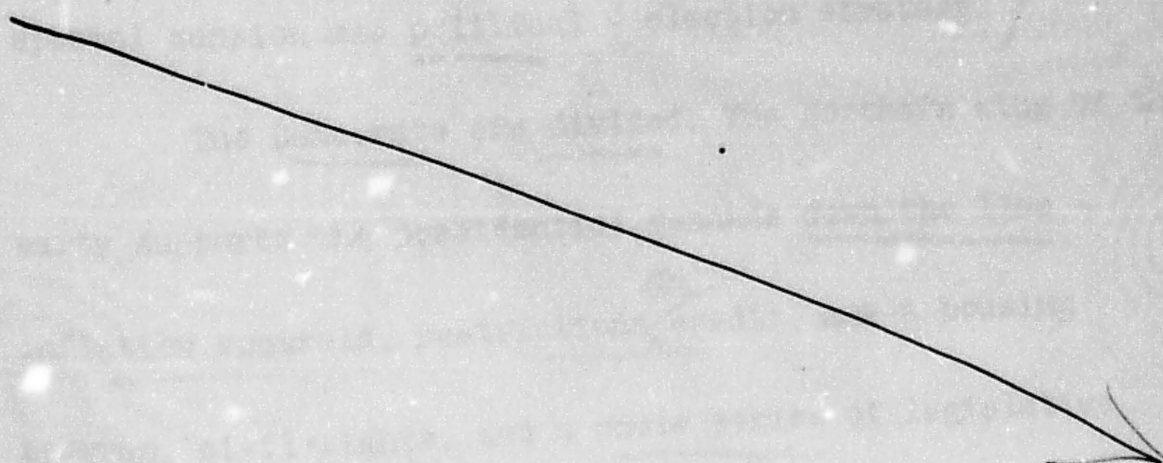


LEAD

early July 27, 1948

The Republicans tonight are talking about adjournment in two weeks. This afternoon, right after the President's address to Congress, the G.O.P. leaders went into conference and came to tentative agreement that Congress should stay in session for two weeks, giving that amount of time to legislation demanded by President Truman - and then adjourn.

The story from Washington is that the G.O.P. leaders conferred with their presidential candidate by telephone, calling Governor Dewey at his home at Pawling, New York. Dewey is reported to have advised them not to adjourn immediately. That is, not tomorrow or the next day. However, he was not against adjournment within two weeks.



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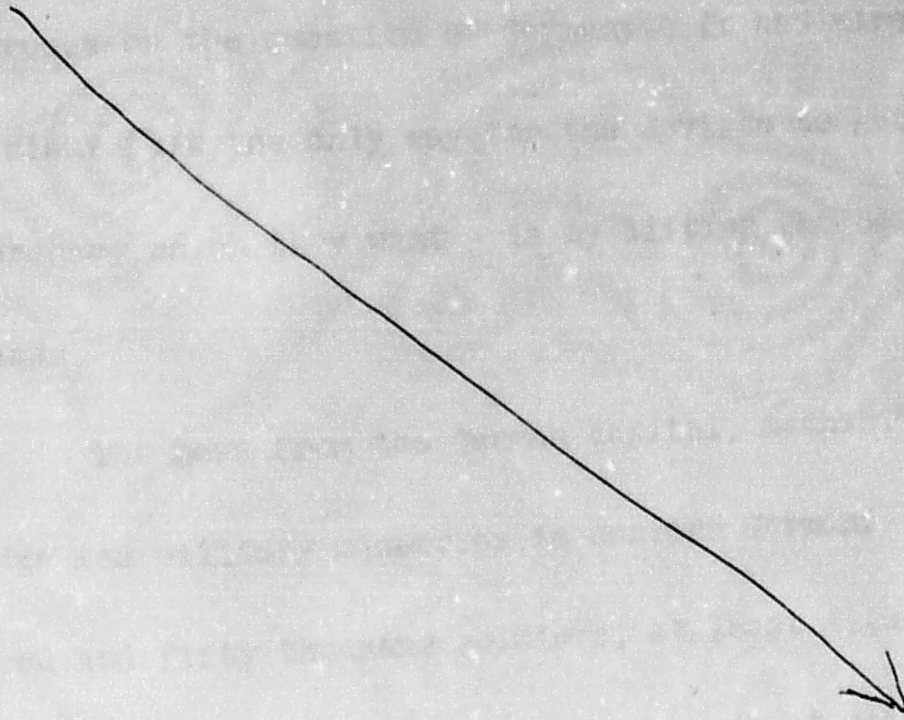
Congressional reaction this afternoon would seem to indicate that the Truman program has little chance of going through. / The Republicans are ~~now~~ solidly opposed. / Their objections are based on several counts. / They say that the whole string of laws demanded by the President would ~~be~~ take long months to put into shape and pass - although the President, in his acceptance address at Philadelphia, said Congress could do it in fifteen days. / Mr. Truman ^{today} concentrated on anti-inflation measures, and the G.O.P. expresses the belief that the country does not want to return to rationing, price-fixing, and wage restrictions. / Moreover, they are shouting louder than ever that the purpose for calling the special session was political - election strategy. /

The Democrats are divided. The Northern wing of the party supports the presidential demands down the line - inflation controls, restrictions ^{on} credit, ~~and~~ a housing program, civil rights, and a whole series of legislative items.

