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Samuel Grafton

GOP Tactics In Congress Aid Wallace

A 5 matters stand now, the Relosing a good bit on account of the special session, the Democrats look as if they are gaining a little, and the Wallace movement as if it is gaining a great deal.

The Republicans are losing prestige, if nothing else; every special session news item, I think, hurts them, especially the press accounts of conferences among Republican leaders on how to handle the President's program. The fine points reported as being discussed in these conferences, as to whether to adjourn without any action, or whether to pass a couple of bills, or whether just to hold committee hearings and pass nothing, show a pretty cool approach to some pretty hot problems; the tone is glacially strategical.

So far the press has not reported very many warm sessions at which top Republican leaders have asked other top Republican leaders; "Well, now, let's see-just what prices can the people afford to pay?" or even "just how much housing does the country need?" It has been rather on the level of what bills have to be passed to avoid a party disaster, and of what can be postponed, and of how much busy work must be done to reveal a good intention. It is cold, cold,

THE flip comebacks haven't helped much, either, such as the crack that Truman could have curbed the inflation two years ago if he had only wanted to use his power. If the Republicans would accompany such remarks by positive action to take 10 cents off the price of butter, than these smart rejoinders might bring real smiles to the voters' lips. But without such action this type of argument tends to be rather a bore. The Democrats are gaining a little because they are fighting a little; if they fought harder they would gain more. But Truman's program is mild; there is little in it which offers immediate hope of

a real change in the inflationary situation. If there were even one shocker in it, such as, say, a proposal to spend at least 20 percent of what we now spend on arms for subsidies to roll food prices down, it would make all the difference in the world. But the program is so conciliatory as to make one conclude that the President has again, as often before, pointed to right field and then bunted. . . .

Washington Background Truman's 'Eyes' to Take Grass-Roots Straw Vote By The Inquirer Washington Bureau Staff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.

ESLIE L. BIFFLE, staff director of the Minority Policy Com-mittee of the Senate, often described as President Truman's "eyes and ears," is going to hit the road in a few days to find out how them thar voters feel about President Truman, high prices, the housing shortage and the forthcoming election.

Les, who halls from Arkansas, is an old hand at political pulse-taking. He isn't going to beat the bushes as an emissary of Mr. Truman or of the Democratic National Committee. He is going strictly on his own, but Mr. Tru-

man will be eagerly awaiting Les's report. This will be no highly scientific weighted poll-sampling job. Les figures he may hire a chicken truck and drape a bit of hayseed over his ears before he sounds out the farmers and the man in the street. He wants to talk to Mr. American as man-to-man, not as a poll-taker. Folks don't always talk the way they feel when they think they are being "sounded out."

The Arkansas traveler expects to prospect in West Virginia and Kentucky, and then move into the Middlewest. He believes these States will afford the best barometer of the prospects for Democratic victory in November.

When the Farm Credit Administration was created in 1934 to bale out farmers in default on their mortgages, most Government officials thought the operation would result in a loss to the Government.

It didn't turn out that way. The FCA recently turned over a \$40,-000,000 dividend check to the Treasury. It has repaid its original \$200,000,000 capital stock and now has a surplus of \$83,000,000. During its 14 years of lending, FCA lent more than \$1,250,000,000 to about 675,000 farmers on the security of their farm mortgages. The operation was a big factor in stopping the epidentic of farm. mortgage foreclosures and balling out banks and insurance companies which held frozen mortgage paper.

LESLIE BIFFLE

The Army has asked the Attorney General whether retail sales in Army exchanges and Navy ships service stores are sub-ject to Federal excise taxes, such as the 20 percent tax on jewelry, furs, toiletries and luggage. Heretofore no excise taxes have been charged with the result that members of the armed forces and their families have been buying such articles much cheaper than civilians buying from civilian retailers. The American Retail Federation has submitted briefs contending that the sales at the service stores are "sales at retail" and hence subject to the excise taxes.

The United States Coast Guard, an arm of the Treasury, will celebrate its 158th anniversary on Aug. 4. In anticipation of the event the Coast Guard recently compiled a summary of its activities during the past year:

The cutter Bibb rescued 69 persons from the Bermuda Sky Queen in the North Atlantic.

