

Substitute CONGRESS *H.D. Thura, Nov. 4 '54*

From the Democratic side comes - a chorus of cooperation with the Eisenhower administration. This evening, Democratic Senate Leader, Lyndon Johnston of Texas declared - the Democrats in Congress will not pursue tactics of obstruction. They will support a bi-partisan foreign policy.

From Congressman Richards of South Carolina, in line to become Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the House - a statement of cooperation in foreign policy.

Congressman Jere Cooper of Kentucky will become Chairman of the House Committee ~~xxx~~ dealing with taxation. He says - the Democrats will get along with the Eisenhower Administration on the subject of taxes.

Today, Attorney General Brownell stated - the Administration will go right ahead with its domestic program. Not believing it will be effected by the result of the close election.

Congressman Sam Rayburn of Texas, who becomes Speaker of the House again - says there will be a fight on the subject of "Security dismissals." Sam Rayburn - still irked by the Republican charges in the election campaign that the Truman Administration had retained federal employees against whom there was evidence of subversion. The Administration giving out figures, which were challenged by the Democrats. Today, Rayburn was still irritated about this, and said the Democratic leaders will demand a showdown on the dismissal of security risks.

OREGON

In Oregon, the Democrats finally win out in the Senate race. With all the precincts reporting, Richard Neuberger leads Guy Cordon by two hundred and eighty-three thousand, nine hundred and nine, to two hundred and eighty-one thousand, four hundred and sixty-two. A thin majority of less than twenty-five hundred votes. So thin, that the Republican candidate refuses to concede his defeat. He says he'll wait until the figures have been checked.

— if the Democrats have won —
The Oregon result, ~~as of right now,~~ gives the

Democrats the slimmest kind of margin in the Senate.

Democrats forty-eight, Republicans forty-seven. Independent - one. Wayne Morse, *the other Senator now finds himself* of Oregon, *whose one vote is* the balance of power. *And* He says he'll vote with the Democrats in the organization of the Senate.

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There still remains, of course, the result in New Jersey. Where - Republican Clifford Case won by such a *hair-line* margin - there'll be a reccunt. ~~Which might, possible, change~~ the decision.

NEW YORK

In New York, a check of the votes for Governor begins by giving Averell Harriman a slight increase. He now leads by a little more than ten thousand votes. ~~A paper-thin margin -- in a total vote of more than five million.~~ The check-up may take as long as twenty-five days ^{— with} ~~and there are~~ absentee ballots to be considered, ~~from service men. Some thousand thousands of these still to come in.~~

Both sides are arguing about the recount, and there's talk of taking the question into court. ~~In addition,~~ to that matter of Harriman's eligibility, which was raised during the final days of the campaign. The question - of his New York residence. The Republicans made threats of taking this to the courts, but it remains to be seen what will be done.

FORMOSA

Formosa believes - the Chinese Communists may be ready for an invasion of the "stepping stone" islands.

Communist artillery - blasting Yi Chiang Shan, the ~~northernmost~~ northernmost island of the Tachen group. Chiang Kai-shek's air force - sending warplanes to bomb the Red cannon, on a nearby island.

Today's dispatch states that Nationalist planes got through, in spite of jet fighters - Russian built Migs ~~seeking to intercept the Nationalist planes~~ ^{which were} outmoded B-25s of World War Two.

The "vest pocket" war along the China coast - blazing again. Formosa thinking - the Reds may plan an island hopping operation, along the chain of "stepping stones" that border the China coast.

SOVIET INVITATION

The two top leaders in the French Parliament have received - a message from Moscow. An invitation - from Malenkov. Asking them - to come on a visit to Soviet Russia. One - the Speaker of the National Assembly. The other - the President of the Senate. Both - ardent anti-Communists. Nevertheless, the Soviet Ambassador to Paris handed them - the invitation from Malenkov. ¶ The word is - they'll not accept, not right away. Telling the Soviet Ambassador - they can't make the trip until the French Parliament acts on the treaties for the rearmament of Western Germany. These coming up - the middle of December.

