

### The Labor Front Secret Police Unit Planned By Forrestal

By Victor Riesel  
**H**EAR ON THIS BEAT: A secret police force, made up of amateur volunteers, is being created secretly by President Truman's Secretary of Defense Forrestal—will it sound as repugnant as secret police anywhere in the world?

When the President returned to his Oval Room desk recently he found there a memo from Forrestal disclosing that a call had already gone out to the hundreds of municipal police departments asking them to set up "auxiliary" units to be used in case of "riot, pestilence, invasion and insurrection."

All this sounds like Winston Churchill's famous "We'll fight on the beaches" speech until you see the blueprint as I have.

WHAT Forrestal wants is the creation of a Department of Internal Security which will operate under the Secretary of Defense as does the Army and Navy. It will act as a secret police unit. It will have the power to detain martial law.

It will virtually make the Department of Justice a law book library. It will wipe out the FBI, which has been working with democratic devotion and sensitivity to civil liberties.

It will place in the hands of an untrained and untrained "police" force the control of plans—those managers will be forced to take orders from the new auxiliaries. It will subject unions and factory workers to new "security regulations" as interpreted by the secret police.

And Secretary Forrestal has started it now so that it will be organized and running—and new administration will have to deal with a fait accompli, a functioning secret police. How come all the haste, Mr. Forrestal?

New Communist schools, where the children of the revolution are being taught, are opening up. Newark is the Michigan School of Social Science, with professional Communists among the teachers. This outfit will try to train any key workers in the Communist Party's chain—Detroit at the head office.

There are 11 other such schools. A tightly knit Atlantic Coast waterfront unit of the Communist Party is planning to shut down wheat shipments to Europe by cutting the railroads. The strike is set for November. This unit has thousands of dollars in its kitty.

The building workers chief William McFadden is telling people in Chicago he'll be Gov. Dewey's Secretary of Labor. Wanna bet?

THE GO will soon decide to quit the Communist world labor federation. . . . Walker Reuther is making a great bid for support of the farmers, just in case he decides to go in for a third party. Two weeks ago he wrote to 40,000 farmers county agents, urging leaders, telling them the auto union was their friend. He's already received 1000 friendly replies.

### Washington Background GOP Move Afoot to Put Langer in Post

By The Inquirer Washington Bureau Staff  
**W**ASHINGTON, Nov. 1. THERE'S a strong move to put Delaware's Republican Senator, C. Douglas Langer, in as chairman of the Senate Civil Service Committee, come January. The chairmanship presently is held by maverick Senator William Langer (R., N. D.), who has voted with the liberal Democrats on domestic issues and with the isolationist Republicans on foreign affairs, to the concern of his more regular party colleagues.

With control of the Senate apt to be very close indeed, it is considered highly important by the GOP policy-makers that Langer be replaced with a GOP regular, and it looks as if Buck is the man.

The seniority system, under which Langer received the appointment in January, 1947, when the Senate came under Republican control after 14 years of Democratic leadership, is not a law but a binding policy that has avoided much awkwardness in the selection of committee chairmen. It has its inherent evils, of course, but on the whole the Senators and Representatives have preferred it to the other system.

When the reorganization act was passed in 1947, the seniority system was left untouched, by mutual consent of both parties, but a significant number of legislators spoke out against it. Now, the seniority system may come under really effective attack by both parties. In the Senate, which is the party controls will want to have its committee chairmen "in line" with policy. In the House, the Truman Democrats are likely to institute a house-cleaning of States' rights, which may result in their not getting any committee appointments at all.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers (Independent), has just finished another burst of histrionics in which he got into a fight with his former friend, William Green, president of the AFL, over what attitude the American labor movement should take toward the Communist-inspired French mine strikes.

Lewis said that the French Government should be shooting down hungry men and that the way to end Communist control of the mine workers in France was to pay the miners more money. Green did a double take and then replied that Lewis was talking like a Communist.

This didn't add much to the sum of human understanding of what goes on in France, but it does make it peculiarly apt that a reporter who recently went to UMW headquarters discovered, on Lewis' book-shelf, a book entitled "More Hearts Throbs."

The Washington Board of Trade will help new Congressmen find homes here when they start arriving. Telegrams of congratulation will go out to all victorious first-term candidates, and will be followed by letters in which the board will offer the use of its facilities to help the new legislators get located.

In 1946, when the Board of Trade first set up this service, 126 new members were elected. About 80 replied to the board's offer, and of these about 40 obtained new homes through the board's efforts.

It's a homey service, all right. But after all, Congress is the District of Columbia's "city council."

Federal employes may again go down the line for the Democratic Party. There are 2,900,000 workers on the Federal payroll. The way they cast their ballots today takes on added significance, because in the 1944 Presidential election the majority of the workers, then numbering 3,000,000, voted for the party in power.

The Dunn Survey points out that a poll of Republican Congressmen conducted last month revealed that the majority replied they expected to receive only about five percent of the Federal employes vote.

It is estimated that the 2,900,000 workers on the Government payroll, which is about \$500,000,000 a month, will account for 5,000,000 Democratic votes today, counting in members of their families.

