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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

At Vancouver, a German immigrant is being subjected to all sorts of scientific tests. Willi Bruntjen is suspected of having transmitted the outbreak of hoof-and-mouth disease among cattle in Saskatchewan. He was picked up today, after a widespread search by the Canadian Mounted Police. An astonished immigrant - finding himself to be the center of public and scientific attention.

# ALASKA

The President ~~also~~ <sup>says that he will</sup> ~~continue~~ <sup>continue</sup> the fight to admit Alaska as a State of the Union. Yesterday the Senate shelved the proposal by forty-five to forty-four - a mere majority of one. So the White House will strive to overturn that slender margin, and bring up the question again this year - Statehood for Alaska.

Foremost in opposition is Senator Taft - who today was campaigning in his native Ohio. At Cleveland he stated that he voted against Alaska, because the territory, in his words - "is not self supporting." Also, nine-tenths of Alaskan land is owned by the federal government - and the population is exceedingly small.

Taft, by way of contrast, pointed to Hawaii - which, he said, is self supporting and has five times the population of Alaska.

## POLITICS

( Another candidate enters the race - Senator Russell of Georgia, choice of the anti-Truman Southern Democrats. ) He goes into competition with Senator Kefauver of Tennessee - hitherto the only Democrat in the contest. Both now defy the possibility that the President may seek another term.

Today Senator Russell made his announcement as a ~~new~~ candidate for the Democratic nomination. But would he become a Dixiecrat, if the President should run again? Would he bolt ~~the~~ and head a third party?

He's a foremost opponent of the Truman program of civil rights - though not so much has been heard of that racial issue, lately. At the Democratic National Convention last time, in Nineteen Forty-eight, the anti-Truman southerners backed Russell for the nomination, and he got two hundred and sixty three Dixieland votes.

But, when southerners bolted, and formed a third party of Dixiecrats -- the Georgia Senator did not join the revolt. In the election, he supported

Truman, so what about now?

Today he replied: "I will not answer that question, so long as the President is not a candidate. When he is a candidate, and the platform is written, *then* I will answer ~~that~~ question."

The President, meanwhile, continues to keep mum. Today, at his news conference, all the reporters could get was a bit of discussion about -- Stevenson. Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois is mentioned as the number one Truman choice for the nomination -- if the President pulls out. So today, the news men tried to make that official. The President's reply was - that Stevenson is one of the best governors Illinois has ever had. Which, he said, is about the best recommendation a man could have for being President.

White House plaudits for Adlai Stevenson - without any hint of what Harry Truman really intends to do.

ADD POLITICS

The Latest news tonight pictures a southern rally to Russell. (Governor Byrnes of South Carolina announces that he will back the Georgian, and an enthusiastic okay comes from Governor Allen Shivers of Texas,) who says Russell would make "an outstanding President". He will get the Texas delegation, ~~says~~ <sup>says</sup> according to the Texas Governor.

BROADCASTS

The President <sup>by the way</sup> ~~Franco~~ is neutral in the battle over the congressional ban on radio and television. At his news conference today, he would neither endorse nor criticize action by the Speaker of the House, Congressman Rayburn of Texas - who, under House rules, forbade Congressional committees from having their proceedings put on radio or T.V.

Which has drawn a storm of protest - particularly as the committee on un-American activities is holding hearings in Detroit. Subject - Communism in the auto industry. At the committee hearing today, a high ranking union official refused to state whether he had ever been a Communist. A party membership card was produced in the name of William Hood, and at the hearing was William R. Hood, Recording Secretary of Local Six Hundred of the United Auto Workers, largest union local in the world. Hood jumped up with an angry protest, and told the committee he has not been a member of the Communist party for the past four years.

"Does that mean you have never been a Communist party member?" asked the Committee Counsel.

To which the union official replied: "As an American Negro, I refuse to answer that question."

LATTIMORE

Testimony was made public today that Owen Lattimore's book, "Solution in Asia" was used by the American Reds - as following the Communist party line. The McCarran Committee discloses testimony given by a party member, who was passing along information to the F B I. Harvey Matusow says the Lattimore opus was "suggested reading for ~~xx~~ a background on the party line, the Communist party line, in Asia."