The invitations might sound like a Moscow gesture - in the propaganda battle against the ratification of the treaties. In any case, the two Parliamentary leaders won't make the trip: to Moscow, until after the first of the year - if they make it at all.

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The Atomic Energy Commission has reported - that Soviet Russia staged a series of atomic tests in September and October. ~~so~~ ^{both} now we have evidence from Japan, and from this country, confirming the report.

In Tokyo, an atomic scientist, Dr. Watamabe, tells of radioactive rainfall in Japan. The winds ~~out of~~ ^{are from} the west, blowing from Soviet Siberia. Rain clouds - bringing radioactive material. This evidence indicating a couple of atomic or hydrogen bomb explosions, - on October Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth. ~~Previously, the rainfall in Japan had indicated atomic tests, between October Tenth and Twentieth.~~

At Worcester, Massachusetts, a hospital atomic laboratory gives a report - radioactivity in the atmosphere, twenty-five per cent above normal. The increase noted - since the beginning of this week. Nothing dangerous - but a sign of atomic explosions in Siberia.

Radioactive particles, in the upper atmosphere, ~~are~~ blown around the globe by the winds. From Siberia - to Japan, and on across the Pacific to the United States.

MATISSE

The world of art has lost one of its historic figures - Matisse. **P**ioneer of modern painting - who began as an artistic revolutionary more than half a century ago. He died at Nice, today, at the age of eighty-five. Stricken, while working on a stained glass window for a church.

Matisse went through most of the phases of - "modern art." He began as an impressionist. Then - had an "oriental" period. He became a cubist. Modern and more modern, all the time - bewildering and enraging people. Then, finally, Matisse went through another kind of artistic revolution.

A dozen years or so ago, he fell seriously ill, and was attended by a young nurse - with whom the artist, then in his seventies, established an abiding friendship. Later, the nurse became a nun - joining a branch of the Dominican Order. Dedicated - to the care of the sick.

That influenced Matisse to create what he considered his final masterpiece - ~~the creation of~~ a little Dominican chapel in southern France. Designing, above all - the stained

glass windows.

He was working on one ^{of these,} when stricken - ending a
career historic in modern art.

DUEL

The Red spy scandal in Paris leads to something - a bit old-fashioned, in these days of Communism and atomic bombs. A challenge - to a duel. A meeting on the field of honor - with all ^{the} traditional ritual.

This follows a scene in a corridor of the Palace of Justice in Paris. Two lawyers, engaged in conversation. One - dePerpessac, attorney for a Communist newsman involved in the spy sensation. The other - Biaggi, who represents an official of the National Defense Council, charged with negligence in the case of secrets given to the Communists.

The conversation between the two lawyers ended in dramatic fashion. Biaggi - slapping the face of dePerpessac. And shouting: "I don't have to explain my opinions to a traitor."

Other lawyers in the corridor intervened, and the fracas ended with a challenge to a duel. Both antagonists insisting - the dispute could only be settled on the Field of Honor.

The catch was this. DePerpessac is a former fencing champion. Under the Code Duello, he has the choice of weapons. If he named "swords", he would undoubtedly perforate his antagonist - who doesn't know so much about handling a rapier.

This made - a delicate point of propriety. Some experts on the ~~quasi~~ question of honor believing - the chivalrous thing would be for dePerpessac to name pistols.

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So here's a later dispatch. Chivalry has prevailed. Pistols - it will be. At dawn - on Saturday.

I don't know how this affair of dueling will turn out, but it sounds like a ~~sort of~~ medieval anachronism in a Communist espionage case.

RHINOCEROS

News from Africa - about the rhinoceros and the bootleggers. That ill tempered brute, ready to charge anything - is threatened by an illegal trade in rhinoceros horn. So says Marvyn Cowie, Director of the vast game preserves of Kenya.

