

Decision of Senator Vandenberg to withdraw from the presidential race strengthens his position as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, says Stewart Alsop in a special dispatch from Washington, Turn to the editorial page.

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Gerrilla Forces Hurt New Attacks Against Konitsas

Communists Want City As Capital For State

Decisive Battle For Town Joined

ATHENS — (AP) — Guerrillas hurled new attacks today against Konitsa, and military authorities said the decisive battle for the city has been joined.

The guerrillas seek Konitsa as the capital for the Communist state newly proclaimed by their commander, Gen. Markos Vafedakis.

The Government garrisons, weakened by repeated assaults, withdrew the new attacks and kept outer defenses intact after 24 hours of fighting. A Government command of reinforcements was directed toward the fighting zone.

The defenders, using grenades, bayonets and knives, repulsed the guerrillas in a guerrilla style, and a trickle of supplies is getting into the town.

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Inquest Is Conducted

Coroner's Jury Holds Cantrell

SPARTANBURG, S. C. — Diehl T. Cantrell, prominent Spartanburg business man, was held for further investigation today on orders of a coroner's jury which conducted an inquest into the death Saturday afternoon of his wife, Mrs. Virginia Snyder Jones Cantrell, at their home, where a fire of undetermined origin occurred.

The jury, impaneled by Coroner A. M. Cash of Spartanburg County, declared a finding that Mrs. Cantrell came to her death "by cause unknown."

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Bitterest Rioting Yet

Palestine Clash Claims 47 Lives

JERUSALEM — (AP) — The bitterest rioting since the United Nations decided to partition Palestine erupted today in the Consolidated Refinery at Haifa, where 36 Jews and 11 Arabs were killed.

The outbreak raged for several hours, with the Jewish side claiming 47 deaths and the Arab side claiming 36.

Circuit Court Decision

Negroes May Ballot In S. C. Primaries

RICHMOND, Va. — (AP) — The United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals today upheld the right of Negroes to vote in Democratic primary elections in South Carolina.

Rival Claims Are Made By Party Chiefs

GOP Gleeful At Announcement

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Henry A. Wallace's "Progressive" entry into the Presidential race as an independent was tabbed by the Republican high command today as marking the disintegration of the Democratic Party.

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Presidential Mystery

White House Sleuths Seek Missing Bill

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secret Service men came out of the White House today to report that they still haven't a clue in the big White House missing bill mystery.

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Country Is Proclaimed Republic By Communists

Report Monarch To Leave Nation

BUCHAREST, Romania — (AP) — King Mihai I abdicated today and Communist-dominated cabinet immediately declared Romania a "popular democratic republic."

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Public Works Need Cited

Truman Informed Today

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman was informed today that the country needs approximately \$750,000,000 in public works construction to meet the backlog of demands for highways, schools, airports and similar projects.

The estimate was submitted by the Federal Works Administration.

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