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President Truman and Governor Dewey almost met today, missing by only about three miles. All along, campaigning across the country, their special trains, have been playing tag, one crossing the trail of the other - until today Truman was at Colton, California, while Dewey was in adjacent San Bernadino. The Governor ~~was~~ on his way to Los Angeles, the President leaving and heading for Arizona.

(The Dewey address tonight had to do with ^{Communism,} ~~espionage~~)
the New York Governor presenting the case against the Reds in dark colors. "A vast disciplined world wide organization of unscrupulous men is bent upon wholesale perversion of the loyalties of people everywhere - abroad and right here at home." He went on to say the propaganda of the Reds could only be encouraged by the spectacle here in the United States -- where Communists and fellow-travellers had risen to high position in our government. Whereupon he attacked the Truman administration for its attitude toward the Congressional investigation of Red espionage. ("The head of our own government", said Dewey, "called the exposure of Communists in our government a red herring".)

(President Truman, in Arizona continues his assault on the Republican party in terms he has made familiar all along. Today he repeated: "The Democrats are for the people. The Republicans are for the special interests".)

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POLITICS

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~~clash:~~ The main contest is, of course, between Truman and Dewey, but ~~we~~ now we have a skirmish off to one side, the President in a tangle with the Third Party candidate.

Today in Toledo, Henry Wallace retorted sharply to the Truman attack in Los Angeles last night, when the President advised the voters - not to waste their ~~we~~ votes on Wallace. Well, its an old idea in American electioneering, that a vote for a candidate who can't win is a wasted vote. The Wallace come-back ~~was~~ today was in the following words: "The only vote wasted is a vote for Truman."

~~He gave a reply, likewise, to the Presidential accusation that the Wallace progressive party is Communist controlled. That, today, was dismissed by Wallace as "the old Red herring which he has talked about on a number of occasions." Red herring? We seem to have heard that before - the Truman charge that the Congressional investigation of Communist espionage is a Red herring. But Wallace gives a different interpretation. The political pond would seem to be full of red herrings.~~

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ATOMIC


Today brings one piece of news, which may, in the long run, be the most important of anything this year, or these several years. (The Atomic Energy Commission announces the construction of an atomic power plant for the production of electricity. This ^{to} ~~will~~ be our first practical application of the energy of the atom for the purpose of generating electrical power) - the electricity that gives us light and heat - and runs trains and factory machines.

This atomic plant, the kind for ~~industrial~~ industrial use - will be constructed this autumn eighteen miles north of Schenectady, New York, on a forty-five hundred acre site, and will be operated by ~~the~~ General Electric. It will not produce electricity to ~~be~~ sold for commercial purposes, but will be the forerunner of that - a plant pioneering in the application of atomic power to industry. The problems of practical commercial use will be studied - how, for example, to control and put into proper channels the enormous amount of heat released by the fission of the atom.

One other angle ~~will~~ will be developed - and it sounds like a fantasy of the wildest paradox. The atomic pile ,

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while releasing heat for the production of electricity, will also produce other atomic fuel. What the scientists call -- fissionable materials. ^{Then} This other fuel - can, in turn, be used in the atomic pile for producing heat and electricity.

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In other words, it is like a furnace - which, burning fuel, not only gives off heat, but creates other fuel, and this can then be used in the furnace. You burn coal, and get another kind of coal, which you can then proceed to burn - in a furnace which produces not only heat, but also its own fuel. Sounds like some mad fantasy of perpetual motion in the realm of atomic physics - but it is an important angle in the operation of the atomic power plant, near Schenectady.



ADD ATOMIC

Today's announcement states that the scientists expect that the atomic furnace will actually produce more fuel than it consumes - which puts a finishing touch to the paradox.

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ANTI- TRUST

In Chicago, intimation of a whole series of huge investigations into monopoly. A Federal Grand Jury subpoenaed the records of seven of the nation's largest corporations - headed by DuPont and General Motors. They ~~are~~ are required to produce full information about financial dealings, stock transactions, corporate affairs. The Federal Attorney indicates that all this is to determine ~~xxx~~ whether or not they have been indulging in monopoly practices ~~and~~ ^{--- whether they} should be brought to court in anti-trust actions.

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In Paris today, the Soviets encountered a series of defeats - one vote after another going against them. The General Assembly of the United Nations was engaged in the business of putting items on the program - the agenda. That is, topics to be discussed and voted on at the present session. The Soviets objected to seven of these items, and seven votes were taken, all going against Russia by heavy majorities.

Meanwhile, France had a strike today, with five million workers going out for periods of from two hours to all day. Transportation and other facilities tied up in Paris. -~~But~~ special busses were provided for the people of the U N. They were able to ride - while millions of Parisians walked.

JAVA

The distant ~~and obscure~~ trouble in Java, the Communist uprising there, is made clearer today ^{by} the appearance in the news again today of that curious figure named - Musso. It seems that the obscure Red revolt in the East Indies, may be summarized in a phrase - the return of Musso.

