Judy Garland

Hollywood

Ill, Ginger

Takes Role

By Dorothy Menners

UDY GARLAND is a very sick

girl, suffering a complete

breakdown, and Ginger Rogers

GINGER ROGERS

wardrobe.

seriousness of her condition was

revealed, the script was rushed to

Ginger over the week-end. Judy

had not been able to rehearse any

of the dance routines with Astaire

and she had not been sitting for

The whisper is that Bette Davis

is expecting another baby-which,

if true, will muffle the hints that

she and William Grant Sherry are

Far from it, Bette and Sherry,

plus the entire family, her mother,

sister and niece, are all heading

back to her Butternut farm for a

long stay. Last time when Bette

was on the stork's list she went

back East for months. While they

are away, their Laguna home is

being completely redocerated and

a new wing added to the nursery.

Valentina Cortese, 20th's answer

to Valli, landed in New York a few

days ago. The Italian beauty got

off the boot with 16 trunks (and

they say there is a clothes shortage

in Italy), a secretary and a maid.

chic, but interviewers who have

talked with her say she speaks the

worst brand of English of all the

Loon Ware's forthcoming maga-

sine story, "Break Away," must be

a honey for Dick Powell and Andro

De Toth to plank down a reported

\$35,000 for the screen rights.

Levee-Stark agency handled the

"deal" for Ware, nationally-known

writer. Dick will star in the pie-

ture which De Toth will direct for

independent release.

imports.

She is vivacious, petite and very

on the verge of a diverce.

HOLLYWOOD, July 18.

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The Labor Front U.S. Reds Plan Secret Convention

By Victor Riesel

THE Communist Party is holding a convention of its own behind an iron acreen-through which every delegate and special visitor has been carefully sifted for loyalty to "Old Joe's" tough, new revolutionary line.

But Philadelphia can live without fear that little hammers and sickles will be strewn around its streets. This year's Politburo Polka will be danced in an Upper West Side Manhattan hall more attuned to weddings than to political wassail. And all of it behind tightly-closed doors, under special security regulations laid down by the top Communist Party chicis.

DECAUSE there's much dissat-D isfaction inside the Party and because many rank-and-file members aren't too enthusiastic about the new revolutionary orders, every delegate has been specially screened for loyalty.

The Comrades, who sneer at Republican and Democratic conventions as "controlled," will start their own rigidly-rigged, secret sessions the morning of Aug. 3after a red-draped rally in Madison Sq. Garden the night of Aug. 2.

From the Communists' point of view the secrecy is understandable, even if it is a sleasy aping of European plenums (top echelon secret sessions). On the afternoon of Aug. 2, Comrade Secretary Eugene Dennis will report to the hundred or so delegates on the Party's progress in the past three years. That will be grim listening, for the Communists have been losing heavily everywhere.

THEN, for the next two days, the I top officials will hand down the new extremist line just developed in Moscow (much to General Tito's chagrin). Here's where the fight might have started had the delegates not been screened thoroughly. And one thing the local comrade don't want is an visitors. •

These not-so-honored guests will

represent the French and Hungarian Communists (most loyal to Old Joe) and will send messages to Moscow on how the American comrades behave themselves. A revolutionary line here will mean that the Communists sooner or later will have to turn on Henry Wallace; sooner or later split the CIO: and sooner or later call for the overthrow of the government. After it's over the delegates will fan out to their home cities and the next you'll know of the convention's decisions will be political strikes and weird revolutionary jargon on your street corners,

Washington Background

Wily Blackfeet Contrive To Help a Paleface Pal

By The Inquirer Washington Bureau Staff

WASHINGTON, July 18. THE Treasury Department's streamlined Information Service

got out of line the other day. The service reported on July 14 that Undersecretary A. Lee M. Wiggins would be the honor guest at a dinner meeting on

July 27 of the General Electric Co.'s annual business conference, at Association Island, Lake Ontario: On July 15 the White House announced that Wiggins had resigned to become chairman of the Board of both the Atlantic

> Coast Line and Louisville & Nashville railroads. It just goes to show you that you can't be too efficient when there is going to be a political change in the Capital.