Rescued more than 5000 persons during the year and saved or protected property valued at more than \$160,000,000.

Maintained the vital weather patrol in the North Atlantic.

The Labor Front Labor Ranks Line Up for Fall Drive

By Victor Riesel

CAN now give you the final Labor lineup for the big league political campaign this fall. But before I do, let's go back to one hot night at the Democratic convention just before the full ticket was nominated.

A telephone rang in the trampled Bellevue-Stratford's Suite 901 and a dignified, white-haired chap, using the only two fingers left on one of his hands by a railway accident, lifted the receiver. At the other end was Democratic Party chairman J. Howard McGrath-and he was clearing it with "Al." Meaning the railway trainmen's chief-A. F. Whitney. McGrath read him a short list of Vice Presidential nominees, Whitney agreed to go along with Senator Barkley, and McGrath went back to work.

. . .

TODAY it's apparent why Mc-. Grath was clearing things with the man who once threatened to spend \$40,000,000 to defeat Mr. Truman. It can be revealed here for the first time that Whitney has agreed to replace Dan Tobin as chief of the Democratic Party's Labor Committee. And Whitney tells me he'll be active, touring the country for the Democratic ticket.

This means that the Democrats almost automatically will have over \$500,000 spent to parlay Mr. Truman's still slim chances. . . .

A ND so the Democratic labor bandwagon began to roll along -but not so fast that other union chiefs couldn't climb aboard.

On Wednesday night in Washington, for example, leaders of other outfits, including the railway brotherhoods, met quietly to work out strategy for their support of the President.

The railway people talked in terms of drawing two parallel lines on a map of the U.S.-from coast to coast-thereby lining up a belt of some 13 or 14 States right across the country. Then, working out of trains and their regional headquarters in this belt, the rail union men would try to swing the country's midriff to Mr.

-: Gossip of the Nation :-**Ed** Sullivan

customers from the beaches, fattened stem wallets.

by Patton's 3d Army, and sent to Washington, has

been returned to Germany (canvas was in such poor

shape that shipping it around the country might

have been fatal) . . . One of the top Texas midget

car drivers is one-armed Wes Saegesser (he lost half

of his left arm in a racing crash) . . . Mary Jane

Perry, Encyclopedia Brittanica staffer, and Carroll

H. Jones, Jr., honeymooning . . . Emily Saltonstall, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Leverett Saltonstall,

refused to have a big Washington wedding to Ad-

miral and Mrs. Byrd's son, Richard, just as she

declined a Boston "coming-out" soirce. The young-

sters will live in Boston . . . Sign in a Madison ave.

US LESNEVICH, in August Argosy, tells exactly

how he'll beat Joe Louis for the heavyweight

was beaten by Freddie Mills . . . U. S. Ambassador to

England Douglas' daughter, Sharman, offered a screen

test by Hal Wallis . . . The Perry Comos adopting another . . . Readers bombarding the deak with cor-

rections: Seems that Warren, N. Y., is 100 miles away

from Governor Dewey's Pawling, N. Y., residence.

What's that to a jet plane? . . . Hal LeRoy playing

the Jack Donohue part in "Sunny" at the St. Louis

Muny Opera . . . Jane Ford, Dumont eyeful, to wed

Jeweler Dick Stewart, in December . . . To break up

bands of boys and girls on Detroit streets after

midnight, Police Commissioner Toy has asked for a

midnight curfew, with parents legally responsible

for enforcement . . . Count Basie's chow dog sent

Billie Holliday's big boxer to a vet for repairs, after

N EWSREEL shots of Anthony Eden, reading

wedding stamps, temporary issue commemorating

the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Philip The American League race, as of Sunday A. M.,

closest in 48 years, with only two games separating

Red Sox, A's, Cleveland and Yanks . . . Will the draft

break up the Williams Brothers and Kay Williams?

high court to pay \$25,200 to James Whiteford, Ameri-

can engineer. British surgeon told Whiteford he

had cancer, in 1942, and had only a few months to

live. The American thereupon sold his business at

a loss, returned to the U.S. to die . . . Suit was

brought after an American doctor found no evidence

of cancer, and Justice Sir Norman Birkett rendered

the verdict after finding that Dr. Hunter had been

negligent in not making a microscopic examination.

