

DEMOCRATS

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(Tonight's latest on that "dump Truman -- draft Eisenhower" movement which has kept Washington talking all day. In Richmond, Virginia, tonight, the Virginia democratic convention instructed its twenty-six delegates to the Democratic National Convention to vote for ~~General Dwight Eisenhower, for President. This Virginia boom for Eisenhower came~~ after Senator Harry Bird said he hoped that Virginia democracy would cast its vote for <sup>the</sup> General, Eisenhower.

Democrats in other states -- (Alabama, Georgia, Illinois and New York, are likewise leaning towards the "draft Eisenhower" movement.) <sup>with approximately</sup> ~~APPX~~ two-hundred-and-ninety-two convention delegates ready to cast their votes <sup>that way</sup> ~~for Eisenhower~~ at the Democratic Convention; ~~so we are told~~ with Texas, South Carolina, Mississippi, Arkansas and Florida ~~also~~ expected to follow. Their delegates are just waiting <sup>anxious to climb aboard the</sup> ~~were to jump on the Eisenhower~~ bandwagon. ~~Now continue~~ ~~so obviously the Truman camp, etc etc.~~

So obviously the Truman camp has to do something about it. Obviously the best thing to do would be to sound out the General again. This is apparently what the Democrats have done, a Washington dispatch saying that a mutual friend of President Truman and General Eisenhower is trying to get the General to say definitely and finally whether he can be drafted by the Democrats.

And who is this friend? He is George E. Allen, one time director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and a good friend of Mr. Truman and of General Eisenhower. By a happy coincidence, Allen happens to be General Eisenhower's House guest in New York today. The word in Washington is that Mr. Truman's supporters believe Allen is the one man to get a statement from General Eisenhower, to stop the move in the Democratic ranks for him to replace Mr. Truman on the Democratic ticket. If General Eisenhower doesn't give a definite no, the feeling among the Democratic Party leaders is -- that anything could happen when the Democratic Convention

opens in Philadelphia on July Twelfth.

A late Washington dispatch points out that Allen's visit to General Eisenhower coincides with a movement by the New York State Democratic Organization to block ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> Truman ~~the~~ nomination in favor of Eisenhower. The dispatch tells of a letter written by Jeremiah T. Mahoney, Democratic State Committeeman, to Paul Fitzpatrick, the Democratic Chairman, in which <sup>Mahoney</sup> ~~he~~ says that he and many other Democrats believe that "our dear President Truman, of whom we all are all so fond, cannot possibly be reelected." -To which the Democratic State Committee Headquarters announced that it will hold a caucus in Philadelphia on the first day of the convention, to decide on its candidate.

Now let's look at this dump-Truman movement among the Democrats. Is it really serious?

At Macon, Georgia today, five thousand delegates of the Georgia Democratic Convention unanimously called on President Truman to abdicate as the party standard bearer. And they voiced a hope, and a prayer, that General Eisenhower would consent to run.



Here's the resolution they voted on. "That President Truman's nomination would destroy the party, and that Mr. Truman owes it to the party and to his country to eliminate the revolt against him which is under way in all parts of America."

~~In Virginia, the Democrats in the State Convention, heard retiring state chairman Morace Edwards similarly urge Mr. Truman to retire in favor of General Eisenhower.~~

From Chicago, more ominous rumors of revolt. Jacob M. Arvy, Chicago Democratic Leader, saying that a draft-Eisenhower meeting will be held in Philadelphia immediately prior to the Democratic Convention. Arvy says he has been making long distance telephone calls to influential Democrats all over the country every day, for a long time, -- asking them to support Eisenhower. And, he says, he is making progress:-- with Jimmy Roosevelt, in California, Mayor Hague of Jersey City, and former U.P.A. Administrator Leon Henderson.

~~Arvy's idea apparently to create a stampede for~~



Arvy says that it is Jimmy Roosevelt's idea to hold a pre-convention caucus in Philadelphia just before the convention.