> Thanks to Montana's Blackfeet Indians. Mike Straus, Commissioner of the Interior Department's Reclamation Bureau, may put one over on Congress.

> The Republican-controlled 80th Congress attached a rider to the 1949 Interior Department appropriations bill which requires that after Jan. 31 the Reclamation Commissioner must be an engineer.

> Last week Straus was in Kalispell. Mont., where he set off a powder charge blast starting construction of the Hungry Horse Dam. A delegation of Blackfeet came for the ceremony and invited Straus to become a member of their tribe. They gave Straus this title:

"Engineer of the Wilderness Chief White Beaver."

Remember when the Federal Government asked for voluntary contributions of air conditioning equipment during the Second World War for its emergency program?

A. LEE M. WEGGINS

Well, things will be a little different if another war breaks out. The Public Administration has started preparations for reconditioning specialised Government war plants, machine tools and equipment.

A newly-established department of PBA will undertake to service 60 plants this year and later increase the number to more than 100.

Something novel in the publishing field: A group of Montgomery, Md., newspapers got out a "vacation issue" the other day consisting of news and advertisements prepared by the staff in advance so that all employes could receive the same vacation

The papers are the Montgomery County Sentinel, Ellicott City Times, the Herald-Argus, the Community News, the Community Press and the News Leader.

This smacks somewhat of the vacation period which John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, has negotiated with June and return after the Fourth of July holiday.

The special session of Congress, which is not a special session according to House parliamentarian Lou Deschler, will cost the taxpayers about \$220,000 to bring back Senators and Congress-

About \$170,000 is needed by members of the House for their traveling expense and \$50,000 by the Senate.

What is ironic about the whole travel situation is that the House and Senate will have to vote the money before they get it. Economy, or no economy, we are willing to wager that there isn't going to be any controversy about voting the travel money. Deschler says that the 80th Congress did not adjourn "sine die," therefore President Truman's recall is simply a reconvening

of the 80th Congress. -Edited by John C. O'Brien

Today

By Walter Lippmann Continued From First Page

of a man who wants Congress to legislate but of a man who wants to fight Congress because he has figured it out that he can do better against Martin, Taber, Allen, and Halleck than against Dewey and Warren.

The most serious aspect of the matter is the disclosure of how thin and fragile are the safeguards and restraints of his own conception of the public interest, how secondary and subordinate they are likely to be in the strategy and tactics of his campaign.

The Truman platform on the subject of foreign affairs is alarming. For just as the calling of the special settion is a reckiese and frantic effort to exploit domestic issues for partisan ends, so in this section of the platform there are all the indications that the international crisis may also be expleited for Partisan ends.

The platform is a scandal of ingratitude, ungenerosity, and untruth. The Truman administration claims the sole credit for the United Nations Charter and the European Recovery Program, as if Mr. Truman could have achieved them without the labors of Senator Vandenberg and Mr. Dulles, without the active influence of Mr. Dewey and Mr. Stassen.

The question is what else Mr. Truman will do if some smart adviser tells him he can get some votes. There is no knowing. A man who in one night will call a special session of Congress in order to precipitate a fight on domestic issues and will knock the moral foundations from under the bi-partisan foreign policy, has cast away the restraints which would make his actions predictable.

The international crisis is very grave. What assurance is there now that Mr Truman, who is a weak President and is at heart a jingo, will resist the temptation to exploit it? Because he is weak, the control of the great decisions, particularly about the crucial problem of Germany, is and has been from the beginning quite beyond him.

He has not even kept the control of these decisions in the Department of State: though our German polley is in fact the determinant of our whole European policy, and will be decisive for peace or war, it is notorious that it it has not been made by the President, nor by Secretary Marshall, nor by the se-called "policy makers" out by General Clay and General Draper, and in the Pentagen, and in London, and in Berlin.

