

LEAD

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(Here is the much expected statement --  
from General Eisenhower.) The news wire has just  
brought his declaration. General Eisenhower states:  
( "I could not identify myself with any political  
party, and could not accept nomination for any  
political office, or participate in partisan political  
contests". )

The General goes on to say that his  
views with reference to the Democratic nomination  
for the presidency are identical with what he previously  
stated when he was mentioned as a Republican  
possibility -- and turned that down.

The statement from General Ike was  
released at a news conference, summoned hastily at  
Columbia University. The declaration took the form  
of a memorandum to his press representative.  
The memorandum is as follows: "I know, "writes  
General Eisenhower to his press representative, "that  
your office has for some days been overburdened  
with innumerable queries concerning my intentions

in regard to the current political situation." After which he goes on: "In order that ~~that~~ there may be no possible room for doubt in the <sup>mind</sup> ~~the~~ of any interested <sup>person</sup> in America, will you please invite attention to the firm purposes expressed in my January letter, and quote the following <sup>as</sup> coming personally from me.

Then follows the statement <sup>have just</sup> I referred to. It reads: "I will not at this time identify myself with any political ~~an~~ party and could not accept nomination for any public office or participate in partisan political contests." <sup>T</sup> I have repeated this twice in ~~my~~ an effort to give it some of the emphasis which General Eisenhower gives to this final rejection.

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At This moment the news wires are grinding out the story of tonight's political sensation, and those news wires will be busy with it for a number of hours to come -- as they give the <sup>reverberations</sup> ~~repercussions~~ that will follow this headline. (General ~~Edwin~~ Ike himself has burst the Eisenhower boom, and the bangwagon which was rolling so fast today now comes to a complete stop.) The Ike Eisenhower-for-President-movement ends with a decisive Eisenhower refusal to run, or be drafted or be inveigled into the presidential race in any way.

Here's the first swift reaction. In Washington  
Senator Sparkman of Alabama a leader in the draft  
Eisenhower movement has just stated that he  
believes that tonight's definite and final refusal  
by General Ike has crushed the drive to drop  
President Truman.

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idea of a victor is a general. It is the object of  
all stories. We began with Washington. In those days,  
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FOLLOW POLITICS

All that ~~news about the~~ <sup>we have been hearing about the</sup> Eisenhower boom ~~caused me to~~ wonder - what about the record of the past? ~~What of~~ <sup>What of</sup> ~~have there been~~ previous cases of a political party trying to get out of trouble by nominating a war hero -- seeking to make use of a military reputation? ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~how~~ <sup>how</sup> did it work out, when tried before?

Well, the idea <sup>itself</sup> is a natural. The political rise of a victorious General is one of the oldest of our stories. We began with Washington - in whose case, however, there was no question of a political party in <sup>any party to be recruited,</sup> trouble, or of any political party at all. The same goes for Andrew Jackson, hero of the war of Eighteen twelve. When he became President, there was no party in opposition. ~~to the Democrats.~~ In the case of Grant, the Republicans were riding high, with no Presidential campaign difficulties. Grant was nominated simply because, as the victorious General of the Civil War, he was the number one figure in this country.

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of all, to the old Whig Party -- which was prominent from the Eighteen Thirties into the Eighteen & Fifties.

Essentially a minority party, the Whigs worked the military reputation game for all it was worth. In the only two national elections they were able to win, their candidates were war hero Generals. One, William Henry Harrison, who defeated the Indians at Tippecanoe. The other Zachary Taylor, winner of battles in the Mexican War.

In those <sup>two</sup> ~~two~~ cases of using <sup>a</sup> military reputation as a way of winning an election -- the game worked. But did it ever fail to work? Most of us will have trouble giving the answers to that one. When the big time General is defeated, his political career is pretty well forgotten. -- How often do you see a list of Presidential candidates who failed? I, myself, have read a good deal of American history, but today I had to look up the record of military headliners who lost ~~elections~~ elections.

This also begins with the whigs - who certainly

did go the limit in trying to exploit soldiers of <sup>top</sup> reputations. In 1852 they nominated General Winfield Scott, Commander of victory in the Mexican War -- and he was defeated by the candidate of the Democrats, Franklin K. Pierce, who became President.

The next time around, the Whigs were out of business, superseded by the Republicans -- and the first Republican candidate for the President was a war hero, John C. Fremont, who had acquired a great reputation in the conquest of California -- the Mexican War. He was beaten by the Democrat, James Buchanan.

During the Civil War, in Eighteen Sixty-Four, the Democrats were in a deep hole, and they nominated General McClellan, the only Northern Commander <sup>who had had</sup> any success against Robert E. Lee ~~was~~ until the advent of Grant. McClellan was defeated, Lincoln re-elected

again, In Eighteen Seventy-Six, the Democrats tried <sup>again</sup> with a prominent General. Then in the doldrums of the post Civil War period, they nominated General Hancock, a hero Commander at ~~Gettysburg~~ Gettysburg

## PRECEDE BERLIN

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( In that greatest airlift in all history, American planes alone have flown one thousand, one hundred fifteen cargo flights in nine days. The mileage comes to nearly 700,000, enough miles to circle the world twenty-eight times.

Today's figures show that yesterday the Americans and British combined-air-squadrons flew three-hundred-and-sixty plane loads of food into Berlin -- this in spite of <sup>heavy</sup> ~~max~~ rain and clouds, a low ceiling.

