

DEWEY

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Wednesday, November 5, 1947.

(Governor Dewey of New York stepped into the Presidential campaign today - at least that's the interpretation which is being given to the address he made in New York City. He came forward with a major declaration on foreign affairs - speaking on the Marshall Plan,) just in advance of the special session of Congress called to consider the program of giving economic aid to the free nations of Western Europe.

(Governor Dewey said we have - "no choice", We must help the western democracies) to enable them to withstand the pressure of totalitarian dictatorship. - He thinks it should be on a businesslike and truly ~~non~~ nonpartisan basis. The New York Governor recommended that the Marshall Plan be administered by a ~~gunt~~ genuine nonpartisan board headed by one of America's top industrial executives - this as the best guarantee that the relief program will succeed and the money not be wasted.

The alternative, as presented by ^{Gov.} ~~Gov.~~ Dewey, was grim. He put it in these words - "If, as a mere hundred and forty million people, we are in the

midst of a conquered world, from France to China, we should find more than a billion people, in an armed camp, under the control of an aggressive dictatorship, arrayed against us."

ELECTIONS

(The Democrats are hailing yesterday's elections as a sign and portent of a Democratic Presidential victory next fall,) while the Republicans are interpreting the signs and portents as forecasting nothing of the sort. The Democrats appear to have a bit more reason for their crowing - Kentucky for example, electing a Democratic Governor, after four years of Republican rule. But the G.O.P. hastens to ~~point~~ point out that Kentucky is normally a Democratic state.

(In a number of cities, Republican Mayors lost out to Democratic victors,) in New York State for example, the Republicans lost Schenectady for the first time in twenty years, and were also defeated in Syracuse and Niagara Falls. In Cleveland a Democrat was reelected by the largest majority in Cleveland history. In San Francisco, on the other hand, the Republican candidate for Mayor won out in decisive style against heavy ~~labor~~ labor opposition.

~~In Mississippi the race for Governor, an all-Democratic affair, has not yet been decided. There~~

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The latest is from Mississippi, where the election has just been conceded to Judge John C. Stennis -- who goes to the Senate. He succeeds the late Senator Bilbo, who aroused so much controversy on the subject of white supremacy. The new Senator ignored the racial issue.



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were five candidates for the seat left vacant by the late Senator Bilbo, who aroused so much controversy on the subject of white supremacy. Circuit Judge Stennis, who ignored the racial issue, has a slight lead. Congressman Rankin, the white supremacy advocate of the Bilbo School, is far behind - out of the race.

The Mississippi contest has no national significance; but, everywhere else political soothsayers are finding those inevitable signs and prognostications for Nineteen Forty Eight - the Democrats shouting that the election day omens are in their favor, the Republicans denying this ^{with} equal ardor. Well, its the old story - you see an omen, and you try to make it your own ^{omen}.

The Howard Hughes investigation got going again today, though without any of the fireworks that raised cain at the previous hearing. ~~In fact, there wont be any fireworks this time, if Committee Chairman Senator ~~Rurik~~ Ferguson has his way, He declaring sternly today that no interference or interruption would be allowed.~~

The first witness was Charles E. Wilson, President of General Electric, ^{war time} ~~who was the~~ head of the government aircraft procurement, ~~program during the war.~~ He testified that he recommened ~~the~~ cancellation of the contract for building the giant Hughes flying boat, which made its first hop off the water in California the other day.

~~The Air Forces would have nothing to do with the twenty five million dollar mammoth, said Charles E. Wilson - and right now ~~at~~ neither the Air Forces nor the Army or the Navy want it. So, as things stand, that biggest airplane ever built is on the hands of the reconstruction finance Corporation, with the status of~~

~~surplus property, maybe to be sold~~

The wartime head of aircraft procurement declared today that the special reason why he opposed the Hughes flying boat project was because it could not be completed during the war. The aircraft program, according to orders from the late President Roosevelt, was to concentrate on equipment that could be used for winning the war, and the procurement experts in Washington believed that the war would be over before the Hughes flying boat could be completed. So the contract was cancelled - and then later the head of Aircraft procurement learned, much to his surprise, that the work on the plane was continuing.

He said he found that the cancellation had been reversed because of pressure brought to bear by Jesse Jones, then head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation - which was advancing the funds. ^{But} at the previous hearing, Jesse Jones testified that this was on advice of President Roosevelt, who said that so much money had already been spent on the Hughes flying boat, *they might as well go on.*

ADD HUGHES

All of which technical testimony produced little excitement. The headlines came when a witness appeared who had nothing to do whatever with aircraft. On the contrary, he was an official of the Treasury Department, and the subject on ~~which~~ which he held forth was - income tax. It was brought out that the Hughes investigation had disclosed income tax deficiencies that may cost the ~~Hughes~~ Howard Hughes Aircraft Companies *about three and a half* ~~about six~~ million dollars in back payments. It was expressly stated in the proceedings today, that there is no imputation of fraud or deliberate income tax evasion.