Our German policy has led inexorably, as it was self-evident it would, to the predicament which now exists in Berlin. In dealing with this predicament we now find ourselves up a diplomatic blind

Ivan H. Peterman Gromyko Can Tell Kremlin What We Think of Intrigues

11 s.s. Gripsholm, which gives him a 12-day sea voyage to compose his thoughts, goes possibly the most important vacationer of the summer. His name: Andrei A. Gromyko, otherwise Mr. No. Gromyko, Inc., sometimes called the U. N. Security Council. Gromyko left our midst without regrets. His parting statement, characteristically brief and

LIOMEWARD bound on the

negative, was in reply to a question whether he'd be back. "I hope not," said the man who, gave "no" a positive lustre. There seems to be coincidence in

Gromyko's departure for Moscow, where it's more than possible he will have audience with the Kremlin sorceters' club. They will want a real, proved-in-debate Russian's report on how America regards their gross conduct in Europe.

How the United States reacts to history's unprecedented ingratitude, to the world's worst breach of treaty agreement among allies. Can anyone recall worse behavior than that of the Soviets since 1945? It would be interesting to hear. Among victorious allies, I

CROMYKO is a good observer, I a shrewd sifter of fact from bluster, a clever man at debate and at picking loopholes at high level. As such, in the time he's been with us (without vacation. remember) he must have compiled a fairly accurate estimate of

Americans. Official Americans and the plain variety, found in taxicabs, trolleys, and on the sidewalk, including those who sometimes picketed the Security Council for the actions of Gromyko and his colleagues. On these, for the good of all Russia, let us pray that he reports. That is why his trip to

Russia is so important. For Andrel must know that over here, we stand for so much-then no more. He must know too, that when the boom is lowered, the fawning fellow traveler and Red sympathizer, go into obscurityand quickly.

He also should explain (and surely his American friends briefed him beforehand) that if the Kremlin is banking on our national "disunity" as illustrated by Presidential conventions and campaign, they better reconsider. It is time someone told Stalin & Co. that opposition parties exist outside the U.S.S.R., and until the voters have decided, what may look like revolt and national schism is simply the old democratic game. (The word democratic. Andrei might add is from Webster, not Vishin-

T IS to be hoped Gromyko will report how the average American feels about a conqueror overstaying his welcome. That looting, tooting and shooting can be excused for just so long, but afterward they're repulsive. And that even the beaten German, what's left of him and his Reich, comes in for a new regard once his Red onpressor is assayed.

He might tell Stalin in person that starving 2,000,000 Germans in

Berlin, endangering thousands of American lives, and otherwise behaving like the Mongolian barbarians of Genghis Khan, is the surest way to kindle a bond between the

West and German people. Another thing Gromyko should report upon, and that is the actual chance of Henry Wallace and his tribe coming to power at this time. If Chinese Commies think he's next for the White House, maybe the uninformed Soviets feel likewise. clear across Siberia to Moscow. Generalissimo Stalin recently addressed Henry as if he too, had il-

This notion Gromyko should quickly dispel. He also might point out that every bullying threat in Berlin is another spike in Henry's political tire. He's been going pretty flat since Czechoslovakia's incorporation by Trojan Horse, but most Americans today realize what you get being nice to Russia-and will treat Henry accordingly.

IF HENRY doesen't know, Stalin I should. For there's something about lifting a burn from the sewer of defeat, and having him then push you around, that inflames both great and small. Uncle Sam is not to be reckoned with the small.

Finally, let Andrei carry no false impressions of what Communism threatens in this country. If he hasn't that sense, he should have traveled the States more before vacation. Reading the New York Daily Worker and listening to Brooklyn railies for Wallace is no

Neither is the chatter one might hear in Greenwich Village, or the teas to which Gromyko was invited. It wouldn't have hurt if the crack U.N. eluder attended the recent conventions in Philadelphia. There wasn't much encouragement on Marx and Lenin

Gromyko doubtless will report on our handling of Reds and saboteurs, in case the Soviets have plans in that direction. Let's hope he tells Uncle Joe about the FBI, as well. And its views on Reds of all shapes and shades.