. London Surgeon John Hunter ordered by Britain's

startling to stem performers . . . No more royal

a brawl at the Strand stage door.

championship . . . Lesnevitch, in the meantime,

shop: "Esenhower Stockings-They Won't Run."

Youngman. "A rifle and a trap." . . .

MEW YORK, Aug. 1, M EN AND MAIDS AND STUFF-The Air Force didn't send too many B-29s and for Force Idlewild, holding other crack outfits at bases just in case of a sneak punch from Russia . . . Peggy Cummins off to Rome. She'll be Myrna Loy's

daughter in Korda's flicker . . . Durocher, who had the Dodgers rolling in high gear when Rickey knifed him, electrified the staggering Glants into second place. Proving that when you can take a beating, without squawking, you're in Kipling's groove: "If you can meet with triumph and disaster and treat those two imposters just the same-or watch the things you gave your life to, broken and stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools." . . . Life and Time covers guessed wrong again, Mel Patton running fifth behind Negro stars Dillard and Ewell . . . Israel bought \$100,000 of canned fish, baked beans.

FEGGY CUMMINS powdered milk from Canada ... Dr. Harry Martin telling the "21" crowd the toast

he heard in Ireland: "May your hearthstone always be as warm as your heart, and when you die, may the wall of the poor be the only sorrow left behind."

OPACABANA beauties Rosalie Coleman, Evelyn , Peterson and Fran Keegan entered by "Little Jack" Entraits in the column's N.Y. eyeful sweepstakes, for the N.Y. Heart Fund . . . Bill Miller's Riviera is shooting with Thana Barclay, Joy Skylar, Toni Kelly . . . Lou Walter's Latin Quarter entrants are Dawn McInerny, Baby Lake, Lynn Hogan, Roman York and Gay Hese more details later Cards had beaten the Braves five in a row at Boston, before the Braves won the Saturday night game . . . Canada Lee will run on the Wallace N.Y. State ticket . . . Betty Betz and Artie Shaw an item . . . Nan Wynn and Joel Rose hotter than the heat wave . . . Add Trends: Ballerina Suzy Svetlik, of the lovely Gams, and disc Jockey Art Ford holding hands at Hutton's . . . Jackie Mills sporting a mus-tache, which he won on the Bea Kalmus Airer . . . Outhwaites added to the Saratoga openings (this was the spot where Dario made the country violinconscious last season).

"O F course the Vice-President should have a house of his own," soothes the Boston Daily Globe

Globe. "They put bunks in firehouses so firemen can be comfortable while waiting for something to happen" . . . Canada, having helped end British bread rationing, continues to ship 18,000 tons of flour per week to the mother country . . . Kaiser-Frazer workers shared a cool \$1,000,000 in retroactive pay checks and the auto-pool funds . . . Bermuda very gay with the ex-Mrs. Anthony Eden, the Irving Berlins, the Duncan MacMartins, Irish sportsman Michael Summers and the Leslie Cooks activating

Henry McLemore

sde 18 1 15 Hollywood Autry Sues On Televising the place . . . The late Conde Nast's daughter, Leslie, already presented at Buckingham before her London Of Old Serial debut, leaves England Sept. 1 to join the Deering Howes . . . Sweltering heat wrecked Broadway cafe business over Saturday but Sunday rain retrieved

By Dorothy Manners

GT BOUGHT my wife a mink outfit," says Henny HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 1 LTERE comes a lawsuit invol Daumier's magnificent satire on Don Quixote II ing television - and Gene and Sancho Panza, one of the art treasures captured Autry is filing it.

Gene sues next week in Chi-cago to restrain a chewing gui company from televising "The Phantom Empire," an old seried was sold outright to an agency which in turn peddled is to the gum company.

