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LATE POLITICS

(The Democratic National Committee ~~has~~ read the Dixiecrat revolters out of the Democratic Party. From now on says the Committee, it only recognizes Southern Democrats who support the regular Democratic Truman-Barkley political ticket.) *All their concern is* in a telegram from William ~~F~~ Prim of the Democratic National Committee, *a message* to ~~those~~ South Carolina Democrats who refused to participate in the Dixiecrat revolt -- the loyal Southerners. *"*The group now organized under the name of the States Rights Party, ~~or~~ Dixiecrats, has bolted the Democratic Party", says Prim in his wire. "Neither they nor their leaders can be recognized as Democrats! Any more than Henry ~~W~~ Wallace and his *Progressive* Party." To which Chairman J Howard McGrath adds:—"Only those who support President Truman and Senator Alben Barkley can consider themselves Democrats".

The Dixiecrats won a place on the Indiana November election ballot today, but both the Democrats

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and the Republicans moved in to block the action.

Republican attorney Frank Beckworth announcing that he ^{'d}
~~will~~ file suit tomorrow to prevent the Party from being
listed.

Meanwhile, Mr Truman is sending out a scout to
keep his ear to the political ground ~~at~~ ^{at} the grass roots,
the border states of Kentucky and West Virginia and
southern Indiana. The scout -- Leslie Biffle, of the
Senate Democratic Policy Committee. Biffle to travel
incognito, driving a truck, posing as a farmer, to get
a line on what the voters think of Mr Truman.

STASSEN

Former Governor Stassen will deliver the opening speech of the campaign at Detroit, next Tuesday.

In Albany, today, after a conference with Governor Dewey, Governor Stassen charged the Truman administration with deliberately attempting to keep up the high cost of food. He cited statements by officials of the Department of Agriculture, which he said were designed to increase food prices "when they should be coming down." In particular, he referred to the statement by Agriculture Secretary Charles Brannan, that the Federal government is planning to step up its food purchasing program.

In June, a year ago, Stassen pointed out, food prices were beginning to drop, until the government went into the market in July, with a purchase of twenty-five million pounds of lard. This, said the Minnesotan, "skyrocketed all food prices and enabled Ed Pauley to "clean up" in the linseed oil market."

The Republicans task said Stassen was to expose the maneuvers of the government. Then he went on to tell how Governor Dewey has encouraged him to explore the possibility of bringing down the high cost of living within the next three months, and tell the public about the Republican program for careful government planning of food purchasing, and careful consumer purchasing; also measures to stop profiteering.

Governor Stassen went on to say today that he believes the law of supply and demand should be given a chance to work.

As for the speech he'll deliver in Detroit, he says it may not deal exclusively with food prices. That will depend largely on what Mr. Truman says in his speech Labor Day. Both are to speak in Detroit.

TRUMAN FOLLOW STASSEN

The administration was quick to reply. At his news conference this afternoon, Mr. Truman said the Stassen charge was a mis-statement of fact, that Agriculture Secretary Brannan issued a special press statement in which he demanded that Stassen name the specific commodities which they had in mind. He branded Stassens charge as "a typically deceptive, inaccurate political statement."

And he added that the only action on prices by Republican leaders in the past five years has been to interfere with the efforts of the administration to deal with inflation.

SHIPPING STRIKE

That West Coast shipping strike is on. Today, as the governments eighty day strike injunction expired, some thirty thousand maritime workers began a walkout, which we are told may cripple the shipping on the Pacific Coast for ~~six~~^{SEVERAL} months. About five hundred foreign and American vessels, and a total of more than half a million workers, are affected. The entire eighteen hundred miles of Pacific Coast ~~work~~ waterfront ~~is~~ paralyzed. ^{IP} ~~The strike came on after nearly three months of fruitless negotiation between the unions and the employers, the crucial point being that of the hiring hall set-up where the men shall wait to be hired.~~

Grain ships and tankers are not affected, ~~we are told, this by agreement with the unions.~~ Neither are ^{not} ~~the~~ military operated vessels engaged in trade with the Orient.

Today the railroads ~~has~~ put an embargo on all shipments to the Pacific trade for west Coast ports. To prevent a pile-up of perishables on the wharfs.

PALESTINE

(There was an unofficial cease-fire order today in Jerusalem-- a truce within a truce. Both Jews and Arabs agreeing to bow to the demands of the United Nations observers -- stop their shooting. Although the official Palestine truce went into effect two months ago, sniping and shelling have ~~not~~ continued, with many casualties.)