STALIN and the Politburo have been test-boring and sending out trial balloons for some time. They've an idea they could get away with a small war-a nice. limited, and old-style war, like they were waging in the spring of

A war wherein rapidly moving armor, followed by floods of displaced Russians, would solidify their position in Europe, and continue the Mongol looting. The Kremlin crowd has watched so many May Day demonstrations they believe what they see in Red Square. They haven't been at Hiroshima, Nagasaki, or Bikiniand it's unfortunate, in a way. Russians only believe what they

see, judging from recent actions. Gromyko has a lot of things to tell. If he's going home for more than a long rest. We think he is. Amid a limited circle, truth might be circulated when he gets there. The cold facts on the U.S.A., and the danger of goading good natured Allies too far.

Sylvia Porter Short Session Can't Solve

Price Crisis

I F MAKING my cost of living a political football would help lower my cost of living, I'd swallow my distaste for dirty politics and look forward to this special session. If pushing my housing problem into the filth of the 1948 campaign would lower the price of shelter, I'd stiffe my cynicism and accept this recall of Congress as economic wisdom. But while there's an excellent prospect for another housing bill during this session, there's scarcely a chance for any worthwhile anti-inflation legislation at this bitter moment in political history.

While the special session well may pass the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing bill to stimulate slum clearance, low-rent and public housing, that act won't reduce the price of shelter or solve the housing problem for the great middleincome classes of our land.

W HILE President Truman may make political capital out of what the special session does and what it does not-taking credit for what the GOP Congress passes, condemning it for what it fails to pass-that political strategy won't help you or me buy bread or butter, milk or meat, shelter or clothing.

And the whole strategy may boomerang to your misfortune and mine if the Washington publicity on our cost of living crisis sets off a new wave of inflation psychology in the nation.

We're in a tough economic spot as it is. We could go over the precipice if fears of a crumbling dollar makes people lose their heads, impel them into liquidating savings at an intensified rate.

CURE it's politics—and whethor you think it's shrewd or cheap depends on what you think of Truman. But I'm not worrying about pol-

itics now; I'm worrying about lamb chops at the corner store at \$1.30 a pound. Sure it's putting the GOP Congress on the griddle-and whether you think that's smart or dumb

depends on what you think of the

But I'm not worrying about the personal or political problems of our Congressmen now: I'm worrying about today's reports showing our cost of living at another peak and latest Government surveys revealing that recent income rises "hardly kept pace with the rise in consumers' prices."

And recognizing the economic facts of life today. I fear that as far as the cost of housing and eating is concerned, the net result of this political maneuver will besero to minus.

W HAT might a special session do about inflation these summer months before a critical national election? Let's break down the generalities about "inflation control" and weigh a couple of possibilities.

(1) There could be reimposition of controls over installment buying -which would mean reviving the war-born Regulation W, under which the Federal Reserve Board had authority to restrict our borrowing-to-buy.

What are the chances? Well. the retailers are violently opposed to the rule as discriminatory and unworkable. The nation's bankers think the rule is so full of holes that it's virtually useless. (2) There could be legislation giving the President stand-by controls over the prices of basic commodities.

What are the chances? Well, every industry to be touched would shout its antagonism from the hill-tops. The nation's economista would be compelled to admit a few controls won't do the trick: to be effective, controls must be general and strong.

DEING practical about a prac-D tical question, I'd say the chances of this are about equal to those of a anowball in Philadelphia's heat this week. (3) There could be laws to re-

strain the extension of bank credit and the creation of money-fundamental inflationary forces. What are the chances? 'Well, the painful fact is that neither the Treasury nor the Reserve

Board has a workable program on tap to submit at this moment. Being practical—not cynical— I'd say the chances on this are less than those of a snowball in Philadelphia last Wednesday night. So it goes down the list of the various anti-inflation recommendations. The housing bill is something else again, I repeat and emphasize—here, we have a good

But on inflation, I'm getting set for a lot of talk at the special session, a lot of bitterness, a lot of name-calling, a lot of politicalfootballing-and more inflation.

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HOCK-AND WHAT'S OCTAVIUS DOING?

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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

-: Gossip of the Nation :-**Danton Walker**

(WALTER WINCHELL ON VACATION: reviewing the private lives of its members since the Walter Winchell is on an extended summer vaca-"playboy judge" embezzlement scandai . . . The bulk tion. His column will be resumed upon his of Irish Sweeps tickets allegedly making their way into the U.S. via letters from "relatives" abroad.... NEW YORK, July 18.

