

TRUMAN L.T.-P.&G. Thurs. June 12 - '52.

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President Truman will not do anything about General
- that is about his being
MacArthur - [^] named to keynote the Republican Convention,

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although he is still on active duty in the Army. The President
supports fully - the decision of the Army high command, who
say they are "not considering any action." At a White House
news conference today, the reporters raised the question of -
Keynoter MacArthur. They asked the President, was it not
against Army regulations for an officer [^] on active duty to take
part in a political campaign?

The answer was - Yes!

Didn't the President think that keynoting at a
national convention was - political?

He said - Yes!

What was he going to do about it?

Nothing! H.S.T. said he hadn't even talked to the
Army about it. What the Pentagon does, is okay with him - in
the case of MacArthur and the keynote.

" But, demanded the reporters, isn't ^(he) ~~the~~ [^] Commander-in-

Chief, ~~of the armed forces~~

"Yes," replied the President. But he won't do any commanding in the case of MacArthur.

He objected to being drawn into the discussion in any way - intimating that all he desires is to keep out of the quarrels of the Republicans. That is his - keynote. /

POLITICS

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The news tells of a scheme for an interesting political maneuver - and, as of now, it isn't clear how much there may be in it. The story comes from Governor McKeldin of Maryland, who says he was approached with a plan to form a neutral bloc of delegates at the Republican Convention. Purpose - to swing a balance of power.

Governor McKeldin, himself, controls twenty-four Maryland votes - pledged to him as a favorite son. He says the scheme involves - Pennsylvania and Michigan. In those two states, there are a number of unpledged delegates - seventy-five in all. Add these to McKeldin's own twenty-four Maryland votes, and you have - ninety-nine. Which might, very well, swing the nomination.

The Maryland Governor declares the "balance of power" group was proposed by a Pennsylvania political figure. Who called it - a "harmony bloc." Well, the G. O. P. certainly could use a bit of harmony - with Taft and Eisenhower

singing such a discordant, sour duet. However, don't candidates always sing in discord until the

National Conventions are held?

Of course

The scheme would be to pick the strategic moment, and throw the votes to Taft, or Eisenhower, or a "dark horse."

This, from the Gpvernor of Maryland, sent reporters to the Governor of Pennsylvania, who controls Pennsylvania delegates. Governor Fine says he never heard of the plan. Same reply from G.O.P. National Committeeman Summerfield in Michigan.

Governor McKeldin was queried about this, and says he supposes the "Pennsylvania political figure" made the suggestion, with an idea of consulting Governor Fine later on.

Well, it's all a sign of stirrings and rumblings, as the battle grows more ^{intense} ~~bitter~~ between Taft and Eisenhower.

Both of whom were in New York, today, talking with delegates, and with some of the rest of us who are not delegates.

CONTROLS

The Senate has extended Wage, Price and Rent controls until March First of next year. The White House asked for a two year extension. But the Senate rejected that - voting the controls for another eight and a half months.

BASES

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Funds for "secret" air bases were voted in Congress today - the House okaying an appropriation of more than two billion, seven hundred and fifty million dollars. Money for some two hundred and fifty bases in this country and abroad. Some are ~~secret~~ - out in public. But a lot more than a billion goes to "secret" centers of American air power. Most of these - overseas. The appropriation states outright that the purpose is - to be in a position to "saturate" an enemy with atomic bombs, if atomic war should ~~break~~ break out.

BIG FOUR

The State Department warns France and Britain - against jumping at the Moscow proposal for a Four Power Conference. Today Secretary of State Dean Acheson stated this to the French and British Ambassadors in Washington.

Arguing - that the Soviets have displayed no sign at all of being willing ~~to~~ to go into negotiations that would mean anything. The chief point being - free democratic elections in Eastern Germany, the Soviet Zone, as a condition for German unity.

The State Department is pictured as being disconcerted - by France. In Paris, the Government instructed Foreign Minister Schuman to press for an early meeting of the Big Four. Why France should become suddenly so eager about it - mystifies Washington. The British are said to favor a conference, but only on a minor diplomatic level of the Big Four - to see if Moscow means business, or - propaganda.

