

L.T.-P.G. Wed. Sept. 3-'52.

( General Eisenhower, on his tour of Dixieland, came to a new climax today, At Birmingham, Alabama - where forty thousand people jammed a park - to hear General Ike. )

Again, today, he kept on launching haymakers at what he calls the "mess" in the federal government. He charged - "bungling and graft." And shouted: "We want a change in Washington - a change from Trumanism, corruption and insolvency." All of which was greeted by wild rebel yells.

Including the forty thousand people today, General Ike has addressed about one hundred and fifteen thousand - during his two-day trip in the South. (It's the first time a Republican candidate has ever invaded Dixieland.) Setting a precedent - in a big way.

But what effect is it having in terms of votes - in addition to crowds and cheers? Well, it's hard to tell, but there are some political developments that sound significant.

Today Governor Talmadge of Georgia, where General Ike

spoke yesterday, said the Democratic nominee, Governor Stevenson, is - "taking the South too much for granted." He insists that the South, in the words of Talmadge - "is getting more and more doubtful every day."

Which is echoed by Governor Kenyon of Louisiana, who calls the South - "doubtful" for the Democrats.

(One striking development is the appearance of - "independent slates," on ballots in the South. That is, lists of Eisenhower electors labeled "Independent", not Republican.) In addition to the regular G.O.P. slates on the same ballot. This has happened in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. In South Carolina, a petition was being filed late today for putting General Ike on the ballot as an Independent.

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Follow EISENHOWER

The General concluded his whirlwind trip to the south tonight at Little Rock, Arkansas. His Dixieland campaign was only two days, but it sure raised a lot of uproar. At Little Rock, Eisenhower blamed a lot of the high taxes on what he called the "bungling, graft, and crazy spending" of the Truman administration. The announcement tonight is that he starts on a swing around the country, on September fifteenth; his campaign train to push along through twelve states in eleven days. With Ike crying out the plea - "Clean up the mess!"

STEVENSON - FOLLOW POLITICS

Governor Stevenson, meanwhile, is drafting speeches for farmers. He begins a Western tour with an address at the ~~Nat~~ National Plowing Contest at Kasson, Minnesota - Saturday. General Eisenhower will also be there.

Today, at Springfield, Illinois, Stevenson conferred with officials of a new farm organization, who told him that farm policy had "better be laid out pretty cold" at the Plowing Contest.

## CORRUPTION

The scandals of corruption in government continue with new revelations of what are called, "outside activities." Two weeks ago, James Mullally, a lawyer in the Department of Justice, was suspended and resigned. Today - the reason is stated.

They say that back in Nineteen Forty-seven, he received a fee from a law firm - a firm consisting of former attorneys in the Department of Justice. He sent them a client - who was in trouble with the Department, because of the Food and Drug laws. Which certainly sounds like an example of - "outside activities." A lawyer in the Department of Justice sending to former lawyers in the Department of Justice - a client in a case that might be prosecuted by the Department of Justice. And - getting a fee for it. Later Mullally said he got seven-hundred-and-fifty dollars, which he called a gift.

UN-AMERICAN

In Chicago, today, a former U.S. Congressman refused to answer the sixty-four dollar question. John Bernard, born in France, was a Congressman from Minnesota. He is now an organizer for the Electrical Union, which is charged with being dominated by the Reds. ~~Democratized and being dominated~~

~~for Communist Party organization~~

Today, he was questioned by the Committee on Un-American Activities, which is looking into the Red infiltration of defense industries. He was asked about being a Communist, but wouldn't answer. The same with other questions concerning Red affairs - refusal on grounds of self incrimination.

## PRIMARIES

In Louisiana, a come-back for the Long dynasty.

Dr. George Long is a brother of the late Huey Long, the Kingfish of years ago. He ran for Congress, and today's count of the votes shows him - elected.