The Far Eastern expert, appearing before the McCarran committee again today, continued to lash out with angry, bitter attack. At one point he called Senator Knowland of California - the "Senator from Formosa," which would seem to indicate that Knowland represents the Chinese Nationalist government of Chiang Kai-Shek, in addition to the ~~people~~ people of California. For this Lattimore drew a call-down from the Committee -- at which he has been hurling an assortment of epithets.



# OIL

An **oil** strike set for Sunday was called off this evening- when a coalition of C.I.O.- A.F.of L. and Independent unions yeilded to a plea from the goverment. And announced- "the walk-out postponed for a week".

The **strike** would have affected a large segment of the oil industry, and would have been a grave threat to the effort ~~for~~ for national defense. So argued ~~the~~ Federal mediator Cyrus Ching; and the union representatives voted a delay.

## NUNS

( In Hongkong, today, three nuns appeared, Canadian sisters - thrust into the British territory. They tell ~~■~~ a terrifying story - having gone through another of those ordeals of trial by Communists. )

They were at an orphanage in Canton, when the Reds took over, were seized and imprisoned for eleven months. - together with two other nuns. One, the Sister Superior of <sup>an</sup>~~the~~ Institution for taking care of homeless children. (The charge - that they had murdered hundreds of the children. )

They were put on trial twice - the second time in one of those insane mob scenes. The nuns, forced to dress in padded uniforms of Red soldiers, were brought before screaming crowds - where yelling witnesses made fantastic murder charges. Then (they were paraded, spat upon, and stoned - by the mob howling for their death. )

Yesterday, three of the nuns were taken out of prison, <sup>and taken</sup> ~~on~~ on their way to the British at Hong Kong. The other two, including the Sister Superior,

were sentenced to five years of Red imprisonment - and their whereabouts is unknown. Tragedy of Canadian women, who took religious <sup>(vows)</sup> ~~XXXXX~~ and went to China - to care for orphans.

the most important point. They left several months before the start of the revolution, voluntary or involuntary. Should prisoners be compelled to go back to the Communist? That's referred up to a higher level - as an example of how the deadlock still goes on.

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At Pan Mun Jom, the negotiators today completed their work on an agreement for an exchange of prisoners of war. Agreement on all points - except the most important point. They left unsolved the question of repatriation, voluntary or involuntary. Should prisoners be compelled to go back to the Communists? That's referred up to a higher level - an example of how the deadlock still goes on.

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~~One Communist leaflet, however, got a laugh.~~

~~It reads: "Aren't you a family man? Haven't you a darling sweetheart and kiddies?" Family man with a darling sweetheart. Some G I's noted it could happen.~~

## FRANCE

The French Cabinet was defeated tonight-  
on a "no confidence" vote in the National Assembly.  
Premier Edouard Faure was in office only five weeks,  
and formulated a new tax policy- calling for a  
tax increase of fifteen percent. That was the issue  
which brought a vote of "no Confidence" tonight.

## PARIS

The Latest- a bulletin from Paris stating  
the cabinet <sup>and the</sup> ~~of~~ Premier <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ handing in <sup>their</sup> ~~his~~ resig-  
nation?

## KU KLUX

In North Carolina, a threat of the death penalty was hurled against the Ku Klux Klan today. This, following the arrest of fifteen more persons, in a crackdown on the hooded order. Which brings the number of those arrested to thirty-one -- in a section where people have been flogged in outbreaks of terrorism by night riders.

Today, Prosecutor Malcolm Sealwell of Robeson County, gave the Klan the following warning: "If you, for the purpose of taking a person out to whip or flog, break into that persons' house, I'll indict and try you for burglary in the first degree." To which the prosecutor added: "In this state that crime carried the death penalty."

Of the fifteen arrested last night, four immediately renounced their membership in the Ku Klux Klan - and one burned his nightshirt robe, as evidence of sincerity.