The United Nations observers have apparently solved the problem of pinning the blame. Witnesses proved unreliable, so the U N people called in some movie cameramen, And ~~got~~ got them to film ~~the~~ truce violations. In one case where two French U N observers were killed, and an American pilot wounded, a cameraman shot the whole sequence of events - that film has already arrived at Lake Success and others are reported on the way. Clear evidence of ~~truce violation~~ recorded on film.

CHURCHES

In Amsterdam today, the World Council of Churches approved an historic document - a manifesto which condemns both Communism and capitalism. Both rejected by the churches, because each fails to provide freedom and economic justice.

The amendment, passed after a five-hour debate, recommends no particular system. It suggests a middle course between economic extremes. Which the World Council commends to its member churches for what it describes as "appropriate action."

The key paragraph of the declaration says, "the christian church rejects the ideologies of both Communism and capitalism, and should seek to draw men away from the false assumptions that these are the only alternatives."

MOSCOW DEATH

~~Tonight~~ Radio Moscow announces the death of ~~yet~~ another prominent Communist -- ~~Sergei~~ Lukin, Supreme Soviet Deputy of the USSR, and Deputy Minister of Light and Industry. ~~Here~~ The third highranking Red ~~reported~~ to ~~have died~~ within a week. The first was Soviet Marshall Rybalko, Chief of the Russian Armored Forces. Then ~~General Zhdanov. This series of deaths coming at an interesting time as Russia seems about to change her attitude towards the west.~~

FUNERAL

~~Colonel General Andrei~~ Zhdanov, Stalin's right-hand man, was buried in Moscow Red Square today. An impressive funeral. In front of the gun carriage drawn by eight black horses walked twenty Soviet Generals. Each carried a satin cushion on which were displayed the Soviet leader's medals and decorations.

Stalin was the chief pallbearer. Two hundred thousand people jammed Red Square to see Stalin and other members of the Politburo ~~personally~~ lowering the coffin into the grave near the wall of the Kremlin. Zhdanov buried beside Lenin as the guns of the Kremlin boomed out in funeral salute. Molotov, delivered the funeral oration. ~~He~~ hailed Zhdanov as the most talented, the truest and most faithful co-worker of them all, the great leader of the anti-imperialists.

appear that Europeans have to choose between Communism and Americanism. Our position would be vastly stronger if we gave Europe to understand that what we want to do, mainly, is liberate their continent and turn it over to them. To sum up, he puts in this way:

"If we made ourselves the champions of a policy of evacuation and withdrawal from Europe, we should, I believe, enlist the emotions which are stronger than the Communist ideology - the spirit of nationalism, the tradition of a thousand years that Europe is distinct from Russia, and the deep universal ^{human} ~~human~~ hatred of armies of occupation and their agents.

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LIPPMANN

Columnist Walter Lippmann made a suggestion today that will bring enthusiastic cheers from many ~~Americans~~. He says the time has come for this country "to define clearlya doctrine addressed to all the nations and states of Europe, regarding the ambitious expansion plans of the Soviet empire." Make it clear to the world that the main objective of our European policy is to end the occupation of Europe by non-European powers, and restore to the European nations control over their own continent. ^{TP} Then he goes on to point out the number of times that armies out of Russia have swept across Europe: In Seventeen thirty five; and seventeen forty-seven; looting Berlin in Seventeen Sixty; in Paris in Eighteen fourteen; occupying Roumania ten times in two centuries, and so on. Always Europe resisted. "Always in the end the Russians were compelled to retire."

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BENES

From Prague today comes a dramatic story about former President Benes - indicating that he never lost his courage.

When he swore in the new Red cabinet last February, everyone wondered how such a staunch champion of democracy could accept the Communists - do it without protest. It was said at the time that he was under duress, that he had been threatened with death if he said anything critical of the Communists in the speech he delivered that day.

But, we are told today how he did speak his mind. How he told Premier Gottwald and his Communist henchmen that they were destroying democracy. "You gentlemen and your party" said he, "desire that I should, by my signature, destroy democracy in Czechoslovakia", was the way he put it. And he added that he was going through with the thing solely to prevent civil war, and that he believed the Czechoslovakian people would understand. Also, that Gottwald and his companions had under-estimated the moral maturity, the loyalty, and the democratic

effort of his fellow countrymen. A clear hint of future ~~xxx~~ revolution.

Why do we learn all this today? A newsreel ~~xxxxxx~~ was made of Benes' speech last February.

But the complete copy was never issued to the public.

8 The Reds cut out much of it. Now, someone has gotten hold of it, and given it to the world, as Benes lies on his deathbed.

