

L.J. P. & G. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1952.

The ~~was~~ dramatic meeting occurred today, and we all know its importance. But the beguiling thing was that personal angle. How did the two greet each other, the President and the General - after the slam-bang of electioneering, in which Truman went all out against Eisenhower, and was really rough?

They had a personal <sup>talk</sup> ~~meeting~~ in private for twenty and, for this, our minutes - ~~before they went into formal conference with~~

~~advisors~~ Each source of information ~~about the personal~~

~~get together~~ is a news photographer, assigned to make pictures for a pool, one cameraman operating for all the news people.

He says the President and the President-elect, seated at a desk, were deep in conversation - but he couldn't hear what they said. He only saw that (they smiled, as they talked.) Another news photographer took a turn at the job, and he gives the same impression, (the President and the General shaking hands for the camera, and smiling in cordial amity. No sign, anywhere, of any lingering resentment left over from the bitter political hostilities.)

In the formal conference, the advisers were -

Secretary of State Acheson, ~~and~~ Secretary of the Treasury Snyder,  
Secretary of Defense Lovett - Averell Harriman,

on the Truman side. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts

and Financial Expert James M. Dodge on the Eisenhower side.

The top level meeting lasted for sixty-five minutes - and,

when it was over, a joint Truman-Eisenhower statement was

issued, saying: P "We have discussed some of the most important

problems affecting our country in the sphere of international

relations. We have worked out a framework of liaison and

exchange of information between the present administration and

the incoming administration." P Then follows a significant

statement: "General Eisenhower," it says, "has not been asked

to assume any of the responsibilities of the presidency,

until he takes the oath of office." Which bears out a previous

Truman declaration - that the President assumes full

responsibility for everything done, until his administration

ends.

The Washington reception for General Ike is described

as warm and friendly, -- cheering multitudes lining the streets, as he drove from the airport. But - without the note of hysterical enthusiasm that hailed him when he returned in Nineteen Forty-five, as the conquering hero. Today, in Washington, half a million people turned out, greeting the President-elect - in spite of cloudy, threatening weather.

Follow EISENHOWER

While the General was at the White House, Mrs. Eisenhower was taking the opportunity to go to the Walter Reed Hospital for a check-up - just routine. The doctors found the only thing wrong with her was - two pounds overweight. She gained that during the strenuous political campaign, in which Mamie accompanied Ike on those exhausting whistle-stop tours. She seemed to thrive on it, the doctors told her to slim down to her usual poundage - <sup>a</sup> little under one hundred forty.

( Senator Taft says he has made some recommendations for an Eisenhower Cabinet.) In Washington, he told a news conference that the (General asked him for suggestions.)

So he handed in some names, but he doesn't know if that will result in appointments to the Cabinet. The Senator put it in these words: "The General was kind enough to say he would be glad to have my recommendations. If he will follow them or not, that's another matter. That's his privilege," says Taft.

He went on to another subject - taxes. Will there be a tax cut in the Eisenhower administration - with the Republicans in control of Congress? (The Senator intimated, strongly, that the new President and the new Congress would be unable to reduce taxes before N,neteen Fifty-four, the year after next.)

STEVENSON

While General Ike was ending his vacation, and getting down to business - Governor Adlai Stevenson was doing the same. He flew from an outing in Arizona, ~~at~~ landing in Chicago - and taking another plane to Springfield, Illinois.

~~While~~ While the General makes ready to assume the presidency, Adlai Stevenson winds up his term as governor, attending to final business, before stepping out. The difference between winning and losing.

Today, he was asked the inevitable question - what are his plans? He said he'll go back to his profession as a lawyer.

He's titular head of the Democratic Party, so will he act as a spokesman? To this he replied: "I would like the privilege of expressing myself, from time to time, ~~at~~ on important issues - and I would like a hand in straightening out the weak spots in the Democratic Party." ( He didn't say how he'd like to express his views, but there may be a cue to that - in the formation of a committee to finance Adlai Stevenson appearances on television and radio. )

( He was asked that other inevitable question - does he hope to run for president again in Nineteen Fifty-Six? To which he gave an answer that he has given before: "Examine that man's head," said the Governor. )

## WHEAT RACKET

Washington reports an international wheat racket. Which may touch off one of the first investigations in the new Congress, as the Eisenhower Administration takes office. Federal authorities declare that sharpers from Texas have been buying "low-grade" Canadian wheat - then using it as filler for American wheat shipped abroad under a program subsidized by the United States Government. Putting bad wheat in with good wheat - that's the International Racket.



CORRUPTION

( In / New York's crime investigation, ) today, produced a story fit for a mocking satire - first class for a parody on the ways of politics, corruption, justice. ( At the hearing, ( a former Assistant United States Attorney testified, Frank J. Dufficy, and here's what he said.

Back in Nineteen Forty-Seven, he related, he was riding in a taxicab with William Connelly, Tammany leader of New York's Eighth Assembly District - and the conversation got around to an appointment as Municipal Judge. Dufficy says that Connelly offered to ~~sell him~~ <sup>sell him</sup> a judgeship of twenty-five thousand dollars. ) Explaining, in the words of the former U.S. Attorney, that "it has always been the policy" of Tammany Hall to ask "at least one year's salary (twenty thousand dollars) and a campaign fund of at least five thousand." To which he added, according to Dufficy, that another Attorney had already offered a personal gift of fifteen thousand dollars, with a campaign contribution of ten thousand. So what happened?

The post of Municipal Judge, we are told, went to Cornelius McNamara - who still is the judge. Dufficy says that, right after the appointment, Tammany District Leader Connelly showed up with a new automobile. Dufficy joked with him about it and quotes him as saying: "It didn't cost me anything. It was McNamara's money that paid for it."