Gene claims the whole thing is without his permission and if embarrassing in a business way He happens to be sponsored on the radio by a rival chewing guing company.

Judy Garland's illness is completely puzzling.

One day she is confined to bed nerves shot and seemingly suffer ing from a neurosis that affects her physical-

ly. Several nights later she is having dinner with Vincente Minnelli, her husband, at one of the popular cafes. Doctors and beginning to believe that she does not g'ive hereelf

enough time to recover fully before she insists on going back to work. They

JUDY GABLAND believe she needs a three to six months' rest.

She is a brokenhearted little girl about not being able to do "Barkleys of Broadway" with Astaire-but she was the first to send a sweet message to Ginger Rogers, who replaced her.

If Gene Kelly keeps on writing stories he sells to MGM, he should worry about the parade of years. Right on top of peddling "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," he has authored a second-already sealed and sold.

New one bears no title, but he

THUS it is the Wallace move-I ment which is, clearly, gaining most from this session, and on two levels. First, the Wallace movement would dearly like to prove that the two major parties are utterly alike. While it cannot exactly do this, it can use this session to show that the two major parties are unable to solve the inflation problem. That is the residue which will remain after the session adjourns, and the snappy arguments are forgotten, and the debaters' points fade away.

Second, the Republicans are, I think, driving recruits into the Progressive Party simply by proving that the Democrats are helpless. The Republicans don't mean to do this, but this is one of those things that conservative parties always do, and it is always useless to point out to them that it is against their own long range interests, etc., to do so; they never listen, and they never change.

The Republicans are vastly enjoying hog-tying the Democrats, and showing up their feebleness, but they cannot expect that liberals, thus made discontented with the Democrats, are going to flock into the GOP. It seems not to occur to them that these liberals may choose a third place of residence, so to speak.

But the right always recruits for the left in this way, and it would not be at all surprising if the special session went down in history as the occasion on which the Republican Party finally succeeded, with shouts of joy, in building a permanent left wing movement in this country.

Today

By Mark Sullivan

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was novel and provocative. No other President had done it since Franklin Pierce, 92 years ago. We passed through the Civil War and the First and Second World Wars without a special session of Congrees during a campaign.

However Mr. Truman may have . felt this special session to be desirable, the manner of his calling it was either unthinkingly reckless or deliberately provocative. He first toured the country denouncing the Congress as the worst or second worst in our history, a statement historically grotesque. Then he made his announcement of the illy p artisan speech of acceptance to the

Aided stricken families in the flood areas of the Middlewest and Pacific Northwest and in the hurricane areas of the South and Southwest.

For number one optimist we nominate Maj. Frank Chapman, husband of Gladys Swarthout, soprano with the Metropolitan Opera Co.

Miss Swarthout came to Washington the other day to sing at a concert at the Watergate. She likes Washington and sings here often, so often that she suggested at a news conference that she was thinking of moving to Washington. It would be easier, she thought, than commuting from New York. "Why not?" her husband chimed in, "Look at all the packing

we'd save and we can always get a house in Chevy Chase."

P.S. That's more than a lot of Congressmen have been able to do during the present special session.

It may be that subconsciously Senator Burnett Maybank (D., S. C.) associates the anti-poll tax bill with a malodorous animal familiar, to most Americans. Anyway in the copy of his speech against the bill distributed in the Senate press galleries the other day anti-poll tax bill was spelled "anti-pole-tax" bill.

-Edited by John C. O'Brien

The first Jewish support bat-

talion went into action just before

the original truce began in sup-

port of the attack on Kakoun,

north of Jenin. Its heavy fire-

power played havoc with the

Iraqi defenders and permitted

the attacking infantry battalions

to invest the Arab stronghold with

A six companies, one more than

its American counterpart. There

are four rifle companies, a head-

quarters company and a heavy

weapons company, which has light

The organisation of a battalion

is surprisingly fluid. If there is a

shortage of men, the brigade com-

mander may eliminate one or two

rifle companies and consolidate his

strength in the remainder. The

equipment in the battalions varies

considerably, since there are not

enough types of all weapons to

permit fixed adherence to a table

grew out of the semi-underground

Haganah, which was divided

roughly into three groups. The

first was Palmach, which literally

translated means "striking units."

