

REPUBLICANS

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Today brings a suggestion - that the Republican Party change its name. Which emanates not from some idle dreamer of no political significance, but from one of the top ranking leaders of the G.O.P., Senator Bricker of Ohio - who was a Republican candidate for Vice-President in Nineteen Forty-Four.

At Columbus, today, he issued a proposal for a new line-up in politics, the formation of a new kind of party. And call it something else - not Republican.

Senator Bricker thinks that there should be an alliance between the conservative section of the G.O.P. and the Southern Democrats, likewise conservative. Both equally opposed to the Truman Administration and what is called - "A welfare state." He mentions two names, General Eisenhower, President of Columbia University - who the other day came out against the tendency to look to the government for everything. And - former Secretary of State Byrnes of South Carolina, who is waging an outspoken campaign against the spending policies of the government and the drift in the direction

of stateism.

The Ohio senator points out that both parties are split on this all-important issue of government paternalism. Among the Democrats, the southerners are in constant revolt against the policies of the Truman fair deal. But the Republicans are also split, declares Bricker - pointing to the fact that some Republican leaders are not so conservative, not so strong in opposing the welfare policies of the administration.

He says that, with this division in the G.O.P., it is impossible to draft a satisfactory Republican platform for the Congressional elections next year.

( Senator Bricker argues that, in recent elections, the voters have not had a clear cut chance to express themselves on the question of government ~~spending~~ <sup>spending</sup>, stateism, and the welfare issue - because both parties are so divided on the subject.) Hence the suggestion of an amalgamation of the conservative elements of Democrats and Republicans - to form a new party with

a new name.

Senator Bricker says that he has not placed the proposal before Senator Taft, his Ohio colleague, who is the Republican policy leader in the Senate. Nor has he mentioned it to other top leaders of the G.O.P. He merely states it as his own idea - putting it forth for national discussion.

Well, there's likely to be plenty of discussion over so drastic a notion as a G.O.P. move to form a new kind of political party - and have the name "Republican" disappear~~ed~~ from the American political scene. Why, everybody knows that there are ~~in~~ two kinds of American<sup>s</sup>, mostly! - Democrat and Republican! How could it be otherwise? In Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe", the majestic sentry sings:

"Every little boy or girl who's born into this world alive is either a little Liberal or else a little Conservative."

Well, in Britain it's now Labor Party instead of Liberal. But you can't have such revolutionary



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changes in the U.S.A. <sup>Can you?</sup> For over here we'll always sing:

^ "Every little girl or boy who's born a woman  
or man is either a little Democrat or else a little  
Republican;" <sup>wont we?</sup>



## LONGSHOREMEN

An important decision was handed down in Washington today, and some of the proceedings were in the realm of - "Metaphysics." There was a lot of ~~metaphysical~~ philosophical discourse, described as "abstruse and recondite." The decision was on the subject of maritime union hiring halls along the waterfront - which doesn't sound so metaphysical or philosophical. But one of the star witnesses was a longshoreman named "True knowledge". He's an angel of Father Divine. Which really did raise the hiring hall dispute to a high level.

The prosy, practical part of the story is that a trial examiner of the National Labor Relations Board handed down a ruling today - that the union hiring halls on the West Coast are in violation of the Taft-Hartley Law, the ban on the closed shop. Trial examiner Irving Regosin declared that the system, itself, was not illegal, the fault being with the way the hiring halls are run. They discriminate against longshoremen who are not members of the union, and that amounts to a closed shop.

The decision was based, in large part, on testimony given by a witness who told how, in West Coast hiring halls, he is always the last longshoreman assigned to a job, because he is not a union member. This witness was - "True Knowledge." Who said he was expelled from the union because, in the maritime strike of Nineteen Forty-Six, he refused to serve in the picket line. He couldn't do it - being a follower of Father Divine. The angels of that negro cult leader are forbidden to engage in any such hostile performance.

In his testimony today, "True Knowledge" went into the fine points of the philosophies propounded by Father Divine. So much so that the union lawyers tried to have his testimony thrown out, because of what they called - "His frequent digressions into the realms of metaphysics."

*The* Trial examiner agreed that the evidence given by "True Knowledge" did seem, at times, to be - "Abstruse and recondite." But when it came to the matter of not getting a job at a hiring hall, he was - "Clear, lucid,

plausible and persuasive." In other words, he sounded like - "True Knowledge."

So that's the story of how abstruse and recondite metaphysics played a part in a cast most important in the relations of industry and the unions.



## GERMANY

Moscow gives an explanation of the killing of an American sergeant last week by a Russian soldier, and says it was an accident. But it sounds like a strange accident, according to the Soviet version.

In Berlin, four Americans in an automobile passed accidentally into the Soviet zone, near an airfield, and sergeant John E. Staff of Ramsey, Illinois, was killed by gunfire. The Soviet message today says that a Russian guard ordered the car to stop, and shot at the tires of the car - and killed the American sergeant, who was driving. Mighty poor aim, shooting at the tires and hitting the driver - who, moreover, was shot in the head.

Today this explanation was immediately rejected as "unsatisfactory." In his protest, after the killing occurred, American Commandant General Maxwell Taylor, denounced it as "senseless brutality." He called for punishment of the Russian soldier and demanded action to prevent reckless shooting in the future. Both demands are ignored by the Russian reply. So it is - "unsatisfactory."

## YUGOSLAVIA

The Red trial of Stalinists began in Yugoslavia today, amid surroundings dark and portentous. The place, the Serbian town of Sarajevo - that name so fateful in the beginnings of World War One. The courtroom - only a few blocks away from the bridge where the heir to the Austrian crown, the archduke ~~Francis~~<sup>Francis</sup> Ferdinand, and his wife, were assassinated by a terrorist. Which savage incident led to the first global conflict.