The former U.S. Assistant Attorney was followed on the stand by Connelly, himself, who denied that he offered to sell the judgeship. He said he had only given Dufficy an estimate of "campaign costs", about five thousand dollars. Whereupon evidence was brought up to show that, in Nineteen Forty-Seven, Connelly bought a car with money that he borrowed from McNamara - thirty-five hundred dollars.

Judge McNamara calls the story told by the former Assistant U.S. Attorney - "ridiculous." Dufficy stated later that he was told:- Tammany put a price of one hundred thousand dollars on the post of judge in the State Supreme Court.

## ANTI-TRUST

Court proceedings in Chicago give us just about all the synonyms for - magnitude. (Today the government opened the biggest anti-trust case in the history of American courts - against the DuPonts.) The federal prosecutor stated: "The sweep of monopoly exercised by this combination is marked as the greatest in the history of jurisprudence, and involves the greatest aggregation of industrial power."

(The government claims that the ~~DuPont family and company~~ DuPont family and company control both General Motors and U.S. Rubber.) The anti-trust suit making the demand - that the DuPonts be compelled to sell their interest in those two giant corporations.

We are told that the DuPont Company, together with General Motors and U.S. Rubber, have combined assets of more than five billion dollars. Their net sales - ten billion. Net profits after taxes, in Nineteen Fifty, more than one billion.

Of the fabulous DuPont brothers, the prosecution says:

"Over the last half century, they have constituted a partnership unparalleled in the history of business and finance."

## KOREA

At Sniper Ridge, a "human sea" is massing. That's the news from Korea today - a new Red assault in the making. This follows a successful attack by the South Koreans, who captured a stronghold called "Rocky Point." In hand-to-hand fighting, they drove off the Communists - who, in turn, are making ready to strike back with a counter-blow - the swarm of the "human sea."

Sniper Ridge is a strategic maze of crests and summits, where a <sup>bitter</sup> battle has been going on for weeks. "Rocky Point" is ~~one~~ important hill. While, northward, there is a spur the G.I.'s call - the "yoke". That has been in the possession of the Reds all the time, and that's where they <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ massing now. They've honeycombed the "yoke" with bunkers, trenches, tunnels, and through these enemy forces make their way, gathering for an offensive.

So, today, the "yoke" was like an erupting inferno, as American artillery hit it with a storm of shellfire. Tanks moved up, in point-blank range, and blasted away. Warplanes

swept over, deluging the "yoke" with bombs, rockets, <sup>and</sup> flaming napalm. All - intended to smash the Chinese, as they mobilize forces from that maze of bunkers, trenches, tunnels, in the "yoke."

( In the air - a novelty. Russian made Migs shot down by Navy planes. It isn't often that the jet fighters from the carriers get a crack at the Migs. But today a force of enemy jets made a dash out off the coast of northeast Korea. Panther Jets from the carriers zoomed aloft, and shot down two, damaging a third. It was the more dramatic - because the Migs appeared over waters that swarm with American ~~warships~~ (warships.) )

## CORONATION

At the old city of Braintree, in England, two women are weaving purple velvet - in a sort of competition. Each is making twenty yards of royal fabric for the Coronation robe of the Queen - though only one length will be used. The other - to be held as a spare.

Miss Lily Lee and Mrs. Hilda Calver have been chosen as the most skilled weavers in England - working on hand looms, dating back to another century. Each one hopes her own velvet will be worn by the Queen - but neither will ever know. At least, according to the director of the weaving concern. Who says: "Not even the two women will be able to distinguish between the two lengths of velvet. They'll be exactly the same.

But Lily Lee does not agree, saying: "That's what everybody thinks. But I'll recognize my velvet all right, if her Majesty wears it. Nobody," she explains, "weaves exactly the same piece of velvet." Mrs. Calver chimes in, saying that she, too, will know.

So there's the curious competition - neither of the two supposed to know who wins. But each says - she will know.

## GHOST

At McKee's Rocks, Pennsylvania, the "ghost lady" has gone. The spook that haunted the home of Frank Dorrenbacher will never appear again - to frighten and amaze.

The "ghost lady" came every night, a weird light on one wall of the back porch - the figure of a woman, with her head bowed. People would crowd at night to look and wonder. They flocked from neighboring towns. Some said it was the spectre of a woman who hanged herself a hundred years ago. Another version was - that she shot herself. In any event, something tragic had happened - and the "ghost lady" haunted the house.

It got so bad that the family couldn't sleep at night. Dorrenbacher complained to the town authorities, and finally an investigation was made - what was the "ghost lady?" The answer was found, and last night the Duquesne Light Company turned off a street lamp down the line. They're putting in a new reflector. The old reflector was bent, knocked out of shape somehow - and a distorted mirror effect threw strange beams of light on the back porch of the house. That was the spooky, luminous form of the "ghost lady."



EINSTEIN

( Professor Einstein declines to become - President of Israel. The offer was made, asking him to become the successor to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the venerable Zionist leader who died recently. But Einstein says - he doesn't feel equal to the post. )

The offer was made four days ago, transmitted through the Israel Ambassador to Washington. <sup>The scientist of world fame</sup> ~~Professor Einstein~~ says he is deeply moved by the honor, but adds: "I have never undertaken tasks which I cannot fulfill to the satisfaction of my conscience."

His view of himself in relation to politics is interesting. "It is my belief," he declares, "that I am not gifted with any talents to conduct human relations. I have some understanding of the domain of nature's materials, and it is my ardent desire to continue watching this domain without any diversion." Einstein saying - he may know something about the stuff of which the universe is made, but not so much about human beings.

So he won't become President of Israel - won't try  
to apply the theory of relativity to politics.

Nelson - any comment from you about politics -  
or relativity?