This elite force never indulged in

terrorist activities, such as mur-

dering British soldiers. It pre-

tested against the mandatory

stallations or by blowing bridges

power by hitting at military in-

on British military supply routes.

It grew rapidly and was formed

into brigades before Israel was pro-

as Hish, or field force. It com-

The second branch was known

The new army organization

of organizations.

machine guns and mortars.

BATTALION, or gudud, has

great speed.

Defense of Israel

Underground Forces Fused Into Small, Compact Army

By Kenneth Bilby TEL AVIV, Israel, Aug. 1. FTER 30 years of loose-jointed A underground activity, the defense forces of Israel have been fused into a small, compact army whose organization and tactical employment follow the military traditions of the Western Powers. The transition from an underground force to a recognized army is not completed, but great strides were made during the first four weeks of the United Nations truce. As now constituted, Israel's army has for the first time a fixed channel of command with clearly defined tactical and administrative

echelons. An army general headquarters controls activities on all fronts. As with the Anglo-Saxon powers it is subordinate to a civilian ministry headed by David Ben Gurion.

The army chief of staff has command over all striking and administrative arms. He is assisted by a

general staff, a small air staff with an air commander and a similar naval staff and commander. General headquarters also includes an administrative manch, similar to the American G-1 section, and a materiel branch, which coincides with the American Service of Supply.

The general staff directs all ground, air and sea operations. At its head is the chief of operations, corresponding to the American G-3, who also controls two important subdivisions, intelligence (G-2) and planning. . . .

THE basic field unit of Israel's 1 new army is the brigade. Some brigades are territorial, which means they remain in a fixed area; others are shifted as a military situation dictates. In recent weeks, general headquarters has been employing brigade groups as a tactical unit. Several brigades are 'assigned to one front, and the brigade group commander is responsible for the entire front.

Truman.

IN CIO circles it's more and more apparent that Mr. Truman will be endorsed after the summer meeting of vice presidents late next month. At the same time, William Green, George Meany and a score of the ALF's weightwielding chiefs are ready to back the President.

. . .

But Governor Dewey isn't doing badly at all in labor circles. The powerful Teamsters, the union which ran mass banquets as the kick-off spot for Franklin Rooseveit's campaigns, now is either neutral or ready to campaign for the Republicans in New York and California.

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A T A summer spot in Wiscon-A sin, Big Bill Hutcheson is still holding out on GOP offers to make him GOP labor chief once more. Not exactly coy, the huge carpenters leader wants a very simple promise from the Dewey campand reports are that he'll get it. The carpenters, who'll campaign for Dewey at least in New York, want the GOP Governor to pledge himself to modify the Taft-Hartley law. Judging from conversations with Rep. Hartley, I don't think Dewey would have much difficulty getting his party to back this pledge once he made it-and I believe he already has in offthe-record talks.

. . . MEANWHILE, at the National Republican Committee headquarters in Washington, they're saying that it might be six to eight weeks before a GOP labor committee is set up. Strategists there are optimistic that the Republicans will have a better union committee than the party's had in years.

They have been reading the labor press closely and have discovered that many union sheets have gone out of their way to report Dewey's friendly relations with New York labor chiefs. Not the least of the Governor's assets 'is John Lewis' friendly attitude. . . .

DEWEY, himself, is taking the union angle seriously and will have a competent labor adviser in Merle Pitzele, labor editor of Business Week.

Obviously some labor chiefs no longer are taking the Taft-Hartley law as a personal insult-nor do the others plan "to sit on their hands." The boys could never really resist a fight.

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

The bath I went to is an impos-ISTANBUL, Turkey, Aug. 1. ing structure, built entirely of Water polo with no referee. marble. When you walk in, there That is a thumbnall description of is a lovely room where you are a Turkish bath in Turkey. served sandwiches and coffee.