SUB LEAD WEATHER

Today on Cape Cod, and in other parts of New England, they were digging out of the blizzard - and rescuing marooned motorists stranded by snowdrifts. At one point, a whole bus load of passengers ~~was~~ released.

All following the third howling tempest in the past twelve days - blinding blizzard combined with wild gales, and raging seas, pounding the shore. Even the snow ~~plows~~ plows were snowbound, and Army bulldozers ~~was~~ were stopped by the drifts.

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Power lines down, towns blacked out. Telephone communication broken with Nantucket Island. Highways blocked by drifts from eight to twelve feet deep. Hundreds of motorists compelled to seek shelter in resort hotels, which are closed for the winter, snow plows bogged down, unable to cut through - their crews forced to join marooned motorists. Army bulldozers to the rescue - but also stopped by snowdrifts.

Off the coast, ships in trouble - same story as a week ago. But this time no tankers broke in two. One sprang a leak. But, at last reports, was proceeding under its own power - escorted by two Coast Guard cutters. A large fishing boat, on its maiden voyage out of New York, ran ~~xxx~~ aground at the entrance



to the Cape Cod Canal. But the crew stuck it out,  
until high tide, and were ~~was~~ able to refloat their  
vessel.

Tonight Cape Cod is trying to get clear -  
after number three, in an epidemic of terrific  
northeasters.



## FOLLOW WEATHER

That same ~~xx~~ storm and blizzard, farther up the coast, brought about an epic of escape from an airplane in trouble. A <sup>^</sup>~~big~~ air force transport, a C-47, with eighteen aboard, got lost in <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ blinding snowstorm over Nova Scotia, and was running out of fuel. All ~~the~~ eighteen had to bail out. Fourteen were soldiers, and ~~only~~one had made a parachute jump before. But all drifted down safely. The pilot made a series of desperate attempts to land on an air field at Sidney, Nova Scotia, but the swirling snowfall was too ~~xxx~~ thick.

## CANADA

Canada installed its new Governor General today, Vincent Massey, the first Canadian to become the Sovereign's representative in the Dominion; ~~Exercising~~ authority for the young Queen, Elizabeth-The-Second. So, in a way, the ceremony was a sort of prologue to the coming Coronation of Her Majesty. But there was a lack of traditional pomp and splendor - because of an official period of mourning for the late King George the Sixth.

Governor General Massey took the oath, and received the royal salute of twenty-one guns.

Today brings news of an airlift - a huge operation for flying supplies through the sky. And - in what might sound like an unexpected place. The wilderness of Northern Canada - an airlift moving vast quantities of material to the Great Bear Lake, on the Arctic Circle. What's up there? Well, that's a secret. But we do know the general fact - uranium.

Some while ago the news told ~~us~~ of a Canadian discovery of ~~great~~<sup>vast</sup> new sources of the material for the atomic bomb. There's a security blackout, except the mere mention - that an ~~important~~<sup>important</sup> mine of uranium is being worked on ~~the~~ Great Bear Lake. The supply line would be, normally, by a northern river route, but the ice of winter won't break up until late in the spring - and, at the uranium mine, they need supplies and equipment right away. So the only answer is - a sky route, an airlift.

## MOON

If any of you folks are interested in buying real estate, here's a remarkable offer - you can purchase land on the moon. This comes from Alexander Victor who years ago invented the Victor Talking Machine. Which began one of the most flourishing industries in the world of the phonograph. The inventor is now eighty-four and claims legal possession of the moon. We heard a little about this last night, and now at Berkeley, California, we are told of a lunar project abandoned by - the Elves, gnomes and little men's science fiction chowder and marching society. Sounds like a bunch of college students. Anyhow it's Lunar, if not looney.

But Alexander Victor, of Victor Talking Machine fame, stepped forward and announced: "I made contact with the moon two years ago, and I've got exclusive title." He didn't say what the "contact" was - but today he made a definite offer: "I have a very exclusive real estate development in mind," says

Alexander Victor. "I'm charging a thousand dollars an acre, with ten percent off - if you buy more than ten acres at a time."

So there's the offer, Nelson, real estate up there on the gleaming queen of the night.