

POLITICS

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The Senate Elections Committee ordered four investigations today -- inquiries into charges of political skullduggery in four states. Chairman Senator Gillette of Iowa says that investigators are being sent into Pennsylvania, Iowa, Kentucky, and New York.

Pennsylvania Democrats charge that registration laws have been violated in Philadelphia, ^{with a} ~~substantial~~ threat of ~~substantial~~ "strong-arm intimidation on Election Day. ~~There~~ A red-hot race for the Senate ^{is on} between Democratic Senator Meyers and Republican Governor Duff -- and public hearings will be held in Philadelphia next week, if the investigators report there is anything to the charges.

In Iowa two Democratic officials of the Department of Agriculture are ^{accused of} ~~charged with~~ electioneering -- in violation of the Hatch Act, which forbids Federal

employees to participate in election campaigns.

In Kentucky the complaint is that Governor Clements, running for the Senate, has violated the law which limits political spending. A candidate is ~~permitted~~ permitted to lay out no more than twenty-five thousand dollars. But the Republicans claim that Clements has already spent Three-Hundred-and-Sixty-Thousand Dollars, and tried to raise half a million to carry the election.

P The New York imbroglio is familiar in the headlines -- that Hanley letter. The Senate Committee will hold an inquiry into the charges that Lieutenant Governor Hanley was "bought off" when he stepped out of the race for Governor, and agreed to run for the Senate.

Chairman Senator ~~Chapman~~ Gillette made public today a message asking for an investigation of the Hanley letter.-- with its mention of promises. ~~The~~The demand comes from a newspaper reporter, William Fulton of the Chicago

Tribune -- ^{Col. Mc Cormick's} ~~a~~ ~~Stewart~~ ~~Republican~~ paper. Reporter Fulton
wants the Committee to look ^{into} ~~at~~ reports that Winthrop
Aldrich, Chairman of the ~~the~~ Chase National Bank,
threatened to withhold funds from the Republican
campaign, if Hanley ran for Governor.

This is an example of rumors that are flying
in the New York election campaign -- the noisy climax
of which is the political battle in the Metropolis,
the big town.

NEW YORK - FOLLOW POLITICS

The national political weather may turn out to be freakish, if New York City is any criterion. Today the leaders of both major parties were staggered by the first returns in a poll taken by the Daily News. These early figures show the Democratic candidate with -- a little more than twenty-nine percent. The Republican -- a little less than fourteen percent. So where are all those missing percentage points? ^P The answer is the shocker. They are taken by an independent candidate running in revolt against the regular Democratic organization. Vincent Impellitteri is ^(campaigning) ~~running~~ on a platform, the principal plank of which is -- that he was double-crossed by the Democratic organization. He has fifty-two per cent of the straw votes. ^P This is ~~substantiated in the straw poll~~ not being ridiculed, ~~with respect to the straw poll~~ because inside political news for days has been -- that the insurgent campaigner was showing a lot of strength. Still, nobody

expected that a poll would show Democratic Candidate Pecora and Republican Candidate Corsi running so bad a second and third. The Democrats are particularly worried -- afraid that a huge vote for Impellitteri of New York City may work havoc for their State-wide ticket. Lynch and Lehman versus Dewey and Hanley.

The political ructions were increased today when an official of Tammany Hall made a statement -- bearing on the story that Impellitteri tells. The insurgent candidate ~~he~~ claims he was offered a place as a Judge, in the New York State Supreme Court -- if he would drop out of the race for Mayor. He says the proposal was made by the ^(leader) ~~initiator~~ of Tammany Hall, De Sapio. But this the Tammany leader denies, and gives an opposite version -- stating that Impellitteri asked for a ~~political~~ Judgeship. Not one, ~~as the bench has been~~ in fact, but ^(four) ~~several~~ -- demanding similar places ~~on~~ on the bench for himself and three ^(supporters.) ~~political~~ ~~supporters.~~

Party, which ~~alleged that the~~ declares that President Truman and Bronx Democratic Leader Edward Flynn offered to make former Mayor O'Dwyer of New York Ambassador to Mexico, ~~they~~ claim ^{is} that they wanted O'Dwyer to get out as Mayor before the big cop-and-gambler scandal broke, the sensational disclosures of corruption in the police force, dealing with bookmakers. O'Dwyer quit and ~~he~~ was named Ambassador to Mexico -- which brought on the present contest for Mayor, and the raging political storms.

PRESIDENT

At Lake Success this morning ^{many of you no doubt heard} President Truman addressed the Fifth Anniversary Session of the U.N.

General Assembly. The overall note of his speech was one of firmness, tempered with a willingness to negotiate. ^{TR} The President called for the creation of "a new and consolidated disarmament commission" -- to discuss the reduction of atomic and all other types of weapons.

But ^{he} warned that the West will continue to arm until ^h "A foolproof disarmament pact is signed." ^{TR} "If real disarmament were achieved", said the President, "Our Armaments would be transferred into foods, -- medicines, -- tools for use in underdeveloped areas, -- and into other aids for human advancement." Thus 'we could give real meaning to the old promise that "swords shall be beaten into ploughshares, and that the nations shall not learn war any more." *To which we all echo - Amen!*

SUBSTITUTE KOREA

In Korea tonight the Allies are still driving north -- meeting no opposition. The South Korean Sixth Division well out in front -- leading that race. Only thirty-two miles to go to the Manchurian border.

Earlier today it seemed that the fleeing Reds might be preparing a last ditch stand -- in the rugged mountains just south of the Manchurian border.

