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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Election returns tonight present some interesting results in a whole series of political battles for minor offices mostly. In Kentucky, for Governor, the Democrat is out in the lead. Governor Lawrence Wetherby, seeking election running ahead of Republican candidate Eugene Siler. However, heavily Republican districts are still to be heard from.

At Indianapolis, on the other hand, a striking victory for mayor was registered by the Republicans -- when they elected Alex Clark, who defeated Democratic Mayor Philip Bate. Indianapolis is the home town of the new Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Frank McKinney, and he flew from Washington to campaign for Mayor Bate, but it did no good -- the new Democratic Chairman losing out in the political test.

There is a focus of interest on Philadelphia, where the Republican candidate is a prominent churchman, the Reverend Dr. Daniel Poling, Baptist minister and educator of international fame. But he was defeated by Democratic candidate Joseph Clark. So the Democrats elect their first Philadelphia Mayor in more than sixty years.

In New York -- a victory for the housewives. That is what they are calling the election of Rudolph Halley as President of the City Council -- an office ranking second only to Mayor. Halley rose to fame as counsel for the Senate Investigating Committee in the famous television extravaganza last spring -- featured on video as the enemy of the Underworld prosecuting the bigtime racketeers. He ran on a platform charging Tammany with having underworld connections -- and it was noted that housewives were among his most enthusiastic supporters. Halley ran as an Independent against Joseph Sharkey, Democrat and

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Henry Latham, Republican. He beat them both. All the more interesting because, a year ago, Mayor Impelliteri beat Tammany as an Independent -- and now the same sort of thing happens all over again.

EISENHOWER

Political pundits are giving their interpretations of General Eisenhower's statement at his news conference in Washington. But it still seems to be anyone's guess as to ~~the~~ <sup>What the</sup> General <sup>intends to do - in</sup> ~~ideas, that is as far as~~ politics, ~~are concerned.~~

Boarding his plane for the return flight to Paris, ~~the~~ <sup>She</sup> General <sup>Yes,</sup> stated to reporters: ~~Now~~ "I have friends that have been my friends so long, that they believe they know how I would act and react under given situations. That's their own business." Then added: "But no one after all would need to speak for me in any case where I should speak for myself."

~~Now isn't that a classic piece of logic! But your guess is still as good as mine.~~

Meanwhile ( President Truman gives his reasons for General Eisenhower's visit, ~~which~~ <sup>he</sup> put ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> this way: "We had matters that affected the welfare of the whole world to discuss." <sup>then he</sup> And added: - "That is the reason - all ~~the~~ speculation to the contrary." )

President Truman is becoming quite a historian.

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Every so often he delves back into American history -- of which, I understand, he reads a lot. This time he appears as a debunker on a favorite George Washington story - how the Father of his Country, when a boy, threw a silver dollar across the Potomac,

Today, the President said -- George Washington did not throw a dollar, and it was not across the Potomac.

"It was a Spanish piece of eight," he declared, "and it was thrown across the Rappahannock. If you go down there," he added, "and take a look at the place where George Washington lived, any ten-year-old boy could throw a dime across that place. But," he concluded, "I am doubtful if Washington with his acquisitive habits, would ever let loose with a Spanish piece of eight."

No, the first President was no wild spendthrift. But then, neither is the thirty-third President.

## GAMBLER TAX

The British are famous for understatement, but let me present our own Secretary of the Treasury, John Snyder as a practitioner of <sup>the</sup> ~~that~~ art of not exaggerating.

Today, at a news conference, he said the government is having trouble enforcing the new tax on bookmakers -- who are required to pay ten percent <sup>tax</sup> ~~to~~ take out a license, <sup>thus</sup> putting them on a public record.

There is no rush of bookmakers to register for the tax.

Then the Secretary made the understatement, saying: "It doesn't seem to be a popular tax."

Well, Mr. Secretary, what tax is popular?

And the bookmakers, by paying, may be purchasing a license to go to jail.

## SUBSTITUTE RAILROAD

Word from Washington. President Truman has set up an emergency board to block the threatened railroad strike. This follows an announcement early today by a spokesman for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, calling for a Union walk-out at three o'clock on Thursday. The President's action automatically prevents any strike for two months.

PERON

A dispatch from Buenos Aires tonight states that  
( Senora Peron, wife of the Argentine President, has just  
undergone an operation. Peron, himself, waited at the  
hospital all day, together with ministers of his Cabinet  
-- all in homage to the famous Evita, so influential in  
Argentine politics.) The doctors' report is -- that the  
condition of the patient is satisfactory.



## WEATHER

(St. Louis is in the grip of a record snowfall tonight -- more than twelve inches today accompanied by bitter winds. Reports tell of closed schools, stores, offices, with most traffic at a standstill. Planes grounded, and trains delayed up to four hours. The weather Bureau states that the blasts of winter are headed East.)

## PARLIAMENT

The opening of the British Parliament is, by long tradition, an affair of pageant and ceremony. Today the Lords and Commons assembled with a new Conservative government in power, Winston Churchill again the Prime Minister. But pageant and ceremony were lacking -- today's opening of Parliament one of the simplest ever. <sup>e reason</sup> ~~That was because of~~ the absence of the King -- who, because of illness could not read the traditional Speech from the Throne. Out of respect to his Majesty, the usual spectacular color was missing.