As for President Truman, he said today that he is sure of the ~~six~~<sup>six</sup> hundred and eighteen votes he needs for his nomination. Furthermore, his advisers say he is going to choose a running mate from the industrial East -- to strengthen the Democratic ticket.

# TREASURY

Treasury Secretary Snyder tells us today that Uncle Sam wound up the Nineteen forty eight fiscal year, ending June Thirtieth, with a surplus of eight billion, four hundred and nineteen million dollars.

He says this is the largest surplus in our history. Or of any other countries' history for that matter.

At Lake Success today, U.N. Secretary

General Trygve Lie told reporters he is enlisting Governor Thomas ~~W.~~ Dewey's help <sup>on</sup> ~~to get~~ that sixty-five million dollar United Nations building loan <sup>to get it</sup> through Congress. John Foster ~~L.~~ Dulles, the Republican Foreign Policy adviser, has met with <sup>Trygve</sup> Lie three times, Dulles representing the Republican Presidential nominee. Trygve Lie says that ~~the~~ work on the U.N.'s new headquarters in New York will have to stop unless the ~~the~~ money is available. So, he is telling his troubles to the man who may be the next ~~a~~ President of the United States. ~~Another~~

~~more.~~



## PALESTINE

From the island of Rhodes, we hear that Count Bernadotte, still has hopes that the Palestine problem will be solved. The Arabs have said they'll not consider the acceptance of a separate Jewish state and the Jews say they are going to start fighting when the truce ends. But the U N main mediator refuses to give up hope.

Today Count Bernadotte announced that he has invited the Arab and Jewish main leaders to come to his Island of Rhodes headquarters to confer again. Conferences will be separate; neither side to meet the other, until preliminary difficulties have been ironed out. Bernadotte further says he is going to Cairo to discuss matters there with The Arab League.

Meanwhile, Bernadotte wants more time-- a longer truce. He is going to ask the Arabs for an extra extension of the one due to end July Ninth.

A News wire dispatch from Cairo tonight has an optimistic note. An Arab spokesman quoted as saying that the Arabs wouldn't have invited Bernadotte to the Egyptian capital if they were going to turn

down his proposals. So the suggestion is that the Arab League may be prepared to discuss some compromise along the lines of the original proposals put forward by the U N mediator.

The Count's aides tell of his vast energy, how he is taking part in on-the-spot mediation, acting without fear or favor to either side, and with much sound judgment.

Yesterday we heard how he walked or flew, right into the middle of one of the hottest disputes in the Holy Land, how he demilitarized the Hadassah Hospital, in the Hebrew University area of Mt. Scopus. The Arabs, he had learned, were massing artillery - to blast the hospital. On hearing this Bernadotte flew to Jerusalem. Today, back at Rhodes, the Swedish Count Announced that he had not only persuaded the Jews to back down, but that the Arabs had also agreed to remove their armament from the nearby German hospital. Bernadotte said he had placed both areas under U N protection -- using Jewish and Arab police.

## BERLIN

The Soviet blockade of Berlin has been broken. (The news from the German capital tonight says that American and British planes have flown in enough food, so that the Germans in our <sup>sector</sup> ~~some~~ now have more than enough.)

The British ~~militarist~~ military governor has sent Marshall Sokolovsky, a strong letter, demanding that the Russians reopen the highways to Berlin from the West immediately: also the railways.

With the immediate crisis averted the British have told the Russians they are ready to sit down and talk it all over at any time.

Word in Berlin tonight is that Sokolovsky will call an early meeting of the Allied Control Council which has been inactive since March.



## COMMUNISTS

Here's some further news about those Communists among the workers in New York Department stores

Today in Washington, a former F.B.I. Agent told a House Labor Sub-Committee that New York City economy was blanketed by the Communist Party last year, when it placed eleven thousand members in what he called "strategic, social and economic fields."

whereupon Congressman Fred Hartley Jr., Chairman of the Committee, issued a subpoena to thirty one New York labor leaders, They are to appear before his committee in New York on wednesday, when they'll have to give yes or no answers to the question, "are you a member of the Communist Party?" If they refuse, says Hartley, they'll be cited for contempt of Congress

## BALLEY'S BEACH

Here's Newport, Rhode Island in the news again -- with name calling and language that can hardly be called diplomatic.