The survey concludes that if the 2,900,000 employes vote as they have in the past the Republicans will lose a large number of seats in the House.

—Edited by John C. O'Brien.

### Samuel Grafton Conservatism Splinters U.S. Party System

**T**HIS is election day, finally, and so I do not want to do any electioneering. But I do have one idea about this election which I feel ought to be set down; and this is a good day for it, before we know the name of the winner.

For my thought is precisely that we aren't going to learn who won tonight. It may be years before we really learn who won this election. I think the question of who won this election is going to turn out to be as hard to answer in the end as the question of who won the San Francisco earthquake.

CONSERVATIVE opinion, which has mobilized around Mr. Dewey, is indeed very sure it is going to win, and it may in fact be lifting glasses of fizz high in the air before midnight. But I think that when, later on, it tries to write out on a bit of paper just what it has won, it will not be so sure, and some of this winter's champagne orders may yet be canceled.

For one of the things conservatism has accomplished in this election has been to splinter and fragment the two-party system, which it so loves. It is not just Henry Wallace and the far left; we now have William Green talking about the need for a third party. And all during this campaign there has been a strange note running through much Republican talk, one almost of tenderness toward people who wonder about the nature of our elections as conducted under the traditional two-party system.

There has for a long time been such fluidity of thinking on this point as there is now, so much speculation as to what kind of a new party ought to be established, on the traditional Democratic Party should be remodeled. To have set this kind of discussion going is one of the accomplishments of the current election campaign, and you have to figure this in when you try to figure the winner's score.

ANOTHER result of the big conservative steamroller push has been to let loose the greatest flood of left talk heard in this country in years. You have Mr. Truman's attacks on the "reactionary" Eightieth Congress, and you have Mr. Wallace's attacks on that Congress and on Mr. Truman, too. From every position left of center, near and far, the voice rises.

If you listen carefully, you will realize that this is a quite different sound effect from that of the two last elections. Then it was the conservative noise anti-left and anti-liberal, the allied skies in this election conservatism, though very busy, is comparatively quiet, and it is from the left that the thunder rolls. The agonized Mr. Truman has been goaded into making left speeches that even Roosevelt customarily made.

AND so one of the odd and significant victories which conservatism has won in this election has been to give the attack back to the other side. It is winning defensively, scoring because of a technical situation, without carrying the ball.

For all these reasons I feel that while we will learn the name of our next President tonight, we may not really learn who won this strange campaign until a rather long and perhaps quite complicated period of time has passed.

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### —: Gossip of the Nation :— Walter Winchell

**P**RESIDENTIAL CONFETTI—When Thomas E. Dewey was District Attorney of New York City he scooped this col'm on His Biggest Story. . . . It happened this way. . . . We were in the press section at the trial of the German-American Bund leader Fritz Kuhn. . . . Lem Jones (former Trib reporter) was Dewey's press secretary. . . . As the noon recess approached Lem came over and said: "Ever meet Dewey?" "No," he said. "Would you like to?" "Yes," I said. "How about luncheon with him in his office?" "Fine." . . . One minute after the introduction, we said: "Mr. Dewey, I hope you won't mind my talking shop. What's this buzz about you throwing your hat in the ring at Minneapolis very soon?" "Nothing to it," said Dewey. "I have two sons. I missed the joy of seeing them grow up in the last four years. I do not intend to miss seeing them grow up in the next four—for any public office!"

From the front pages 10 days later: "Dewey Throws Hat in Ring in Speech at Minneapolis!" Mr. Truman in a cocky speech the other day said: "The poll-takers and wrong-guesser faces will be red!" The gamblers are betting Mr. Truman's will be white.

**I**F GENERAL EISENHOWER had been a candidate, would he have run as a Republican or Democrat? I leave it to you to figure out when you get to the end of this hitherto unpublished history. . . . Every time Republican publisher Roy Roberts of Kansas City told the wire services like wouldn't run, its confirmed it two days later. . . . The newspaper which bid the highest price to publish Eisenhower's memoirs, "Crusade in Europe," was the N. Y. Herald Tribune, voice of the GOP. . . . Columbia Univ., of which Eisenhower is president, was governed for decades by Nicholas Murray Butler, a Republican.

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**R**EPORTER Jim Doyle killed the chances of a Vice Presidential candidate with one quip: During the convention that nominated Landon-Bridges was boomed as his running mate. . . . Doyle rushed into the print with: "If Bridges is nominated, the Democrats will be a cinch to go to town to the tune of Landon-Bridges Falling Down!" That finished Bridges.

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**D**EWAY SPECIAL—Broadway hears that four of Dewey's top advisers have taken leave on Washington homes. . . . Dewey's first official act as President-elect will be to name a new Secretary of State (probably John Foster Dulles), who can then start cooperating with Gen. C. Marshall on foreign policy. . . . A Congressional bill already is prepared which would give Truman the right to name a new Secretary of State.

Dean Alfange is being considered for a future diplomatic post with the Dewey administration, possibly in the Balkans (Alfange is Greek) TV. . . . Truman will turn a deaf ear to all business offers effective Jan. 21, 1949, intending to return to Washington as either a Senator or Representative from Missouri. . . . Senator J. Howard P. Griffin will be succeeded by Oscar Chapman, present Undersecretary of the Interior.