After a cup of coffee and a bite I came out of one about half to eat, you are led into a vast an hour ago, and while waiting for marble chamber for disrobing. It the pulmotor squad to arrive and is very hot in this room, and bemake a vain attempt to revive me, fore they have wrapped you in-I would like to tell you what hapthat's right, Turkish towels-you are perspiring like an adolescent writing love letters. The bath I wandered into was

From this room on, I am a triffe vague.

I remember entering a cathedral-like room and being tossed into a marble fountain filled with boiling water. I remember, too, someone poking my side with a fork to see if I were done, and then basting me with water that must have flowed from Vesuvius. Then, just when I must have been ready for the barbecue sauce, I was mistaken for a visiting doughnut and dunked in the coldest water since glaciers were invented.

Admiral Byrd's epaulettes hit me back of my ears. A polar bear clambered over me. A penguin used my chest for a ski jump. The north and south poles walked

Lest Russia Get Ideas-Both Parties Present United Front to Reds

. . .

DULLES, the foreign affairs ad-viser of Presidential Candi-

date Thomas E. Dewey, and Van-

denberg, chairman of the Senate

Foreign Relations Committee,

have laid out their course with

Dewey's counsel and approval.

policy will not be debated during

the Presidential campaigns. In

fact, Dewey has announced that

Mich.) on behalf of the Republican By John M. Hightower high command.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (AP). DOTH Republican and Admin-

pened to me.

Turkish bath.

gone there.

bath.

built in the 16th century, which

means that it is one of the newer

baths and is frowned upon as a

Johnny-come-lately, upstart of a

As a Turkish friend explained,

the attendants at the bath where

I went had had practically no ex-

perience-were limited, in fact, to

having had but three centuries to

learn the art of administering a

Just down the street, he told me,

was a bath built in the 10th cen-

tury. He wondered why I hadn't

In the one I went to they don't

drown a guest immediately-they

I am glad I didn't.

take their time about it.

D instration leaders in American foreign policy now believe they have arrived at an understanding for cooperation during the election campaign. The object is to present a solid front to Russia on the Berlin crisis and other current issues.

Both sides strongly hope this will prevent Moscow from embarking on any dangerous adventure under a delusion that there is dissension inside the United States which might confuse this Nation's policies at a critical moment and yield the Russians an easy victory. There has been considerable

of war.

that Dewey may attack the Democratic platform on the ground that it gives the Democrats exclusive

Jimmy Hatlo

ernment's hand in dealing with

For instance, it is understood

calls it a "musical-thriller" about by and were gracious enough to the early days of the fire departnod. ment in New York City and the

I started yelling, "Help!" I kept yelling it.

My guide, who was parked outside in a taxi, heard me. He answered my distress signal by relaxing in the back seat, and ordering a 'screwdriver." Yes, a screwdriver."

A "screwdriver" is a drink. It was created by the American Navy during the past war. It consists of vodks, gin, orange juice, cognac, bitters, and three or four things which have yet to be identified. I am quite sure that remnants of Sultans are part of the mixture.

Then I was put back in the hot water just to be sure that I was very well done.

A very big Turk, wearing a moustache and a pair of steel wool mittens, started sparring with me. "Is this a massage?" I asked. He took advantage of the opening and crossed me with a right and shook me up with a left.

If you don't think I am telling the truth-if you think I am exaggerating-just come over here and have a Turkish bath. You then will know that I am a master of understatement.

credit for creation of the United

Nations and ignores the role

played by Republican leaders; he

may also criticise the Democratic

Administration's alleged lack of a

strong foreign policy at the end

of the war and argue that this

allowed Russia to gain advantages

in Europe which it could not other-

COME State Department au-

lican legislators felt the best an-

swer to Mr. Truman's proposals on

inflation was the argument that

exports under the European Re-

Dewey, it is understood, refused

to go along with this answer on

the ground that it would weaken

Western Europe's faith in the

stability of the recovery program

and undermine American political

covery Program were to blame.

wise have won.

be inevitable.

policies in Europe.

dare-devil rivalry between the neighborhood units to get to the fires first. No, it isn't for Gene. In spite of the subject, the central charactor is a girl-and Judy Garland is the hereins he has in mind. One superstition Hollywood cannot shake is the inevitability

of "the cycle of three." Following close on the deaths of Col. William Selig and D. W. Griffith, another film pioneer, Louis Lumiere, died in his native France a few days Lumiere was in film production

even before Selig or Griffith. He filmed "The Passion Play" in 1896 and later became associated with Colonel Selig in this country.