U.N.

(Soviet Russia has lost its fight against intervention of the United Nations in Korea - the U.N. voting to send a nine man commission to supervise free elections in that Asiatic nation.) The vote, by the political committee, was unanimous - the Soviets and their satellites not casting any ballots, boycotting the whole thing.

Having been defeated on the issue of Korea, the Soviets promptly launched a ~~xxx~~ heavy attack on the proposal for a "Little Assembly", the next question to come up. The United States is the sponsor of the plan to create an all ^(year)~~xxx~~ round committee representing the General Assembly, a committee in which ~~xx~~ matters would be decided by a vote of two thirds.

Vishinsky of the Soviets assailed this on the ground that it was an attempt to get around the Security Council, so often tied up by the Soviet veto. He called upon the big powers to return to the days of ~~th~~ Teheran and Yalta - those big three meetings of ~~xxx~~ Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin.

The American reply to this was made by Delegate John Foster Dulles, who noted that at Teheran and Yalta the big powers decided the fate ~~xxxxxxx~~ of small nations in secret negotiations. This he argued, might have been necessary in war time, but in time of peace, - the little countries should not have their destinies decided in secret deals between the big fellows.

CHINA

(In China the Chiang Kai-Shek government announces the arrest of fifty top-ranking Army officers and civilian officials - as Communist spies.) ~~Unofficial reports put the number at one hundred and fifty - that many key figures in Army and government charged with treason, accused of giving aid and information to the Chinese Red Armies.~~

This is the result of an investigation that has been going on for more than a year - an investigation brought about by the curious fact that the Communists were so well-informed about the military plans of Chiang Kai-Shek. The Chinese Red Armies appeared to be so well aware of what was coming, when military offensives were launched against them, that it was apparent they had been tipped off.

So investigations were begun at the three chief military headquarters of the Chinese nationalist armies - Mukden, Sian and Peiping. The result is a sensation. Fifty top military and civilian leaders arrested, as announced by the Chinese government, and one hundred and

fifty according to popular report.

(At Mukden Headquarters of the Chiang Kai Shek forces in the bitter battle for Manchuria, one of the prisoners tonight is Major General Wang Shih Hai Deputy information director.) The charge is that this General, as Deputy information director, specialized in giving information to the enemy.

(All of which would seem to indicate a grim state of military affairs especially in Manchuria, where two major battles are being fought right now) They have been going on for/days on ~~the~~ two sides of the key city of Chang Chun -- the nationalists claiming large victories over the Reds.

LONDON

From London, a story demonstrating the power of the motion picture industry -- a British film producer helping to get appropriate pageantry into the Royal Wedding procession on November Twentieth. Today, the Lord Chamberlain's office issued details of the three state processions to Westminster Abbey -- principal item of course, the Royal State Coach carrying the bride and her father. The Lord Chamberlain's announcement made no mention of full dress uniform for the household cavalry, life guards and the Royal Horse Guards -- the reds and the blues. Originally, it was presumed that because this was an austerity wedding, these picturesque horsemen would not wear their full dress, the presumption being that the moths had got at those gorgeous uniforms. But recently, Alexander Korda made a film of Oscar Wilde's play - an ideal husband -- and featured in that film were the Royal Horse Guards in full dress, breast plates and helmets and flowing white plumes, white gloves and shiny ^{knee} ~~new~~ length riding boots. Immediately, someone asked the question

in the House of Lords why should the guards dress up for a mere movie man when they couldn't do so to escort the royal bride and her bridegroom back from Westminster Abbey in a glass coach.

There was no formal answer -- and Lord Chamberlains office saying nothing, but today, when the guards rehearsed for the ~~xxx~~ wedding procession they turned out in their full dress, those magnificent breast plates flashing in the dull November sky -- everything complete including saddles ~~xxx~~ draped with sheepskins. - ~~P~~ Promise of a magnificent military show for the royal "austerity wedding -- all because a movie producer ^{used the} ~~wanted full dress~~ guards ^{in full dress} ~~for the~~ ~~film~~ ~~xxx~~ for a movie.