Well, the Long dynasty has had its ups and downs. After Huey Long was assassinated, his wife served out his term in the U.S. Senate. Their son, Russell Long, is a Senator today. Earl Long, brother of the Kingfish, was elected Governor. <sup>P</sup> But there were political setbacks, culminating last February - when a candidate backed by Earl Long was defeated for governor. Beaten so badly - it was the worst <sup>of all</sup> political disaster<sup>s</sup> for the dynasty. <sup>P</sup> All the while, Dr. George Long was having <sup>the</sup> a non-political career of - a dentist. But now it was he, at sixty-five, who stepped forward to retrieve the family fortunes. He ran for Congress, and the district gives him the victory - thirty-one thousand to fifteen thousand, better than two to one.

This is regarded as a personal success for former

Governor Earl Long, who waged a vigorous campaign in behalf of his brother, ~~and~~ Louisiana believes that Earl Long will now try for a come-back of his own - ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> raise the dynasty to new heights.

In Nevada - surprise result<sup>s</sup> in a political primary.

A dark horse candidate, given hardly a chance, has defeated the McCarran machine, considered all-powerful. A young newspaperman, Thomas Mechling, wins the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate - in a startling upset.

Mechling arrived in Nevada only seven months ago - after a career as a newspaperman in Washington. Why he ever thought he could win the Democratic nomination - nobody seems to know. Few Nevadans had ever heard of him - and Senator Pat McCarran, the most powerful political figure in the state, was backing the former State Attorney General Allen Bible. But Mechling, the newspaperman, bought a trailer, and traveled all over the state - with his wife. They campaigned together, talking to people everywhere, invading



homes and offices. They say they talked personally to more than fifty thousand voters - blasting the McCarran machine. And it worked.

So now Mechling will run for Senator against the Republican candidate, George Malone, who scored an easy victory for the G.O.P. nomination. The newspaperman and his wife say they'll campaign in ~~some~~ the same way - traveling in their trailer, talking to everybody.

## BERLIN

New incidents - ~~reported~~ in Berlin. Where a new crisis may be shaping up - judging from constant reports of Red aggressiveness.

Today - a young woman kidnapped. She was near the border between East and West, when Soviet guards grabbed her and dragged her into the Red area.

In the French sector - the same sort of thing attempted. A German states that Russian soldiers rushed across the border, trying to ~~grab~~<sup>seize</sup> him. He ran, and they opened fire - but missed.

All this with a series of reports of the Soviets closing highways and check points from West Berlin into the surrounding country. Two more were sealed off today - in what looks like a Red maneuver to isolate West Berlin.

## BRITISH AIR SHOW

Fantastic reports come from a great air show - in England. At Farnborough, they're putting on display the latest in speed. The British are known to be far advanced in jet - as is illustrated by the weird one that comes on the wire today.

Test Pilot Johnny Derry was flying a deHaviland One Hundred and Ten night fighter. He made a speed run up way up there. Then repeated it way down low - pulling out of a supersonic dive right in front of a grandstand crowded with spectators.

The shock waves came in with an explosive sound, two sudden blasts - described as sounding like the detonation of cannon, field artillery. They say the shock waves ripped grass out by the roots. The plane, with its terrific speed, drove a rush of air like an explosion, and the grass on the flying field was torn up for hundreds of yards in every direction. The official speed of the plane - a secret.

Yet, the deHaviland One Hundred and Ten night fighter was rejected by the Royal Air Force - too slow. The R.A.F. took a faster jet, ~~which~~, one with a triangular wing, which they<sup>r</sup>re calling - "the atom bomb destroyer."

## MISTAKEN IDENTITY

At Birmingham, Alabama, there's a man who can say - his face is his misfortune. In any case, it caused him to be arrested three times in one day.

His name is Douglas Fairbanks Cochran - named, no doubt, after that old-time super-star of the silent movies. But Douglas Fairbanks, in his motion picture thrillers, never had quite the bedeviling experience of his namesake.