BERLIN

The next move in the Berlin crisis will be another protest to Moscow - threatening action before the United Nations. But British and the Ambassadors of the three Western powers to go to the Moscow Foreign Minister and have a talk with him - in this newest attempt to bring about the raising of the Berlin blockade.

What will they say? We hear the Ambassadors will tell Molotov that the starvation blockade is in violation of Paragraph three of the Charter of the United Nations.



~~Paragraph Three.~~ That paragraph reads: "All members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means, in such a manner that international peace and security and justice are not endangered." In other words, the threat to Molotov will be - the Western Allies will bring the Berlin crisis before the U.N. under Paragraph Three.

This diplomatic manoeuvre will have the effect of making Moscow decide between two alternatives - either to face action before the United Nations, or have a four-power conference on the question of Germany. It has already been made clear that the only way for the Soviets to get such a conference, which they want - is by lifting the Berlin blockade.

The news from the German capital, meanwhile, tells of huge Red military manoeuvres in Eastern Germany - three hundred and fifty thousand soldiers, at least eight armored divisions of ponderous tanks, and squadrons of jet planes. These jets are German-built - Messerschmitt ^{One} Hundred and Nines,

and Focke-Wulf ^{One} Hundred and Nineties. Which sounds like
Hitler's Luftwaffe' in World War Two. Not surprising, since
the Soviets took over all the Nazi air technicians they could
find, including ^{Hitler's} experts on jet aviation.

METEOR

Australia reports a giant meteor - which produced a dazzling spectacle at Brisbane. Eye-witnesses tell how today, in the southern sky, there was a flash of brilliant light. "In the center of the sheet of light," says the news from the southern hemisphere, "was an object like a football, and white in color. Later, it turned to a dull red - and shortly afterward an explosion occurred. The blast was so violent that houses in Brisbane were shaken. It is believed that the meteor exploded in the air, before striking the ground."

It must have been a mighty big one - to produce all that pyrotechnic display.

DUKE

Over in England, they're having a social sensation - in the form of a headline from the circles of the highest aristocracy. / An elaborate party was given by the Duke of Marlborough, ~~who is of the very highest in the peerage.~~ His Grace is John Albert Edward William Spencer Churchill, the tenth Duke, descendant of the great Marlborough, ~~the~~ *military fame* who won ~~glory~~ and fortune in the reign of Queen Anne. / The present Duke is, likewise, a second cousin of Britain's wartime Prime Minister, Winston Churchill.

The party, thrown by His Grace, was held at Blenheim Palace - that magnificent edifice named after the Battle of Blenheim, which was won by the great Marlborough. / The party was, in fact, nothing short of royalty. / The guests, who numbered a hundred and thirty young persons of ^{the} nobility, were headed by Princess Margaret, daughter of Their Majesties, the King and Queen.

Obviously, that was a headline of society news in London. And public interest was redoubled when the newspapers

picked up word of one remarkable feature at the party. His Grace, the Duke, fifty years old, sat at the head of the table - ~~she~~ tossed raspberries into the air, and caught them in his mouth, ~~much~~ to the astonishment of the aristocratic young people, especially Princess Margaret. No doubt, the Duke of Marlborough is the champion raspberry catcher in all England.

This disclosure was so astonishing, that the London newspapers made haste to confirm the story of the raspberries - by interviewing the Duchess. "Yes," replied Her Grace, "he's always doing it."

The skill of the Duke in catching raspberries in his mouth was expanded by the Duchess in the following words:

~~He is very clever at it. He does it often -~~
sometimes at the dinner table." *(personally, I wonder where else he does it)*

As for the performance at the party, Her Grace had this to say: "I ~~wasn't~~ wasn't in the dining hall for his last performance. But I knew it was going on, I heard the applause."

Well, I don't know quite what ~~words~~ to say about the

DUKE -3

Duke of Marlborough dining in state and catching raspberries in his mouth. Over here some of us might be inclined to give him -- the raspberrys.

Don't you think so, Nelson?