~~The story goes back to the Nineteen Twenties, when Musso journeyed to Moscow. He was a Communist - and, together with two other Javanese Reds, he went to seek Soviet support for an Indonesian revolution. Away back there in Nineteen twenty he saw Stalin, but, the answer was no. Because at that time, Stalin's policy was isolationist -- ~~right~~ right after the ~~struggle~~ ⁺ monumental struggle for power between Stalin and Trotsky.~~

~~So Musso went back to his tropical home on the lush island of Java, and informed the Javanese Communists of Stalin's decision -- Stalin's no. All of which was not received so well, and One Javanese Red leader, Tanmalakka by name, formed a dissenting group, a Trotskyite group, and organized a Trotskyite uprising in Java. This was suppressed - and Tanmalakka became a fugitive. Musso, faithful to Stalin, went ~~back~~ to Moscow, and there he remained as Stalin's Javanese henchman.~~

All this is ancient history, back in the "twenties". But now it comes to life all over again, - ~~in the period following World War Two~~. Two years ago, Tanmalakka, the Trotskyite, got busy again, and stirred up a Red revolt in Java. Once again he failed, and was put in jail by the native leaders of the Indonesian ~~Repk~~ Republic. After which Red agitation remained quiet, until this year - with the return of Muso^s.

He appeared in Java) - ~~a plump, round-faced individual. After his twenty three years in Moscow, nobody recognized him. Then~~ a month ago, he made himself known - in sudden dramatic fashion. At a Communist meeting, he arose and disclosed his identity - he was Muso^s, Stalin's man. Whereupon he was immediately elected chairman of the Indonesian Communist Party -- the boss.

Muso^s now opened negotiations with the Indonesian Republic, but, was turned down by Premier Mohammed Hatta. The reaction was prompt - Muso^s raising a Communist insurrection in East Java, ~~The Reds, in revolt, seized the city of Madiun, and there Muso came out in his true colors delivering a violent harangue,~~ charging Indonesian leaders with being pro-American. ~~They were, he shouted~~ "tools of America."

All of which is a tip-off, a clue to the obscure doings of the Communists in those great islands to the south of the continent of Asia. A far flung extension of the Moscow world-campaign for Communism and against America.

One interesting angle concerns - Tanmalakka, the Trotskyite. He has been in jail ~~xx~~ ever since he started an anti-Stalinist Communist revolution two years ago. But now we hear that the Indonesian authorities fighting against the Red revolt, have released Tanmalakka. The idea is to let him agitate among the Communists against Muso³; - the ancient Stalin-Trotsky battle revived, at this late date, in the ~~at~~ realm of historic romance - ^{the} East Indies.

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION

During the war there were more than two million ~~young~~ young men in the Army Air Force, under General "Hap" Arnold. Since then, an attempt has been made to build up an association of Air Force veterans. General Jimmy Doolittle was the first President, and this year the head of the Air Force Association is young Colonel Tom Lamphier, the ace who shot down the great Jap war leader, Yamashita, I believe it was, in the South Pacific.

Tonight, and this weekend, air veterans are meeting throughout the country. The largest affair of all being the main convention and tomorrow night's tremendous party at Madison Square Garden, ^{in n.Y.,} with Bob Hope as M.C., and scores of Broadway and Hollywood stars taking part.

I have just been talking to Colonel Howard Rusk of the New York Times and ^{Col.} Hobey Todd, and they tell me that many of the veterans who had a pretty rough time in the air during the war will be at Delmonico's tonight. These are all young airmen who went through the first Air Force Rehabilitation center founded by General Grant and Colonel Rusk at Pawling, New York.

At any rate, far and wide this will be a weekend of celebration for the more than two million who were in the Air Force ~~xxx~~ during the war.

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KING KONG KELLER

Tomorrow
~~Saturday~~ is to be ~~Charles~~ Keller Day at the Yankee Stadium. King Kong Keller, they call him, the mighty slugger from Maryland, - to be honored by the fans.

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Then when they insisted, he said: "well, I don't want anything. I'm doing ~~well~~ okay. But, you might offer a scholarship ~~to~~ so some New York kid can go to my old school, the University of Maryland."


And that's why many Marylanders will be at Yankee Stadium on Saturday, including Senator Tydings, Secretary for Air Symington, and General ^{(Vandenberg,} ~~Wenderson,~~ head of the Air Force, and a host of others.

And now it - what's on your mind?

ARGENTINA

Tonight brings a denial from the American accused of a plot in the Argentine -- a plot to kill Peron. He is John F. Griffiths, formerly an official at the American Embassy, who was expelled from Argentina last spring, on charges of associating with enemies of the Peron government. He denies any knowledge of the plot, and declares that he doesn't know any of the seventeen persons who have been arrested. That is, except one -- and he has not seen that one in two years.

But tonight Peron, himself, issues a blast against former Embassy official Griffiths, and accuses him of having directed the conspiracy. We are told that the plotters planned to kill Peron and his wife Eva for Columbus Day when they are scheduled to attend a memorial performance at a theatre.

~~Today the announcement of a na conspiracy, etc?~~ 

that point, according to the Peron people, he took part in the present plot. All this is denied at the Montevideo home of the former attache.

Today, the announcement of the conspiracy was made the occasion for huge demonstrations by the adherents of Peron. While the police were making arrests, labor unions called a strike to demonstrate their loyalty to Peron. Transportation stopped in Buenos Aires. The workers joining crowds that marched through the streets, held meetings, and listened to speeches. Streets rang with shouts of "viva Peron". And - "viva Evita", ^{as they} ~~That's what they~~ familiarly call Peron's wife Eva, ~~who is a most influential political figure in~~ Argentina. ~~"Viva Evita"~~

And now it - viva Ivory!