Trouble between Newport socialites and Madame Mihai Ralea, wife of the Communist Romanian Ambassador to the United States. Or perhaps, I should call him the Ambassador of Communist Romania. Mrs. Ralea is on vacation at Newport with her daughter. When daughter wanted to swim, she asked the hotel manager the best place to take a dip. The reply was that diplomats usually went to Bailey's Beach.

Now Bailey's Beach, so we are told, rates itself as the most exclusive of bath spots; where only those who grace the social register can go down to the sea in swim suits. Someone once described <sup>it</sup> as a "most un-common beach." At times presided over by Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, "Her Grace" the socialites call her. Or are ~~she~~ said to call her. I doubt if they do. Anyhow if she gives you a nod on those golden sands, you're in. No nod, you're out. That's the story.

So what happened when the daughter of the

Ambassador of Communist Romania took herself to  
Bailey's Beach?

The socialite executive board of the beach said: "No Communists." You could almost hear the dowagers shudder. "Communists on Bailey's Beach? Never. They shall not pass". Furthermore, the Executive Board at Newport suggested that the Romanian Ambassador and his family probably were trying "to obtain information of value to his nation." The suggestion being that the Reds might hear a thing or two on Bailey's Beach.

So what did Mama say about her daughter being allowed to go out to swim from Bailey's Beach, where, we are told that even the sands shuddered once when Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt greeted an Italian prizefighter who had married a socialite?

"These Newport socialites," retorts Mama Ralea, "they are impolite - and totally uncivilised." And then this, which might well put her diplomatic husband on another beach, when it gets to the ears of Anna Pauker, his very Red boss back in Romania. "We are not Communists", declared Madame Ralea, the wife of the



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Communist Ambassador, "and we do not care for the wealthy people of Newport. So we shall not mix with them."

Sixty-four dollar question -- can an Ambassador and his family be Red in Romania and merely a fashionable pink on the Beach at Newport? I wouldn't know. All I know is that Madame Rales and her daughter are leaving -- for California.

SAFETY -- Mr. Russell Singer

L.T. I don't quite know how to put this next thought into words. Whether to try and frighten you -- or not frighten you -- that's the question. Maybe it would be better to come right out and say it bluntly. More Americans are expected to be killed this weekend than ever before in the history of this country. Mr. Singer, it would be better if you would explain -- and then I will tell who you are.

SINGER: You are right Mr. Thomas. And the reason is that more Americans will be travelling in automobiles this weekend than ever before. Safety experts expect to see all records shattered both for auto traffic and for smashups. We still have hundreds of thousands of old cars on our roads. And to make matters still as worse the highways of the nation, many of them, are badly deteriorated and inadequate.

L.T. Folks, Mr. Russell Singer <sup>Exec., V. Pres.</sup> ~~is one of the~~ heads of the American Automobile Association; and each year for a long time now I have cooperated with the



A A A at this season of the year. I have invited Mr. Singer to appear with me for a few moments and have urged him to tell you frankly what the hazards are that most of you will be facing ~~tom~~ tomorrow, Sunday and Monday.

MR. SINGER: The ~~only~~<sup>first</sup> thing I want to emphasize to your listeners Lowell is this: July generally is one of our hottest months. People who are on the highways are likely to be irritable. That leads to carelessness and recklessness. But, let's all live to enjoy many more fourths. Let's remember that no traffic tie-up, no poor road, is a good enough alibi to free any of you of your responsibility when you are at the wheel of that hurtling modern juggernaut that we call an ~~automobile~~ automobile. Practice self discipline and avoid that accident. Use common sense this weekend. Exercise driving courtesy on the highways whether others extend that courtesy to you or not. Driving or walking. Take it easy. The accident predictions <sup>for</sup> this weekend are terrifying indeed. But



SAFETY ENDING

~~Mr. Stager of the American Automobile~~

*Mr. Singer*  
~~Association~~ has just been telling me that eighty millions of us will be racing <sup>up and down our</sup> ~~about the~~ American roads in high powered cars this Fourth of July weekend, and that the death toll is expected to be higher than ever before. I wish all eighty million could be warned tonight. Let's drive carefully; let's observe every rule of the road; let's make it the safest, sanest Fourth. ~~of July, we've ever had~~ *And I guess* I'd better take my own advice. All too often I find myself on the wrong side of that white line.