The first of eleven defendants took the witness stand today, and he cut a figure in keeping with the surroundings - a bearded Russian orthodox priest, in stately black robes. The prosecution claims that he preached anti-Communist propaganda until a couple of years ago - when Red Marshal Tito broke with Soviet Russia. Then, he changed around, contacted Moscow espionage in Yugoslavia, and offered to do spy work for Stalin.

Today the orthodox priest denied one point of the indictment - that he had served the Nazi gestapo during the war. But he made a full confession of Soviet

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espionage, telling how he transmitted information to the Russian military attache, who was also the head of the Yugoslav branch of the Stalin secret police, the one-time ogpu. He said that the spy job he did consisted largely of giving reports about political arrests made by the Yugoslav police.

~~( The orthodox priest was followed on the witness stand by the one woman among the defendants, she confessing that she had worked with the Naz gestapo during the war. )~~



## FOLLOW JUGOSLAVIA

Word from the world of ~~xx~~ diplomacy is that the Soviets would invade Yugoslavia this coming spring -- if they thought the United States and western Europe would stand by and do nothing about ~~xx~~ it. Well-informed sources in Washington say that a grave crisis is almost inevitable before spring -- as Moscow learns slowly but surely, that the ~~xxxxxxx~~ undercover attempts to overthrow Red Marshall Tito are not working. Which would mean war for sure - except for the Soviet fear that an invasion of Yugoslavia would mushroom into another world war. I suppose, nobody thinks the American people would plunge into armed conflict, to support Communist dictator like Tito- but once shooting begins, wars have a way of drawing people in willy-nilly. This Moscow notes -- and fears.

U N

~~The latest news tonight.~~ The U N has just voted a Fifty-five million dollar program to aid the Arab refugees in Palestine. The project is one for public work<sup>s</sup> to give occupation and a livelihood to some six hundred and fifty-two thousand Moslems who fled from their Palestine homes when the State of Israel was established. Ever since that time the problem of the Arab displaced persons has been a danger spot. They've been living in refugee camps, under bad conditions, in countries like Trans-Jordan. So now the U N votes a sort of international W P A under which the Moslem fugitives will be employed, on such projects as re-forestation, soil ~~xxxx~~ conservation, and road building.

## ETNA

In the Sicilian City of Catania today, the people were carrying umbrellas. Because it was raining - *raining* sand and ashes. Catania is at the foot of Mt. Etna, and this morning the volcano of historic renown burst into new eruption. Peasants of the vineyards on the slopes report that two new craters have appeared, the fire mountain exploding at those two places - ~~and~~ hurling forth tons of sand and ashes, which fell showering upon the city below.

Mt. Etna is Europe's largest volcano, nearly eleven thousand feet high, taller than still more famous Vesuvius. The last eruption was two years ago, when a stream of molten lava poured down the mountainside for ten miles. In Nineteen Twenty-Nine, a river of incandescent rock went all the way to the sea, the nearby coast, wiping out vineyards and villages.

So now a new cataclysm may be in the making, as the people of Catania carry umbrellas in a rain of sand and ashes.



FOLLOW AETNA

The latest pictures - the volcano all lit up tonight, with great fires of molten lava pouring out of the new craters, while glowing rivers creep down the slope. Mount Aetna -- giant beacon in the darkness of night.

## CHRISTMAS MAIL

Since Christmas is coming, we should soon be hearing from Santa Claus, Indiana - the town that gets no end of publicity as the U. S. address of the good saint of Yuletide. *And there's North Pole, N. Y., near Lake Placid,* But there's another mailing point that receives thousands of letters from children - and quite logically. Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, - where streams of Christmas requests are pouring in.

~~The reason for Copenhagen is this.~~ In Britain and Ireland, the children think the proper address for Kriss Kringle is the great icy land nearest the North Pole. ~~so~~ They mark the envelopes - Santa Claus, Greenland. Which island is a possession of Denmark - so, the letters go to the post office of the Danish capital. There, they are handed over to a young lady, a clerk named Greta Stauning, who acts as secretary to Santa Claus. *Greta* ~~she~~ told how the letters nowadays reflect the shortages in Britain. One little boy in England, for example, listed what he wanted for Christmas, and climaxed with a treasure - an apple. He sent a long list, which ended this way - a drum, a pencil box, a big loud whistle, and

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an apple.

Well, I hope Santa Claus is able to oblige,  
and provide <sup>that</sup> apple on Christmas - in addition to the  
~~appearance of the~~ drum and the big, loud whistle.



## HULA

There's an argument in Portland, Oregon, about a school carnival, which featured a hula dance performed by two young women teachers, while the school principal played the part of a sailor. Complaint is made by a Baptist minister, the Reverend Louis Lehman, pastor of the Evangel Baptist Church - who was not there, didn't see it.

But his wife and daughter did - and the parson says that, when they came home, they reenacted the hula dance, that wiggling of the hips. They showed him just how it was done - those gyrations in grass skirts. From which the Reverend Mr. Lehman got a vivid idea of the performance.

He thinks it hardly came under the heading of grammar school education - particularly in view of the part played by the school principal. The pastor describes the professor in the following words: "A girl-crazy sailor staggering dizzily into a tree at the sight of a girl in a grass skirt wiggling her hips."

~~I wonder what would be the~~  
~~appropriate thing to say about that, Nelson?~~  
Non-prosecute

To the defense comes a lady who attended the performance, and points out that the hip-wiggling has a meaning, real dramatic significance: "The hula dance," she explains, "tells a story." Yes, but what story? Nelson, do you know the story the hula dance relates?