~~The Western powers are drafting a reply to the Soviet note, suggesting a conference - but it seems the xpi~~

INDIA

At New Delhi, capital of India, a statement of foreign policy, that may well be of world importance. Prime Minister Nehru - declaring his country neutral. If a third world war should come, India would stay out.

All along, in the Cold War, Nehru's government has refused cooperation with the West - trying to take a middle stand between the free world and Communism. Which policy, much criticized, becomes more formal than ever - with Nehru's declaration to the Parliament of India today.

He not only declares neutrality, should war come, but calls on other countries of Asia, to do likewise.

How a free nation can stay neutral with aggressive world Communism - that, of course, is ^{the} question. But India has a metaphysical way of thinking - and I suppose Pandit Nehru can go into a trance, and see an occult vision: - India and other ~~nations~~ nations of Asia, safeguarding themselves against Soviet expansion by saying - ~~they're~~ "we're" neutral."

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There's a flare-up on the warfront in Korea. Which raises an instant surmise that it might mean - the beginning of the million men offensive the Reds have been threatening.

Violent fighting developed in three centers. In the West, above Seoul; Along the old "Iron Triangle", central front; And - further to the East. Red infantry surged to the attack - only to be beaten back with every weapon at our command - tanks, artillery, flame-throwers, air power. U.N. counter-attacks thrust forward, driving wedges into Communist lines.

Reprising
Surmises of that million men offensive. But our commanding officers still declare - there's no real sign of a huge enemy build-up. *That is,* Surveys from the air show no concentrations of troops and equipment - for a giant assault. But, American officers are aware *that* the Reds are skillful in the art of camouflage.)

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KOREA - PRISONERS

In Washington, word that there'll be swift action - inviting a team of "neutral" military observers, to look over the prison camps in Korea, Investigate Red propaganda charges that captives have been mistreated. The suggestion was made by Senator Russell of Georgia, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee of the Senate. He named India, Pakistan, and Indonesia as countries to make a "neutral" inspection. President Truman okayed the plan, and added Sweden and Switzerland to the list. Secretary of Defense Robert Lovett has the task of trying to make arrangements.

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Meanwhile, on Koje Island, the Deputy Commander reports on prisoners moved from the big compounds to smaller enclosures. He says they're under "uncontested control." Which fills the order from Supreme U.N. Commander General Mark Clark, and echoes his words. Clark telling the prison commander to gain "uncontested control" of the Red captives.

At last reports, American troops were ready to clean out another "tough" prison compound - Number Sixty-Six.

KOREA-SINGMAN RHEE

A late bulletin from Korea states that the American Embassy demands an explanation - from the South Korean President, Syngman Rhee. Because he issued an order banning broadcasts of the Voice of America. He claims the "voice" gave an unfavorable picture of his quarrel with the South Korean Parliament. So - Syngman Rhee ^{instructed} ~~forbade~~ his people ^{not} to listen to the American broadcasts. Sounds ^{rather} totalitarian - and the United States Embassy demands an explanation.

CARDINAL

In the ^{Bavarian} ~~Austrian~~ city of Munich today, huge crowds were out, with a great religion ^u procession, for the Feast of Corpus Christi - a favorite Holy Day in South Germany, ^u When, the ~~great~~ great bell of the Frauenkirchen Cathedral began to toll. The mournful tolling of the bell rang out for fifteen minutes, and the crowds ^{on} Corpus Christi knew what it meant.

It had been expected -the death of Cardinal Faulhaber, who stood a historical figure in Germany, during the ^{violent} reign of

Hitler. ^u ~~The Cardinal's~~ ^{himself} ~~father was a baker; and he was born in a small~~

~~an obscure village eighty-three years ago. Thirty-one years~~

~~ago, Nineteen-Twenty-One, he was named a Roman Cardinal and~~

~~was Primate of Bavaria.~~ When Hitler came into power, ^u At first,

he tried to make an accommodation, but soon became an

outspoken antagonist of the Nazi regime. ~~Anybody else~~

~~criticizing that openly, would have been thrown into a~~

~~concentration camp.~~ But ^u The Nazis never ventured to arrest ~~him,~~

~~the Cardinal Primate of Bavaria.~~

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LaFAYETTE

Georgetown, South Carolina, is commemorating an event of one hundred and seventy-five years ago - when a youth of nineteen landed on a nearby shore. A mere boy, but his arrival in the New World had an immense effect on American destiny - LaFayette.