How about you Nelson?

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(That big rushing, roaring juggernaut you see booming along in the realm of politics -- is the Eisenhower bandwagon. Aboard the careening chariot is an oddly assorted throng. Southern Democrats, raging against President Truman's program of racial rights. Big city bosses, who are thinking of their local slates of senatorial candidates in the fall election.) Northern liberals of the New Deal variety, who are as much in favor of the Truman racial rights <sup>idea</sup> as the Southerners are against it. Today the Eisenhower bandwagon gained many new recruits, a rush of them -- that same singular assortment.

Governor Jim McCord of Tennessee climbs aboard, with the statement that the nomination of the General would, in the Governor's words -- "be the answer to all the problems of the South." A prominent ~~major~~ southern newspaper, The Nashville Tennessean, gives a report on twenty-seven of the forty Tennessee delegates -- and twenty-one of the twenty-seven are for ~~an~~ Eisenhower. In Mississippi Senator Stennis announces that at the Convention he will vote for the General. In Arkansas

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Governor Ben Laney appeals to President Truman to withdraw and support Eisenhower.

In the north, the Democratic candidate for the Senate in Illinois climbed aboard the Eisenhower bandwagon today - Senate Candidate Paul H. Douglas.

In New Hampshire Democratic National Committeeman Harry Carlson, has a thing to say on that all important point -- will Eisenhower accept a draft?

Committeeman Carlson speaks up right after an interview with the General. Talking about the conversation they had, he says: "At no time did he ever say: "I will not accept the nomination."

But did Carlson ask General Ike? No, he didn't -- he explains that he didn't pop the question because he didn't consider it appropriate. Moreover, Ike did not tell him he would accept. So it is all a mere negative, I don't know what they talked about, but in the course of the conversation the General did not say he would refuse.



to  
play

Today's new push in the Eisenhower camp follows that weekend stampede to Eisenhower - with Jersey City's political boss, Frank Hague, swinging the New Jersey delegation to Eisenhower. And -- with Mayor O'Dwyer of New York going over to the general, he joined James Roosevelt, son of the late President, F.D.R., in calling an anti-Truman caucus to meet in Philadelphia on Saturday, the eve of the Convention.

( President Truman is reported as being as confident as ever that he will be nominated easily, though he is quoted as saying privately that he was surprised by the defection of New Jersey Boss Hague. He didn't expect the New Jersey political machine to go over to Eisenhower.

Here is a report from the Dewey neighborhood, at Pawling, New York, where the Governor is resting up over the holiday. Newsmen there have picked up word of something that General Eisenhower is said to have told the New York Governor shortly before the Republican Convention. Discussing the possible Republican

candidates, the General is said to have informed the Governor that, so far as he was concerned, any one of four would be satisfactory. He is reported to have expressed approval of Dewey, Warren, Stassen and Vandenberg. I don't know how much there is in this, but it might have bearing on the attitude of General Ike. A statement is expected from him, a statement expressing his own view of the big bandwagon that's rolling today. When it will be issued -- nobody seems to know.

The whole thing is quite a novelty - a violent attempt to draft a famous war commander, who has repeatedly stated that he doesn't want any Presidential nomination, and has given cogent reasons why a soldier should not become President. But the eager insistence of so many Democrats is easily explained. From the Eisenhower bandwagon comes the chorus -- Truman can't be elected. Which puts the anti-Truman forces in this position -- they figure the Democratic Party is in trouble, and want the commander of victory on the western front to get the party out of its difficulty.



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IKE SAYS NO

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