He was on his way to work in the morning, when three policemen converged on him. They had their guns handy, ready to shoot it out if necessary. They arrested him, charging that he was David Taylor, an ~~escaped~~ <sup>a</sup> convict, murderer, <sup>^</sup> who escaped on Monday, while being transferred from Chicago to an Alabama prison. The police had been alerted for him - with photographs. <sup>so</sup> It happens that Douglas Fairbanks Cochran, <sup>^</sup> is a dead ringer for the fugitive.

Luckily, he was able to prove in a hurry that, in spite of the almost identical appearance, he was just an innocent parking lot attendant. So they turned him loose.

At noon time, he went to lunch - and was eating at a local beanery. <sup>There again</sup> Two detectives spotted him - and he was arrested all over ~~again~~. So, once more, he had to prove he was not the desperado.

They released him;- and, thirty minutes later, some cops in a squad car spotted him again. This time, the officers were stubborn - especially when they found that Douglas Fairbanks Cochran had been arrested twice before that same day. They wouldn't let him go, until they had consulted the ~~poli~~ policemen in the previous arrests.

The innocent victim of mistaken identity is in a quandary. Maybe he'll have to change his face, or they'll keep on locking him up, as - the murderer.

## BOMBERS

The Air Force Atomic Bomber Fleet at Fort Worth, Texas, was disrupted today by a freak storm with winds at one hundred miles an hour. Planes were damaged, and so were air field installations. Commanding Officers declared they could do nothing about it. The wind storm just hit without forewarning.

## HURRICANE

Weather scouts report one of the mightiest of Topical howlers, now about seven hundred miles east of the Atlantic coast of Florida. Winds up to one hundred and thirty-five miles an hour - violence increasing.

The vast whirling tempest moving on a course toward our South Atlantic states. They'll get the blast in a few days, unless the hurricane changes its direction, which it may do because of a low pressure area over the North Atlantic.



BRIGAND

At San Antonio, Texas, a G.I. in the Air Force has been arrested - as a former member of the <sup>brigand</sup> ~~Giuliano~~ gang of <sup>Giuliano</sup> ~~brigands~~ in Sicily. <sup>You may</sup> Remember the story, a few years ago - of that king of the bandits, who was virtual master of mountain areas in Sicily? Robbing, looting - his gang fighting battles with Italian police? At one time, <sup>(Giuliano)</sup> ~~Giuliano~~ had the insolence to declare war on the government in Rome. Then, in Nineteen Fifty, the king of the bandits was trapped, and killed. His hand - fugitives from the police. <sup>Now -</sup> ~~So now~~ one of them turns up in the U.S. Air Force!

His name - Sciortino (Shor-teeno). They say that, after the downfall of <sup>(Giuliano)</sup> ~~Giuliano~~, he got out of Sicily <sup>and shipped on</sup> ~~in~~ an Italian trans-Atlantic liner as a member of the crew. Then - jumped ship at New York. To cover his tracks better, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force - only now detected. He is being held for deportation to Italy, where the police want him - as a one-time henchman of the king of the bandits.

TREASURE

Here's a new one in the realm of hidden treasure.

Today the French authorities <sup>on the island of</sup> ~~at~~ Corsica ordered the local Coast Guard to <sup>(stop all attempts -</sup> ~~guard against all treasure hunting attempts~~ in quest of the "sunken treasure" of the North Afrika Korps.

The story is that Rommel's famous outfit in the war of the desert gathered an enormous amount of loot in ~~North~~ Africa, <sup>which</sup> ~~and this~~ was taken to Corsica, <sup>and</sup> ~~then~~ hidden, dumped into a Corsica River. The yarn relates that the treasure, nearly three hundred million dollars' worth, consists of gold, jewels and priceless works of art - which were sealed in six casks. <sup>These -</sup> ~~which are~~ now at the bottom of the Golo River.

Rumors of this have circulated, and the word in Corsica is that two British vessels, equipped for hunting under water, are lurking - <sup>Nelson -</sup> intending to search ~~the Golo River~~ for <sup>sunken</sup> the treasure of Rommel's North Afrika Korps, <sup>in the Golo River</sup>