QUEEN MARY

From London we hear of a news blackout imposed to conceal the cut and style of ~~the~~^a gown to be worn at the marriage of the heiress to the Crown. ~~Mr,~~
~~not Princess Elizabeth's own wedding gown, although~~
~~there has been plenty of concealment about that. This~~
~~newest secrecy concerns what Queen Mother Mary will wear~~
~~at the nuptial ceremony.~~

~~She has ordered a new dress for the occasion from a fashionable clothes designer of London - and rumors have spread. In London there is whispered word that ~~from~~ the Queen Mother is going modern for the wedding of her granddaughter, that she'll wear an up-to-date fashionable costume, instead of her usual style of skirt and hat - especially hat.~~

For years the "Old Lady of Marlborough House", as London calls the ~~Queen Mother~~^{Dowager Queen Mary,} has stuck to the fashions of about forty years ago - favoring pastel shades, with a toque for day wear. The toque is the cut of the early Nineteen Hundreds, making the ~~one~~ women of this era exclaim - "where did she get that hat?" For evening

the Dowager Queen has gone in for heavy brocaded gowns over tight corsets of ~~the~~ days of yore. For neck wear, a high pearl choker, reminiscent of the era of Lillian Russell. The ancient land of Britain has gone through some dizzy changes of late, but there has been one thing that hasn't changed, a rock of Gibraltar tradition - the dresses and hats of ^{Dowager} ~~the~~ Queen ~~Mary~~.

But now revolutionary rumors are circulating, furtive whispers that ~~Dowager~~ Queen Mary will appear at her granddaughter's wedding in something new - maybe in one of those ballerina skirts the smart set is wearing, or one of those pert snappy bonnets ~~perched~~ perched on the back of the head. If that should turn out to be true, ~~the~~ people over there will ^{know for sure} ~~know~~ that Britain is in an era of change - the British Empire dissolving.

All this is made the ~~more~~ more beguiling by the fact, disclosed today, that the Queen Mother has ~~not~~ ordered her dressmaking shop to observe complete silence about her new dress, blank secrecy. So ~~is~~ what

will the answer be when the "Old Lady of Marlborough House" ~~appears~~ appears at the royal wedding?

The United Press claims it has some sort of inside information, and predicts that the rumors will turn out to be false. The U.P. declares there is good reason to believe that, on the gala nuptial day, the Queen Mother's new dress and hat will be the same old style - especially the hat.

AMISH

The news gives us a trial at law dominated by a symbolical sign - four black hats. Into the court room today walked four defendants with the long beards of the Pennsylvania Dutch, four officials of the Amish church, the Mennonites. Who was their lawyer? None at all - because it is against the Amish religion to have a lawyer. They walked to the table assigned to the defense, where the attorneys usually have their brief cases, legal documents, law books - but the church officials of the Amish had nothing like that. On to the table they slapped down their hats, black and broad of brim, according to the style of the Pennsylvania Dutch.

Bishop John Helmuth, a deacon, and two others are being sued for forty thousand dollars by Andy Yorder, who charges that he was "mited". That means ostracized, ex-communicated, put under a religious and social ban. And in an Amish community, when you're mited, it's mighty serious. ^{when you're mited} You might as well pack up and say goodbye.

Today, in suing the church ~~leaders~~ leaders,

Andy Yorder has a lawyer - another violation of the church rules which was enough to get Andy mited all over

again. But then Andy's case was already hopeless. ^{Why?} ~~the~~

because he,

[^] bought an automobile. That is what caused him to be

ostracized, ex-communicated - ^{for} ~~because~~ having an

automobile is ~~also~~ against the church rules.

It was told today how Andy pulled the Bishop's beard, and the Bishop has a fine one, seven inches long. Andy, in fact, dragged the Bishop by his beard out of the house on the Yorder farm. That was when the Bishop came around, and told Andy's father to get Andy off the farm - because Andy was mited for buying that ~~an~~ automobile. The lawyer today put it in the following words - "This made Andy so ~~mad~~ mad he saw fire. He grabbed the Bishop by the beard, pulled him outside, and told him - to begone." Yep, that's what the enraged Andy said - begone!

After that beard pulling affair, Andy was mited worse than ever. Todsy he stated he was ostracized and ex-communicated so ~~completely~~ completely

by the Amish congregation that he couldn't ^{even} find anyone in the community to fix his shoes.

So what was the defense of the Amish ~~xxxx~~ church officials today - without the help of any lawyer, brief cases, documents or law books? It was simple and to the point. Bishop Helmuth after telling the ~~xxxxx~~ court that Andy wasn't such a good church member, declared: "we feel we'll stand on the confession of faith which was written in sixteen-thirty-two in Dortrecht, Holland. We'll stand on the sixteenth and seventeenth articles." ^{TP} These two articles have to do with ostracism and ex-communication - when somebody is mited. They were written in Sixteen Thirty Two and they ^{are} law unto this day, so far as the Menonite cohgregations are concerned.

Well, any of us who have been out in Pennsylvania Dutch country have a high regard for the Amish. They ^{are} sturdy God fearing farmers on superbly cultivated fields. - But, I shouldn't like to be mited.

And now Nelson, might we hear a word from you?