and there his enemies opened fire with a machine gun. A guard of police blazed away in return, -- and, in the exchange of gunshots, four policemen were hit, one seriously injured. But, in the hail of bullets, Mustapha El

Nahas Pasha escaped again. A friend pushed him behind a stone wall, machine gun slugs whizzing right by him.

The stubborn and repeated assassination attempts created huge excitement in Cairo, where the government immediately clamped on emergency laws to guard against an outbreak. The identity of the bomb and machine gun terrorists is not known, but the Nationalist Party is having a feud in its ^{own} ranks, with bitter enmity among the leaders.

Not including today's events, there have been five previous attempts to assassinate Mustapha El Nahas Pasha--with pistols, machine guns, hand grenades, and dynamite. But he has escaped them all, quoted as saying: "Allah is on my side. Nobody can injure me."

Well, today -- Allah certainly was merciful.

CHINA

(The Chinese nightmare grows worse -- with wild inflation riots today. The new and supposedly stabilized currency issued by the Chiang Kai-Shek Government has gone the way of the older Chinese money, which vanished in a fantasy of inflation. Already the new gold yuan has plunged to a fraction of its value, and today merchants were refusing to accept it as payment for goods.) Workers rejected paper money as wages, and demanded food instead.

Disorders flared in **S**hanghai, where hungry mobs plundered rice shops and looted vegetable stands. A U. S. Army Officer, with long service in China, said: "This is the worst I have ever seen. These people are angry. They are just right for the Communists."

(At the same time, the Communists are moving down from the North. Having swept into control of Manchuria, they today drove past the Great Wall of China -- into **xx** the Northern Provinces.)

So now unhappy China faces a twofold nightmare, financial and Communist -- inflation and invasion.

URANIUM

They ^{are}~~are~~ having a Uranium rush in Canada -- this time near the Great Lakes. Previous headline strikes of the radioactive metal were made far up in the northern wilderness. **B**ut now the rush is on seventy three miles from Sault Ste. Marie ^{on the} ~~x~~ Northeastern Shore of Lake Superior.

The deposit is said to show nearly sixty per cent uranium ore, and thus far two-hundred-and-twenty-five claims have been staked -- new ones being registered at the rate of nearly fifty a day.

The region is a favorite for fishing expeditions, many Americans journeying up that way to cast the luring fly for trout. **T**he country is isolated, but has about thirty **h**otels -- to take care of summer sportsmen. This is the off season, and the resorts should be empty. **B**ut they **are** jammed -- with Uranium hunters. A radioactive rush in circumstances fairly de luxe.

It all began when Robert Campbell, a mining engineer, saw something about a month ago. In the rocks along Lake Superior, he spied a streak -- where erosion had

laid bare a two inch seam of pitchblende. That's the original mineral which figured in the first discovery of radioactivity. Robert Campbell kept the secret to himself, and is said to have staked thirty claims of his own, before anybody else knew about his discovery of Uranium -- the radioactive metal for the Atomic Bomb.

CALIFORNIA FIRE

The Marines went into action on the California fire front today - the Leathernecks launching a drive against the raging brush fire, southern California's worst of the year. The flames got out of control yesterday, whipped by a sixty mile an hour wind. Today, the fire was ~~xxxx~~ bearing down on the town of Silverado when daredevil Marines charged in with bulldozers. They cut a fire trail to check the advancing blaze, and jammed the bulldozers through almost in the face of the tempest of flame.

ENDURANCE FLYERS

The endurance flyers at Longview, Texas, are still in the air, completing their third week. We heard on October Twentieth how Fred Winmont and Bert Simmons, of Dallas, took off, and were circling Longview flying field, determined to break the endurance record. Picking up fuel and food, snatching packages **from** from the ground, they have been going round and round ever since. They completed their twenty-first day today, and plan to make the sixty-two-days - coming down about Christmas.

SHRIMPS

Shrimps on a California ranch. A hundred miles from the sea, they get fresh shrimp daily -- in their own back yard. The catch comes from the bottom of a well; fresh water[^] - although the shrimp is a saltwater crustacean[^]. Zoologists from the University of California have investigated the phenomenon, and say ~~that~~ the shrimps are of a kind that lived on this earth eons ago, back at the dawn-of-time -- [^]now surviving at the bottom of a sixty-foot well in San Benito County[^]. The only guess is that at one time in the dim past, shrimp inhabited a pond, which somehow became an underground pool - a cavern which has broken into that well on the ranch - the shrimps of prehistoric times getting into it.

COMET

If you live in ^{the South or Southwest,} ~~the north,~~ you may see a brilliant new comet. -- if you get up early enough tomorrow morning. The astronomers announce that just before dawn a bright wanderer of the sky will be visible all the way across the Southern Belt, from Florida ~~and Georgia~~ to Southern California. First observed in South Africa on Saturday last, the new heavenly body is said to be brighter than Halley's Comet, the most famous of all.

And now, our Proc. & Sam. Ivory Comet — meaning you, Nelson.

WEATHER

The U. S. Weather Bureau reports another hurricane, four hundred miles off Nassau - and says it will probably increase in violence as it moves along. But that scientific meteorology is as nothing beside the weather lore emanating from Durham, New Hampshire - where today the Farmer's Almanac one-hundred-and-fifty-seven years old, made its annual appearance today. The Farmer's Almanac lists a few wonders of weather last winter. At Hancock, New Hampshire, they had a technicolor snowstorm. At first the blizzard was the orthodox white, then turned yellow, then purple. Finally, for a wonderful twenty minutes, the snowstorm was a lovely pink.

At Portland, Maine, they had a pink fog. A bank of mist rolled over Portland, glowing with the color of the rose. At Martha's Vineyard, a blue moon, really blue. And at Dayton, Ohio - it ^(rained) ~~XXXXXX~~ green.

~~In the month of March, Boston had three moons - the Farmer's Almanac explaining that two of them were moon dogs. That is, two of the three moons were illusions named, I suppose, in honor of the dogs that bay at the moon.~~