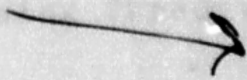
U.S. pilots had reported Red reinforcements on the way from Manchuria -- a huge truck convoy which they thought headed south. Later reports tonight suggest that the air reconnaissance may have been wrong. That mystery column moving north instead -- making good its escape. Not reinforcements on the way south.

Two U.S. pilots flying three miles from the Manchurian border -- over Korea -- were fired at today. They identified the anti-aircraft batteries which attacked them as Chinese -- on the Chinese bank of the border Yalu River. They said the fire was "heavy -- too accurate to be comfortable." The Chinese anti-

aircraft guns seemed to be aimed by means of radar. Despite this, neither plane was hit.

U. S. Commanders in Korea today set up a bomb line twelve miles from the Manchurian border. U. N. bombers are forbidden to fly over this line. But an exception ^{can be} ~~is~~ made when specific targets are indicated to pilots before take-off from their bases.

We have an answer tonight to that question which has been uppermost in everyone's mind in Korea -- where would the Allies come to a halt? Would it be twenty miles short of the Manchurian border.



FOLLOW ~~FOURTH~~ PARAGRAPH KOREA

Brigadier-General Davidson of the Veteran "Fighting" Twenty-fourth Infantry Division said today that American troops will drive to the Manchurian border: "The south bank of the Yalu River is our target."

Total Red casualties in the war are estimated tonight at two hundred and twenty-three thousand -- remaining enemy forces are thought to number only about twenty-five thousand.

The latest from Korea is an unconfirmed report that North Korean Red soldiers, trying to cross the Yalu River into Manchuria today, were being fired upon by Chinese Reds guarding the border.

AMBASSADOR

We learn tonight that Walter Gifford -- our new Ambassador to Britain, will live in London's most fabulous mansion, Winfield House -- the home of Barbara Hutton, which cost more than a million dollars. Since the Woolworth heiress presented the house as the official Ambassador's residence in nineteen-forty-six, nobody has lived there. So workmen are moving in to clean up the sixty-room residence -- its goldplated faucets in each bathroom and more than a quarter of a million dollars worth of drapes and furnishings.

In his new home Ambassador Gifford will have the biggest grounds in London -- next, of course, to the King at Buckingham Palace -- more than twelve acres, *including* -- his own private lake. So once again Barbara Hutton's magnificent ballroom may resound to -- "sounds of revelry by night."

POLICE

From Bonn we learn tonight that West German ~~State~~ leaders are against plans for increasing the Federal Police Force in West Germany. ^{And that} Their opposition comes as a bitter blow to Chancellor Adenauer and his Bonn Federal Government. ~~At the West Germany "foreign ministers meeting" in New York it was agreed that West Germany's Federal Police Force ~~could~~ ^(should) be increased from ten to thirty thousand, ~~and~~ ^{to be} highly motorized, and equipped with automatic weapons.~~ The opposition from the eleven state leaders seems ^(based principally) ~~unsubstantiated~~ on the grounds of expense. But it is also believed that they do not want too much power placed in the hands of the Federal Government. ~~Under~~ ^{the} Allied High Commission for Germany the eleven German states are allowed a Police Force of ninety-six thousand men. ^{This force} ~~which~~ is also available to the Federal Government ~~in~~ in emergencies.

FREEDOM BELL

At noon in Berlin today General Clay rang the Freedom Bell for the first time. Its note sounded out to the Eastern part of the city - across the Iron Curtain. And from the Soviet Zone hundreds of Germans slipped over to join the crowd at the Ceremony. General Clay, the hero of the Berlin Blockade, received a tremendous ovation. ^{It} A large crowd - almost four hundred thousand - had gathered to cheer him.- Weeping, cheering and waving handkerchiefs they listened as the General climaxed the Crusade for Freedom, ^{by} dedicating the bell with these words -

"May its voice lift the hearts of freedom-loving people everywhere. From this day forward as it rings may it strike a note of warning to all oppressors -- a message of hope and sympathy to those who are enslaved." said General Clay.

SURVIVORS

The search for survivors from the sunken freighter NORTH VOYAGEUR ~~is~~ continuing ^{ed} off ~~the coast~~ of Newfoundland. Four U.S. Coast Guard Cutters and two planes have been searching since ~~dawn~~ ^{early} this morning for the ~~fourth~~ ^{fourth} lifeboat from the ~~missing ship~~ ^{ship that went down}. ~~But in~~ ^{at} St. Johns, Newfoundland, one member of the crew rescued yesterday said he saw the captain going down with his ship; - ~~thought~~ ^{and he believes} there ~~was~~ ^{is} little hope of finding the others.

JOLSON

In a San Francisco hotel room three men were playing cards, when one of them suddenly grew ill. He had a quick intuition of what it was -- heart attack. They helped him to a sofa to lie down, and called a doctor. The physician arrived quickly, and shook his head -- no use, no remedy. Whereupon the stricken man said: "Pull up some chairs. I've got some stories to tell you." They did, and he told them stories and jokes until -- he slipped away.

~~That was how~~ *has come for* the end ~~of~~ Al Jolson,

the Jazz Singer, who soared to fame years ago with his -- "Manny songs." He had golden success for a long time, then dropped out of the entertainment world for a long period. A couple of years ago he made a fabulous comeback, which he climaxed recently, at the age of sixty-four, with a tour of the war front in Korea -- telling stories and singing songs for the G.I.'s.

He was in San Francisco to appear on ^{the} Bing Crosby's radio program tonight -- but, instead, he ~~gxx~~ gave his final performance in a hotel room, with two friends and the doctor. A great trooper to his last breath: "Pull up some chairs. I've got some stories to tell you."

And now Nelson!