FITHE ROARING 40'S-Mayor O'Dwyer is priming himself for a crusade against "big business" come September . . . If, as and when Dewey moves into the White House, look for a full-scale investigation of New York City's municipal regime . . .

The Governor's brain-trusters are admitting privately that Truman is going to be a lot tougher opponent than originally estimated, pointing out that he bested all professional politicians in his own party-Hague, Jake Arvey, Jimmy Roosevelt, Leon Henderson, et al-and owes no allegiance to anyone. Our roving Ambassador, Averill Harriman, has advised

the White House that we must atay in Berlin at all costs, to insure success of the Marshall Plan and the recovery of Europe . . . Henry Wallace due to make an amazing political switch and come out for the GRETA GARBO Marshall Plan . . . A vice-graft raid in California involving some prominent politician, as well as the illness of the Lieutenant

Governor, hurried Governor Warren's return to Sacramento . . . The political cauldron in Panama, Peru and Ecuador is about to boil over. PROMINENT radio man is ghosting a biogra-A phy of General Eisenhower but doubts if it will ever reach the publication stage

here, he still holds a two-year lease on a Long Island estate . . . The Department of Justice and post office officials are on the neck of a semi-phony puzzle contest using the names of disabled vet organizations

subway tokens . . . The bar association is reported

Though Andrei Gromyko doesn't expect to return

to solicit for a strictly business proposition. Secret Service men have moved into town to scotch a dime-slug ring that has been retailing counterfeit

The television romance between NBC and Life magazine chilled.

FIGHE California Legislature to take drastic action about dispensing of barbiturates (sleeping stuff) as a result of the Carole Landis suicide . . . Betsy Drake's friends predict she will accompany Cary Grant to Europe and marry him there . . . Romeo Vincent, currently starring at Bill Miller's Riviera at Fort Lee, N. J., has acquired rights to

made on that location. Ricardo Cortez, silent screen star, supposedly inked a video contract here before returning to California . . . June Walker at Dennis, Mass., to watch son John Kerr rehearse for the juvenile role in "O, Mistress Mine" . . . Burt Lancaster dickering for the life story of baseball's Connie Mack, as his first important producing venture . . . Lionel Barrymore to turn producer for MGM; wants to film "The Copperhead," one of his earlier Broadway successes . . . The Rube Jackters (he's Columbia Pictures' sales executive) celebrating their china anniversary.

re-film the old Fatty Arbuckle comedies, originally

TOLLYWOOD'S biggest sensation since Vitaphone days will be the benefit opening of the Ringling circus Sept. 4, in which Greer Carson will ride an elephant. Garbo and Walter Pidgeon will turn trapeze artists and 200 other stars will perform for the St. John's Hospital Guild Fund . . . Melvin Douglas out to discover new talent in his first independent picture, "Yank in Paris" . . . Lillian Smith of "Strange Fruit" fame at work on a new novel . . . Merle Oberon's friends say she intends to

become an American citizen on her return here. The Harry Karls (he's the shoe tycoon, she is Marie MacDonald) are looking up the Reno timetables . . . Irving Berlin interested in Nancy Donovan, the red-headed Irish thrush at the Versailles. for a fall musical . . . Lily Windsor, Westchester soprano who made good in Rome, due to sing at the Golden Jubilee concert at the County Center, White Plains, Oct. 15 . . . Latest radio survey is a poll being taken of listeners at beaches . . . Though the horseracing fraternity won't admit it, television has cut in enormously on that sport.

Ed Sullivan

NEW YORK, July 18. MEN AND MAIDS AND STUFF—GOP leaders, burning at the call for a special session of Congress, first will ask President Truman why the Air Force hasn't a single-assembled atom bomb? It would take two weeks for one to be assembled, if Rus-

sia pulled a Pearl Harbor in Europe . . . Jim Petrillo didn't even answer the recording companies' peace plan . . . Col. Frederick Palmer's book on General Pershing will attempt to thaw the ice from around the warmhearted hero. Due Sept. 17 from the presses of the Military Service Publishing Co., the book establishes that it was Pershing. not the YMCA who ordered that 1918 Doughboys pay for cigarets. Proud of his men, Pershing scorned anything suggesting charity . . . Ference Molnar and Lili Darvas have chilled.