Hollywood in Shorts: Horace Schmidlapp has a new interest, and ironically, her name is Carol -full name, Carol Lynne, the iceskater who headlings an ice show at the Roxy

Theater. Plorence. Edridge 1s tempora rily out of "Christopher Columbus" in London. A book o f matches flared up in her face, burning her eyelashes and hand. She

CABOL LYNNE

Wallace Beery is defying his doctor's orders not to do shows in Europe with his daughter, Carol Ann. Wally is making appearances

far as he was concerned. They France. feared it would arouse such bitter political feelings that Republican attacks on the Administration's handling of foreign affairs would

Saturday to join Ingrid in London On the same boat were David Niven, his bride, and two same.

Larry Parks, who is doing sur stock in the East, when she walked on the stage in a bit part. He didn't know she was in town until she threw him a line.

Jack Holt is in New York for the first time in 18 years-confabbing about a radio show.

Some of Dewey's advisers are understood to have told top State join him. Department officials they believe military leaders exercise too great an influence on relations with Russia, particularly in the Berlin crisis.

can't wear make-up for awhile. The Randolph Scotts are taking preliminary steps toward adopting a baby.

in Army camps in Germany and

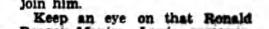
Ingtid Bergman's husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom, and their daughter, Pia, salled on the Brittanie

From the Republican side comes information that this did in fact present a problem. Some Repub-

Betty Garrett really surprised

D thorities were upset by the calling of the extra session of Congress, even though Mr. Truman limited it to domestic issues as

Walter Winchell went home Saturday. Changed his mind about spending the summer in California when Mrs. Winchell and the little boy were not able to



he will make several speeches on concern among foreign policy experts in both major parties that the Russians might make such a major miscalculation this sum-

mer or fall, increasing the danger Creation of the solid front has been one of the major objectives of Secretary of State George C. Marshall, for the Administration.

Russia.

Marshall presumably has acted on authority from President Truman. One result is that neither side thus far has injected foreign affairs as an issue in the bitterly political extra session of Congress. This does not mean that foreign

and John Foster Dulles and Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R.,

the subject. Mr. Truman has not disclosed his plans but is expected to discuss it also. The debate on both sides, how-

ever, according to the best information available here, is due to deal with aspects of foreign policy which would not weaken the Gov-

Mere competence in the administration of the Presidency would have suggested a procedure about calling a special seasion. It would have been to consult the leaders of Congress, those of the President's own party and those of the Republican majority.

Probably they would not have usented, but Mr. Truman would have practiced order and decorum in the relations between the two branches of government. Instead, the course he took, including raucous attacks, at once intensified division in a time of danger and advertised the division, to those who would take advantage of it.

The coming five months are a period during which we shall have special need of the reliance expressed in the saying that God looks after children, drunken men and the United States.-

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On Vacation

WALTER WINCHELL and DANTON WALKER are on vacation. Their columns will be resumed upon their return.

One of these was the late American Col. Michael David Marcus, who had command of all brigades

operating in the Jerusalem area. The front commander has a coordinating staff to implement operations control over the attached brigades. He is divested of administrative and supply responsibilities and functions in many respects like an American corps commander.

A brigade, known as hativa, consists normally of two to four battalions of infantry. These include motorized infantry units and mechanized infantry. The latter possesses armored cars, halftrucks and tanks.

In addition, headquarters is activating a new type of support battalion, equipped with mortars and heavy machine guns. It operates as a cross between an American heavy weapons company and a regimental cannon company. whose howitzers provide close-in support for infantry.

troops. When Palmach spearheaded an attack against Arab towns or villages, Hish troops moved in to hold and defend Palmach gains.