Well, as Lowell Thomas would say, so long until tomorrow!

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(Given by Mr. John Kieren)

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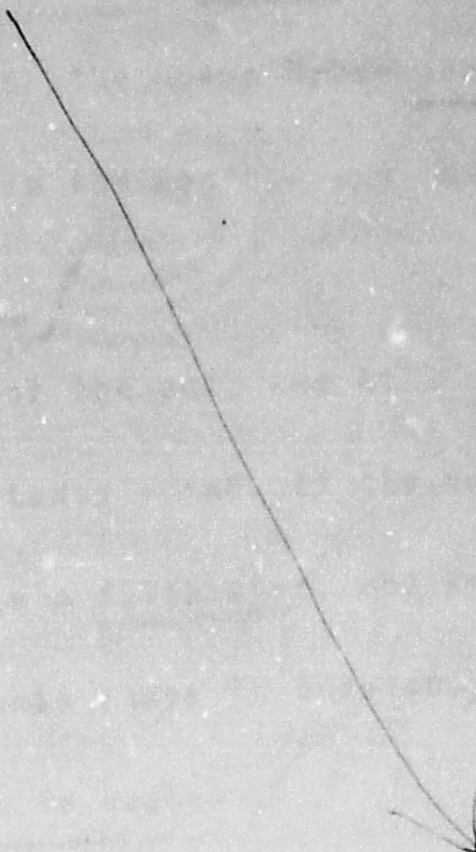
(The Republican counter-blast against the White House began tonight -- with Republican leader Senator Taft declaring that the summons for a special session was entirely political.) He said that Congress would be justified in adjourning at once, but added that the legislators will probably remain in session for about two weeks to consider parts of the Truman program that may be considered to be of an emergency nature.

The Senator climaxed with the declaration that the President does not want to reduce high prices -- not before the election. He said the President wants votes from the farmers because of high farm prices, votes from labor because of high wages, and votes from the consumer-- by blaming the Republicans for high prices.

From the camp of Governor Dewey we hear that the Republican candidate is going to carry his part of the political burden. Today an aide of Dewey stated: "The Governor has no intention of telling Congressional

leaders what to do, but he is ready to assume his full share of the party's Congressional activities."

"The political storm about prices puts a spotlight on one bit of news tonight. Not a price increase, but a price reduction. Bethlehem Steel Company announces a cut on twenty-seven products, one of three dollars a ton. Last week Bethlehem Steel raised the figures on other products. The cut today is explained on the ground of competition --



price cut on products that must meet lower figures
offered by other companies. /

└ In the Senate the inflation issue is being ob-
scured by signs of a filibuster -- on the racial issue. /
President Truman recommended that inflation should be
taken up first -- leaving his policy of racial rights to
wait until later. / However, the Republican caucus has
agreed to bring up a poll tax bill tomorrow. / In the
regular session of Congress, the Lower House passed a
bill to outlaw poll taxes in the South - and that only
needs action by the Senate. /

└ The mere mention of the poll tax bill started
Southern Senators talking today - and, if the measure is
brought up, they will stage a filibuster, and keep on
talking as long as the Senate stays in session. / The old
filibuster idea - talk it to death. /

BERLIN

Secretary of State Marshall confirms the fact that the Western powers have reached an agreement on their next move in the Berlin crisis. / The Secretary of State did not say just what the move would be, but he hinted the story we had last night was correct - that the American, British and French Ambassadors would ~~ik~~ take the matter straight to Molotov, for a personal showdown. / Dispatches from London give confirmation of this, and add further information - saying that the Ambassadors will tell Molotov that, if the Berlin blockade is lifted, the Western powers are willing to go into a four-power conference, not merely on German problems, but on ~~questions~~ questions everywhere else in Europe. / As for Germany, they offer to suspend the ~~making~~ setting up of a separate West German regime, and put that into the conference. / All of which would represent a large amount of concession in the effort to persuade the Soviets to end the hunger blockade. /

Says
The London dispatch ~~goes so far as to intimate that~~
this ~~important~~ diplomatic move will represent the culminating effort

WIGHT LANE
Washington, July 21, 1945

to terminate the present state of suspense - between peace and war.

As first report flames were still growing in Germany's great chemical plant explosion. The I.G. Farben factory at Ludwigshafen, the French occupation zone, caught fire this afternoon and was scattered by a series of tremendous blasts. The casualty list is not estimated at one hundred killed and twenty five hundred injured. The cause of the disaster is not known, but the French authorities say they do not suspect sabotage. One fact is established beyond doubt, the exact time of the first blast - 4:15 p.m. It stopped clocks far and wide in the city of Ludwigshafen, thus giving the exact time - 4:15 p.m. - for this afternoon.