A big British flying boat, a Sunderland, flew from Hamburg to Berlin today with a cargo of food. This marks the beginning of a special flying service, which will get into full swing during the next week, with a fleet of Sunderlands transporting two hundred thousand pounds a day to the blockaded German capital. This is just one item in an all round increase of a new air operation which already <sup>has</sup> ~~has~~ broken all records.

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preparing a strong protest to be sent to Moscow. This diplomatic note will tell Moscow the Soviet food blockade of Berlin is fraught with the gravest of consequences.

The protest will picture the ominous possibilities in terms of stark solemn warning. It will be just <sup>short</sup> ~~an~~ ultimatum -- because, as it is explained, the Western Allies <sup>are hardly ready</sup> ~~have nothing with which~~ to back us up on ultimatum.

## YUGOSLAVIA

In Yugoslavia today an appeal to Soviet Russia was made. A minister of the government of Marshal Tito published an editorial asking for the aid of Moscow in the Yugoslav dispute with the Cominform.

The Tito people seem to hope that they may get Stalin to intervene on their side in the dispute with the International Communist Organization formed by Stalin.

At the same time, the Yugoslav Government signed an agreement with Bulgaria today -- an agreement on cultural relations. In other words, the puppet government of Bulgaria continues and extends its relations with Yugoslavia, the puppet that rebelled against the Cominform. All of which adds to the puzzle of <sup>what's</sup> ~~the~~ ~~happening~~ ~~circumstances~~ behind the Iron Curtain.

## SUBSTITUTE PALESTINE

The Arab League has voted to resume war in Palestine when the truce expires -- on Friday.)

Today U N Mediator Count Bernadotte asked both the Arabs and Israel to extend the armistice. Only a few hours after that appeal, the Arab answer was -- no.

This rejection was decreed by the military leaders of the Arab League, ~~was~~ meeting in Cairo -- which leaves one slight chance for the continuance of the truce. The home government<sup>s</sup> comprising the League might take a different view -- such is the hope still entertained by Bernadotte. But, admittedly, it is a faint hope.

At the same time, the Arab military leaders are said to be discussing the advisability of naming a supreme Moslem commander. The candidate is King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan. As things look tonight, he seems likely enough to be put in charge of the ~~army~~ armies of the seven Arab states -- to resume the war when the truce ends Friday.

## INDIA

From India -- reports of a renewal of disturbances between the Hindus and the Moslems. At Bombay, riots raged over the weekend - twenty two lives lost. Today the police used barages of tear gas bombs against the mobs, and were thus able to quell the violence temporarily at least -- though tension still runs high, with new trouble threatening.

This was the first outbreak of Hindu and Moslem violence since <sup>assassination</sup> the ~~murder~~ of Mahatma Gandhi. The shock of <sup>the shooting of</sup> ~~Mrs. Gandhi's assassination~~ seems to have quieted the seething hatred and fanaticism -- until now.

The new outbreak seems <sup>to have</sup> had a curious cause -- a pickpocket. On a Bombay streetcar a sneak thief was caught while trying to pick a passenger's pocket. In the excitement fights broke out -- fights between Hindus and Moslems on the <sup>trolley</sup> ~~street~~ car. The trouble spread, and turned into battles between mobs. The savage city-wide outbreak began with so trivial a cause - a pickpocket:

CAROLE LANDIS

In Hollywood this afternoon film actress Carole Landis was found dead. In her luxurious home, British actor Rex Harrison discovered the body of the original sweater girl. Nearby was a suicide note. Tonight the police report is as follows; "Carole Landis took her own life with an overdose of sleeping tablets".

She had been married four times. As the sweater girl she had a success in Hollywood -- but they say that, during the past few months, her popularity in pictures was declining.

## TRUMAN

President Truman celebrated the fifth of July today. He's in Missouri, at a town which put on a big celebration -- for the glorious fifth.

This happens to be the anniversary of Venezuelan Independence. Ours is the fourth of July, while theirs is the fifth - and President Truman is accompanied by the President of Venezuela, Senor Callegos. *There are in the Missouri town named for the hero of the town is Bolivar, the George Washington of South America, who led the fight for freedom in several South American countries, including his own native Venezuela.*

Today's event was a gesture of good will by the Republic of Venezuela, which decided to erect in the United States a monument to Simon Bolivar. So where should this be set up? *quite logically* The Venezuelans decided on a place *here in the U.S.A.* named after the hero of their independence. All of which goes back to the old days when the American Colonies of Spain were fighting for freedom. Their cause enjoyed enthusiastic support in the United States, and towns were named after Simon Bolivar. There are half a



dozen in various parts of the country, and Venezuela selected the largest -- Bolivar, Missouri, population three thousand, down in the Ozarks. <sup>The Venezuelans</sup> ~~they~~ sent a hundred thousand dollar monument, which was unveiled today, on Venezuela's glorious Fifth. President Gallegos, on a good will trip to the United States, <sup>to the Ozarks</sup> went out for the ceremony -- accompanied by President Truman, in whose home state ~~is~~ the town of Bolivar is located.

It was blazing hot down in the Ozarks today, but a huge crowd gathered for the celebration of the glorious Fifth. A number were overcome by the heat -- including Governor Phil Donnelly of Missouri, who is scheduled to nominate President Truman at the Philadelphia Convention. He fainted from the heat -- not the politics. But the festivities went on. with the two Presidents leading the ceremony at Bolivar, <sup>where</sup> there were Fifth of July parades and Fifth of July orations.

And now Nelson how about a 5<sup>th</sup> of July oration from you?