The Speech from the Throne was read by the Lord Chancellor -- and was mostly in generalities, with much stately phraseology. (Prepared by the Ministry, the address was not specific in such dramatic matters as the Churchill foreign policy and socialism under the Conservatives.

Firmness was promised in such matters as the disputes in Iran and Egypt. Continued re-armament was pledged -- together with Anglo-American cooperation)

In the field of British Socialism, the address from the Throne stated that the "welfare state" would be maintained, but there is little specific in such matters as the nationalization of steel. Later Prime Minister Winston Churchill stated that the steel issue will be put off until after Christmas -- the Conservative plan to return that industry to private ownership.

*However* The House of Commons was full of booming rhetoric today. (Winston Churchill making his first address as new Prime Minister.) The great wartime leader dwelled chiefly on foreign affairs - as had been expected. (He said his greatest hope was to "end what is called the Cold War, by negotiation at the highest level - from strength and not from weakness." In other words, a top level conference. The President, Churchill and Josef Stalin) face to face again for the first time since Potsdam.

Churchill also recommended "a supreme effort to bridge the gulf between the two worlds, so that each can live <sup>its</sup> ~~their~~ life, if not in friendship, at least without the fears and hatreds and frightful waste of the Cold War." He added the warning, "The realities which confront us are numerous and stubborn."

(Chin thrust out in that familiar pose, Churchill ended with these ringing words, "Let us, in these supreme issues, with party politics far behind them, move forward

together in our right as faithful servants of our common country, and as unwavering guardians of the peace and freedom of the world."

At which point a thundering ovation burst from both sides of the House. Churchill at the helm, - once more Prime Minister in the House of Commons. )

AURIOL

In Paris, President Auriol ~~of France~~ opened the Sixth General Assembly of the United Nations today. In his speech, Auriol proposed that the Big Four "chiefs of state" meet in Paris during the Assembly, to try to ease world tensions. First reactions from both East and West are that Auriol's suggestion is too vague, and a French spokesman added later that the statement was "not a formal demand for a Big Four meeting", but rather "an expression of wish of the French people."

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In Paris today, the Foreign Ministers of the Big Three ~~have~~ agreed to go ahead with the Middle East defense pact - with or without Egypt. This was decided at a meeting ~~at~~ the Quai d'Orsay between Secretary of State Dean Acheson and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, following earlier talks with the French. We learn that America, Britain and <sup>now</sup> France are in full agreement on Middle East policies, and that the door will be left open for Egypt to join the defense pact as an equal partner.

EGYPT

In Cairo today, Britain's Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, handed over the <sup>London</sup> Foreign Office reply to Egypt's note abrogating the Canal Zone and Sudan Treaty of Nineteen Thirty-six. The British ~~replied~~ reply was brief and to the point, and termed Egypt's action "illegal, and entirely contrary to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations." It then went on to state that Britain is willing to resume negotiations <sup>for</sup> ~~on~~ a revision of the Nineteen Thirty-six Treaty, but will stand fast on her rights in the Canal Zone and the Sudan.



MOROCCO

(From the troubled Moslem World comes word tonight of fresh tensions in Morocco. That French protectorate was the scene of bitter rioting last week, and today Berber Goumi and Senegalese riflemen took up strategic guard with tanks and armored cars throughout Casablanca, Rabat and other cities. So far there have been no demonstrations. But it's feared that Moroccan extremists may stir up riots to coincide with the U.N. General Assembly meeting in Paris, where Morocco will seek her independence from France.)

KOREA

In Korea, the war of words goes on, with proposal and counter-proposal turned down by each side. At the start of today's ~~xxxxxxx~~ session, the Chinese rejected the Allied plan to by-pass the truce-line-question and discuss the rest of the agenda. Then the Reds came up with their own proposal, calling for an immediate cease-fire, with details to be thrashed out later. But our team turned this down, on the grounds that it made no arrangements for the future of U.N. prisoners-of-war in enemy hands. However, we learn that the talks will continue tomorrow, and there's still hope that a deadlock may be averted.

Meanwhile, on the fighting ~~front~~ front, the Chinese have struck at the U.N. line, launching "a savage and costly ~~matter~~ *drive.*" We learn that U.N. troops were driven back off Three Knob Hill, northwest of Yonchon. The Chinese brought up all their big guns ~~before the attempt~~, including rockets, tanks, field guns and mortars. But the Allied defenders took

a heavy toll before withdrawing, and report enemy dead

"piled three deep on barbed wire entanglements."

## BARBER

The latest act of Communist oppression is reported in Hungary, where the Reds have ordered the abolition of all privately-owned -- barber shops. In this the Reds are suppressing not only free enterprise, but also freedom of speech - the barber being renowned for the amount of talk he gives the customers, gratis.

Today's dispatch says that privately-owned shops have been closed, to stop -- subversive talking." Hungarian barbers, while giving shaves and haircuts, have been saying what they think about the Red regime.

All of which reminds me of the oldest joke I ever encountered - a comic passage in Roman literature. Scene, a barber shop near the Coliseum, over toward the Palatine Hill - and a customer enters.

"How would you like to be shaved, Sir?" asks the barber.

"In silence!" replies the customer.

One of the earliest of a long line of jokes about the talkative barber -- who now appears, <sup>Nelson</sup> as a problem in Hungarian Red politics.