History tells how the young French Marquis became enthusiastic about ^{the} liberty ^{of} the New World - and set sail ^{farther} with a party of companions. Bound for Charleston.- but they were afraid Charleston ^{might} ~~may~~ have been captured by the British, ~~so~~ the ship sailed along to an obscure section of the South Carolina coast, and cast anchor off North Inlet.

There the nineteen year old Marquis de LaFayette went ashore in a boat, accompanied by a German soldier of fortune, ~~Another~~ famous name in American history - Baron de Kalb. ~~They~~ ^{ing they} landed ~~and~~ made their way to the plantation of Major Benjamin Huger - who entertained them, and helped them on their way to the American Army.

As we know They joined Washington; and history tells how
LaFayette played a great part in the winning of American
independence.

So now his landing on the South Carolina coast,
one hundred and seventy-five years ago, is being celebrated -
with an issue of LaFayette stamps, and a pageant at Georgetown,
South Carolina.

MARINE PRISONERS

We have a belated report of a riot of marine
corps prisoners at Camp Pendleton, California.

Leathernecks in the guard house went on a rampage
last Tuesday; -- but ^{it was} only reported officially today.

The San Diego Tribune printed an account, which now
is confirmed, by Marine Corps officials. The cause
of the trouble was -- a cancellation of privileges
of smoking. Whereupon the leathernecks in the jug
chanted, "we want smokes." Leading to so wild a
free-for-all that it required military police -- with
bayonets and tear gas to suppress the trouble.

ROBBERS

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New York, today, had one of the most amazing robberies on record. Three bandits took over a hotel, and ran it for three hours. Carrying on - hotel business as usual. Except - *that* they held up the guests!

The Emerson is one of the smaller hotels - situated on Seventy-Fifth street, just off Broadway. This morning, the robbers walked in, and, at gun-point, forced the clerk to lie down in an adjoining room. Then they blugged the elevator runner, and dragged him ~~in~~ into the room. After which - the three bandits ran the hotel. One, operating the elevator. Another - officiating at the switchboard, answering calls.

There were three hundred guests in the hotel - and one, then another, rang for the elevator. Which responded, taking guests down to the lobby. Where they were held up, robbed, and made to lie on the floor of that adjoining room. A total of - twenty-four, in addition to the two employees. And, - forced to take off their trousers! That is, the men were. There were two women among the prisoners in the room.

This went on for three hours, until the robbers collected about five thousand dollars - and then fled.

Amazing - the bandits who ran a New York hotel.

ARREST

At Los Angeles, a former convict is under arrest - all because of a familiar happening in a domestic battle.

The neighbors reported - gunfire. From an apartment, the sound of - pistol shots. Bang, bang. - ^{surely} ~~and~~ somebody murdered! ~~no doubt.~~

The cops went to the apartment, but found no sign of murder. Just a husband and wife, who had been having a quarrel with a slamming of doors. You know - wifie has her say, and walks into the bedroom, ^{and} ~~slamming~~ ^{goes} the door. Hubby walks out - ^(S) and, ^(S) he slams the door. So violent, in this case, the neighbors thought - gunshots.

The cops found the husband was an ex-convict violating parole. So tonight he's under arrest - all because of a slamming of doors.

ROBBERY

From West Palm Beach, Florida, a story of - a lady robber, who - met her Waterloo. That old expression is most appropriate.

She's a twenty-five year old brunette from Tennessee - good looking, who drove to a filling station, got out, pointed a pistol at the attendant, and said: ^{Hey!} "Hands up!"

The attendant was ~~ix~~ washing down a car - with a hose. So, instead of "hands up" it was "hose up." He shot a powerful stream of water in the brunette's face. She gurgled and burbled - and found herself on the way to jail.

So that's how the lady robber - met her Waterloo.

And now ^{here's} Nelson Case.

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