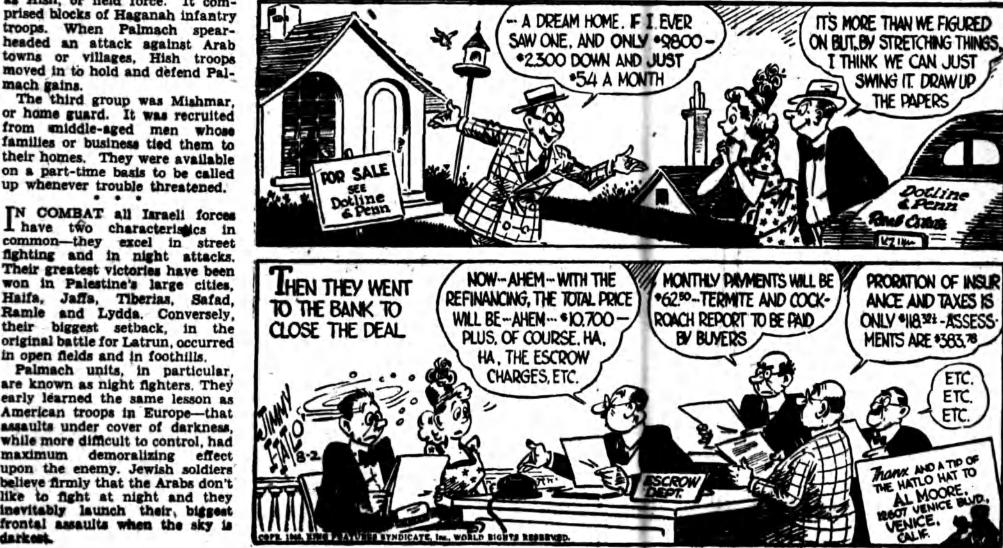
claimed a state.

The third group was Mishmar, or home guard. It was recruited from middle-aged men whose families or business tied them to their homes. They were available on a part-time basis to be called up whenever trouble threatened.

IN COMBAT all Israeli forces have two characteristics in common-they excel in street fighting and in night attacks. Their greatest victories have been won in Palestine's large cities. Haifa, Jaffa, Tiberias, Safad, Ramle and Lydda. Conversely, their biggest setback, in the original battle for Latrun, occurred

in open fields and in foothills. Palmach units, in particular, are known as night fighters. They early learned the same lesson as American troops in Europe-that assaults under cover of darkness, while more difficult to control, had maximum demoralizing effect upon the enemy. Jewish soldiers' believe firmly that the Arabs don't like to fight at night and they inevitably launch their, biggest frontal assaults when the sky is darkest.

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One example cited in support of this view is that the American military command in Germany imposed restrictions on movement of trains from the Soviet zone through the American zone a week ago, at a time when all the emphasis here was on seeking through diplomacy a peaceful solution to the Berlin crisis. . . .

COME Administration officials N say Washington was notified ahead of time that the restrictions would be imposed as a countermove to the Soviet restrictions on western travel to Berlin. Others give the impression that the restriction was ordered by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American military governor in Germany, but they say he had ample authority to act with or without prior State De-The Government's general policy

partment approval of staying in Berlin, resisting Russian blockade pressure and at the same time seeking to negotiate a peaceful solution of the crisis has full Republican support. The evidence is, in fact, that it was worked out by Marshall in cooperation with Dulles and Vandenberg.

Reagan-Monica Lewis romance. She's the night club singer who seems to have Ronnie very much under her spell.

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

One Word Led

To Another—

By Arthur (Bugs) Baer TF HANK WALLACE'S plenty means plenty of Hank then give me a yard of aftermath on rye. Hank has the selling points of a soft-boiled porcupine. It sims in all directions. But gives no information.

I rate as the original member of the Hank-for-Oblivion Club. But I admit my boy, Pegler, has been doing a neat job of hemstitching on Hankus.

I got wise to Wallace when he paid farmiers for twiddling their thumbs. And an extra bonus for double-jointed ones.

Don't let that big artificial smile fool you. He gets that effect sleeping with a glove-stretcher in his mouth.