Biggest news of last week was summed up by Phil Leeds: Gil Dodds couldn't run; Eisenhower wouldn't . . . CAB will decide

protests of 11 airlines, lined up against Pan-American's fight to fly non-stop, long-haul service to 13 U. S. cities . . . Workmen scraping off Carole Landis' picture from a Times Square billboard . . . Frank Sinatra's mom has shaken off that heart attack . . . A son for the David Roecks (David Sarnoff's niece, Paula) . . . Stem golfers are in training for the "Met" amateur and Anderson Memorial at Winged Foot, the Beers' Memorial at Fresh Meadow, the John Hoffhine team tourney at Westchester . . . Director of the Babe Ruth flicker is Roy Del Ruth. The film was previewed Wednesday at Ruppert's, with George Ruppert chucking the party . . . Add Trends: ABC's "Get Rich Quick" follows WNEW's "You Can Lose Your Shirt" . . . The Kingdon Goulds called the son Kingdon, 3d.

LILI DARVAS

ANK investigators are checking Judge Pellechia's spending sprees in New Jersey cafes . . . Ex-Gov. Ellis Arnall says the South will vote solidly Democratic, despite the howls: "It has no place else

to go" . . . Meanwhile, the Atlanta Lions Club has invited President Truman and Governor Dewey to address all of that city's civic clubs . . . Cab Calloway, Jackie Miles and Vivian Blaine are bulging the Roxy walls . . . President Truman's letter to Mayor Van Antwerp; of Detroit, addressed him as Governor of Michigan (must have been a GOP steffographer) . . . Billy Conn is serious about a comeback . . . Henny Youngman goes into Hill Miller's Riviers tomorrov night . . . Bankroll trouble is holding up Saratoga night-club plans . . . A Coast night-club owner ran off with the receipts . . . You can get butter, the real stuff, for 35c a pound. In Australia, which can't export it because it's in the sterling area.

CAFEST bet of the year: President Truman and ment secretary bride has divorced ginger ale heir James Vernor, 3d . . . Sammy Kaye is giving 12 radio sets to Halloran wounded . . . Dixiecrats' rump convention is thus summed up by the influential Birmingham-Age Herald: "It may turn out to be the last gasp of a campaign sincerely, though mistakenly waged." Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, Florida, Louisiana and probably Georgia and Virginia will back the Democratic ticket . . . Plenty of hotel rooms are available in New York . . . It would be ironic if Durocher proved a Shotton the arm for the Giants. Durocher says "the little print" gave Rickey the right to fire him. The "little print" always does.

TRATE GOP Congress also will charge that President Truman's penciled notation on the bill has stymied the creation of the 70-group Air Force building a \$96,000 seaplane hangar on Lake Tarleton . . Aliens are being smuggled into the country at a Jersey airport . . . Two P-38's, headed for Palestine via Mexico, were grabbed by Mr. Whiskers . . . A Yankee pitcher had to be pulled off a Boston broadcaster, who had told of a night-club appearance . . . The Howard Foxes will spend a September honeymoon in Europe . . . New York Heart drive to date has racked

(to date, we still only have a 55-group outfit) . . . To handle mountain resort air traffic, Walter Jacobs is dynamo Carl Whitmore . . . To the Russians, the B-29's mean be-have.

grammatic, and it is not easy to

like the program and dislike the

man, By calling a special session

Truman has, to a certain degree,

taken the question of personalities

out of the campaign; he has sub-

merged himself in program, and I

think his new informal oratorical

style, his giving up of all effort to

make fancy speeches like a real

Presidential type character, might

He now sounds like a busy

poppa, changing a tire on the road

on a hot day, barking: "Give me

that jack!" "Lift it up here!"

"What do you think you're do-

ing?" All this is somewhat hard to

hate because what would you be

Thought: He might make Dewey

look a little bit like the man who

is watching the tire being changed,

and offering theories about how it

Another thought: He probably

Third thought: It's kind of fun

approach this situation from

working on an election problem in

this way without being so tied up

wouldn't have done all this if it

be symbolic of this.

hating?

should be done.