FRANCE

In Paris, Premier Robert Schumann is still in a dilemma about forming that new cabinet. The Socialists on whom he had relied, have walked out on him. Won't take part in his new cabinet. As Schumann set off this afternoon, to consult President Auriol, he told newsmen that he will form a government "tonight, or not at all".

In the French National Assembly this afternoon the DeGaullists and the Extreme Right Republican Party put forward two motions for dissolution of the Assembly -- to force a general election. Both were defeated. General DeGaulle himself is getting ready for a thousand-mile tour of France. He will stump from town to town, campaigning for an immediate general election which might put him in power.

MEMORIAL TO FOLLOW ATOMIC

I wonder how many remember what day this is? The third anniversary of the official ending of our war with Japan.

A group of ~~Rain~~ Pacific War veterans, led by Colonel Archie Roosevelt - his brother General Ted Roosevelt was a founder of the American Legion - are planning a living war memorial for those who died in the Pacific. This to ~~include~~ include a series of field stations on ~~Ra~~ various Pacific islands; each equipped with a laboratory, and a permanent research staff.

The Pacific is one of the last great undiscovered frontiers of science, with many secrets. For instance, there are certain islands - Guam for one - where the natives are free from high blood pressure and other circulatory diseases. And why no malaria on Siapan, while Guadalcanal and islands in the Solomons are full of it?

Questions the new scientific project

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hopes to solve, through this network of field stations for scientists - this war memorial to benefit all mankind.

They also showed us of the big bombers during the Korean War, one of which they shot down. So they presented to Washington today.

Today's air force announcement tells how Russian Yak fighters fired on a U.S. Army Superfort in Korea, December, 1950, when the big plane was going to deliver relief supplies to an American prisoner of war camp, in Korea. The American plane, piloted by Lieutenant J. W. Queen, was almost over its destination, when two Yak fighters appeared. Their pilots waved friendly greetings, but suddenly two more Russian fighters appeared. One of them fired a shot across the nose of the B-29. Lieutenant Queen ordered his plane down. The B-29 turned and left the fighters far behind; but they caught up off the coast of Korea, and again opened

Soviet aircraft factories have been mass producing ~~identical copies of~~ our B-29 bombers since ~~early in~~ Nineteen Forty-seven. ~~And~~ They ^{got hold of} ~~also grabbed~~ ten of ^{our} ~~the~~ big bombers during the Pacific War, one of which they shot down. So ^{we hear} ~~it was~~ ^{from} ~~revealed to~~ Washington today.

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The American gunners were itching to return the fire, but the pilot ordered them not to shoot. When the Russian fighters had scored a number of hits, one of the B-29s engines was on fire.

Lieutenant Queen gave orders to abandon ship, there being danger of an explosion. Six of the crew men jumped, the other six ^{decided} ~~amused~~ to stay.

The plane landed safely. The Russians took the Americans prisoner and held them for two days, at the end of which a benedalled Russian General arrived and apologized to Lieutenant Queen. He ordered everyone ~~to be~~ released, but the Americans never saw their ~~own~~ plane again.

Lieutenant Queen relates that immediately when his plane touched the ground, Russian engineers swarmed ~~on~~ over it, taking papers and equipment. They knew exactly what ~~was~~ to look for and where to look for it, he says. One of them even volunteering the information that he was a B-29 pilot.

All of which leads the Air Force to conclude that the Russians are fast workers. Lieutenant

Queen's plane having fallen into their hands just thirteen months after the Russians had got their first look at a B-29, at Vladivostok, Siberia.

The Russians call their version of the B-29 the T U Seventy. The Air Force says that the latest model of our Sovietized superfort has all the latest features, ~~inc~~ including turbo super-chargers. But they doubt if the Russian engineers have yet been able to copy our ~~remote~~ remote control ~~and~~ firing equipment.

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And how are you today, Jimmie?

DOGMAPPING

The State of Connecticut is all agog today, with the first recorded case of dognapping; a dog held for ransom. And no clues, except telephone calls demanding \$\$\$ money.

The missing kioodle is a Pekinese named Marco Polo. He belongs to Richardson Wright, Editor of House and Garden. Marco was picked up by a passing motorist last week and later a voice on the telephone demanded "as much money as you can pay". Editor Wright is on vacation. And his farmer is in a tizzy. With our dog kidnapped, says he: "Our whole household is upside down and my wife is about to have kittens". ~~Marco's two playmates, another Peko and a cat, refuse to eat.~~

And how are you Jay Sima?