Cowie, on a visit in London explains - the big game hunters, with their powerful rifles, are not a problem. The rhinoceros ^{is} protected by law. ^{Law} Easy to enforce - against the safaris of touring nom¹rods. The trouble - the native hunters, the warriors of the tribes. Who - deal with bootleg traders.

In the Orient, the horn of the rhino is esteemed as a sort of elixir - promoting virility. Selling - at high prices.

" For centuries," says Marvyn Cowie, "traders have worked their way up and down East Africa, bargaining with the natives for ivory and rhino horn. They pay the natives about twenty-eight cents a pound. Sail across the Indian Ocean - and peddle it in Asia for twenty times that.

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He says the hunters belong chiefly to the Wakamba and Walungulu tribes. Who use - poison arrows. Brewing the poison - from African plants.

"The stuff looks like tar," ~~says~~ ^[relates] Cowie "and is coated on the shaft of the arrow. The Wakamba and Walungulu shoot with a six-foot bow, using a string of giraffe sinew. The yard-long arrow," he says, "moves with a tremendous power. And, anything it penetrates, it kills."

The Director ~~in~~ in Kenya admits - he has a secret admiration for the rhinoceros hunters of the ^{so} tribes. The real villains ^{in his view, are the} ~~being the bootleg~~ traders. He ~~says they'll even support a tribesman's family, if the poaching hunter is caught and put in jail. That's how well they have it organized.~~

He wants to save the rhinoceros - from the bootleggers who sell rhino horns who think from powdered rhino horn they get an elixir - like a Fountain of Youth - to restore virility.

TEXAS

In Texas, the election produced a sort of paradox. The voters okayed a State Constitutional amendment, permitting women to serve on juries in Texas. Today, however, three judges pointed out that there is a Texas law -- which forbids jurors, in a criminal case, to be separated overnight. They've got to sleep in the same room together.

So what can they do now -- about the lady jurors. The two laws ~~combined~~ -- creating a delicate situation.

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PLANE CRASH.

Dramatic disaster - at San Diego, California, this afternoon. The Navy's mystery jet plane - crashing in the bay during its first public trial. The "Bat Wing" sea-plane - a jet capable of taking off from water as well as land. Speed - up in the super-sonic range.

Officials and newsmen were there to witness the test. The "Bat Wing" jet took off from the water, was flying at about three hundred feet - when the plane suddenly burst into flames and plunged into the bay. The test pilot - losing his life.

A Navy investigation is on - to determine the cause.

JEWELS

The Miami police may apply the lie detector to forty socially prominent people - who attended a Hallowe'en party in a fashionable Miami home. They want to locate - a twenty-five thousand dollar diamond clip. Which - is missing. How come? Well, a Canadian millionaire threw it at his wife. But that's only a mere fraction of the story.

The Canadian millionaire is Duncan McMartin, heir to a gold mining fortune. With his wife, he was a guest at the home of Brice Pinder. On - plush Rivo Alto Drive. The Hallowe'en party, large - and ultra-ultra. A crowd - of socially prominent guests.

Well, the story is - that, amid the festivities, Millionaire McMartin got into a quarrel with his ~~wife~~ ^{better half}. His wrath - simply glittering. He went to his wife's bedroom, and took a tray of jewels - a hundred thousand dollars' worth. Came back - and started throwing the jewels at his wife, one at a time. The lady - ducking. And, at the same time, picking up the treasure from the floor. The natural behavior

of a woman, in a rain of precious gems.

When it was all over, the jewelry was reassembled. Every bit of it, except a twenty-five thousand dollar diamond clip. Which - was missing.

Who got it? That's the question. The police - now considering the use of a lie detector on the guests.

That's what brings the story into the news. The affair - having been hushed up until now ^{- Hugh,} That barrage- of one hundred thousand dollars' worth of jewels.

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