Barkley, to place . . . Helmut Dantine's mom sailed out on the De Grasse . . . His War Depart-

up about \$650,000, thanks to New York telephone

Samuel Grafton

Special Session to Deal With Vital Issues

TN pursuit of a program of doing my thinking about this election campaign right here in public, instead of making a decision in private and then coming out waving a banner, like a ward boss, I would like to set down some

By deciding to call a special session of Congress, Mr. Truman has divided the election problem into two parts. One is whether you are going to support him in November. The other is whether you are going to support him against the Republicans during the special session. He has, at the very least, made it hard to mobilize liberal opposition against himself until the special session is over. That is a good play, and there is nothing disgraceful about a good play in politics, if the premises are

the special session, ranging from civil libertles to inflation control, are vital; it cannot be pretended that it is a matter of indifference how the session comes out. The liberal voter who is opposed

to Mr. Truman, largely on the peace issue, has a problem. He can. if he wants to, support Mr. Truman while hating him, during the special session, lifting up the Presidential hand as against the Republicans for a few weeks, but with the mental reservation that he intends to drop it like a stale fish once the session is over.

THINK that is a pretty hard hashot to play. There will be passion among progressives before this session is over, and the fire thus lit will be a little harder to blow out than now appears. For the appeal Truman now A postulate: The issues before makes, however briefly, is pro-

Jimmy Hatlo hadn't been for Wallace. NO, NO - DEEP IN I MORTGAGED THE THROAT, LIKE THIS! THE HOUSE AGAIN TODAY-WE CAN GIVE AHA! NOW GIVE WITH THE TREMOLO-SPLENDID! HIM LESSONS FOR TEN DOLLARS, PLEASE ANOTHER YEAR

NO. NO!

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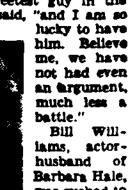
emotionally with any one candidate that you can't budge. LOR you don't really have to the viewpoint of what any particular candidate will get out of it: of whether it's good for Dewey or better for Truman. You can ap-Droach it with the idea of what the country is going to get out of it, which is rather more important

than how the parties do. It is very rare that a Republican Congress, or any Congress, can be made to stand and deliver on platform pledges just before election day. Only the accident that the President belong to another party has made this possible, which means we may be making good use of what had seemed to be a national hindrance, something like using an illness to write a poem.

It is possible that something good is coming out, which nobody could have planned, that events under freedom do have a life of their own, in spite of cardboard conceptions to the contrary. Let's hold conclusions back, wait and see, and try to shape the election to national use. What do we

have to lose?

Chatter in Hollywood: Marie McDonald was crying over the telephone when she called to say that she is brokenhearted over this 'campaign" that she and Harry Karl are quarreling. "He's the sweetest guy in the world," Marie said, "and I am so



iams, actorhusband of Barbara Hale, was rushed to the Emergency Hospital after his finger was virtually severed in a freak socident.

MARIE MIDONALD

climbed up on the roof to rescue the family cat. He reached over a wire protected by a jagged rim, cutting his hand so badly it was feared for a while he might lose his finger. His hand will be bandaged for weeks.

Hollywood Shorts: Lucille Bremer marries Abelardo Rodriguez, son of the former President of Mexico, Aug. 1. They will live in Mexico, but she will come back to Hellywood to make a picture now and then.

Norma Shearer is selling her beach home. She has owned that house for more than 20 years. She wants to spend more time in Europe, particularly Switzerland, because hubby Monty Arrogge is a famous ski champ.

Jean Hersholt gets home tomorrow from three months in Europe. While he was in his native Denmark he was knighted by the

Chester Morris, that good actor and magician, goes to Denver July 29 for a stage fling in "Small Miracle." Deanna Durbin has a new ro-

mance. She won't say who, except that he is a studio set designer. Abbott and Costello return to U-1 to make "Easy Does It" (tentative title) after they finish a movie at the Namer studio-so the boys and U-1 must be happy again.

Dorothy Manners is substituting for Louella Parsons. who is on vacation.

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