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The Greek case is spectacular. But it is not exceptional. The predictions of the specialists as to what would happen in Palestine after partition and the end of the British mandate have in all their essentials been proved by events to be quite wrong. But these are not the most important instances where our policy has been confused and uncertain because the fundamental estimate on which it rested has been uncertain and unreliable.

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Ohio is known as the Mother of Presidents, more Chief Execs were born in Virginia. . . . Washington did not receive any salary as President. . . . Teddy Roosevelt coined the phrase, "Tossing my hat in the ring," when he announced his candidacy. . . . Just two Presidents were born west of the Mississippi: Hoover and Truman. . . . A few States require electors to vote for their party candidates, but in most they are not bound to. However, no elector has ever voted for the candidate of another party. . . . President Taylor didn't vote until he was 62.

**L**INCOLN copped the election with one-and-a-half million votes. During the 1944 Presidential campaign, New York's Kings County polled more than a million votes. . . . The Democrats spent less than \$25,000 to elect Buchanan. According to the Senate Campaign Committee, the 1944 campaigns for President cost \$23 million. . . . The first six Presidents lived to an average age of 63. . . . The reason Harding became President is tops in yappers: Political bosses nominated him because they thought he LOOKED like a President!

Henry Clay's "I'd rather be right than President!" is now remembered as a ringing defy. Actually it was a lame alibi originally. . . . Clay was nominated for President three times and was a three-time loser. . . . Here's an odd switch: The party first known as Republican later changed its label to Democratic—Republican—and still later became simply the Democratic Party. . . . It was famed cartoonist Thomas Nast who dreamed up the Donkey and Elephant for the major parties. Nast used those emblems to ridicule them!

**T**HERE were few weighty problems during the Coolidge era. The following illustrates the point. When he arrived in the Capital to assume the Presidency, the first thing he said to his bodyguard, Col. Starling, was that he was worried. . . . Asked why, Coolidge explained: "Do they make good candy here? They must. My wife likes it!" The FDR-baiters have been writing books, magazine articles and newspaper pieces vilifying him. They would have you believe FDR and the New Deal are the cause of the present economic ills. . . . The Roosevelt Pol. reveals the majority of the American people approve the reforms established by the New Deal. And this poll also reveals that FDR is regarded by most Americans as the most admirable man in public affairs of the last two American generations!

**D**E-HARDS are still baring their fangs at FDR. One of their squawks is that Roosevelt was a rich man and a country squire. . . . So what? Why don't they attack another country squire who was this Nation's richest President—George Washington?

The dirtiest trick of last week was the one Stalin played on the Russian press. . . . He bragged that he had stopped the cold war—Stalin issued his attack against the United States—Stalin only intensified the cold war! . . . You just can't trust anyone these days, eh, Henry? It is hoped that those of you who backed the loser for the sake of the party—will back the winner for the sake of the country.

**Danton Walker**  
etc. . . . Business is so bad with one New York bookmaker that he just laid off nine from his crew of 16 employes and is making only one bank deposit per night.

Remembering the uproar over the Park Ave. party gambling scandal, Beatrice Cartwright is applying for a liquor license so she can sell drinks at a charity party in her home, funds going to 150 adopted French war orphans. . . . T-men watching closely the money orders going out of Las Vegas, to check on the gambling winnings which get reported to Uncle Sam. . . . The very wealthy Egyptian Hakim brothers have forsaken Hollywood for Paris.

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Thus they built a German policy on the notion that the occupying armies would never leave Germany. And now faced with a strong probability that the Russians will steal our thunder, will propose, or even carry out, a withdrawal, they are hurriedly improvising a new German policy, which may or may not be acceptable to the British and the French.

### Louella Parsons Zanuck Maps Film History Of Westerns

**"M**RS. MIKE" has been held up because both Dick Powell and Sam Bischoff, who own the story, want to get the right release for it. Bischoff has already gone to New York on what looks like a good offer. . . . Meanwhile, I da Lupino has been approached to play Mrs. Mike opposite Dick. This is a little out of the run of Lupino roles. Ida usually is a hard bodied, hard bodied, shady lady of shady reputation on the screen, I mean. But there isn't anything that Lupino gal can't do. If Dick and Bischoff are able to get her, they will be lucky.

**T**HERE'S still an original idea for a Western left. Darryl Zanuck's got it, and it's a honey. . . . Darryl is planning a saga about the history of Westerns under the title of "Horse Opera." He'll bring all past and present hard-boiled genre to the screen. He hopes to get John Wayne, current hard-hitting favorite, for the lead.

Whole sequences of famous sugar-brush thrillers of yesteryear will be incorporated, such such old-time favorites as Buckle Billy Tom Mix and William S. Hart riding the range again. Gene Autry, Bill Boyd and Roy Rogers, gun blazers of today, will be used to bring the saga up to date.

Robert Flaherty, who produced "Nanook of the North"—an excellent picture in its day—sent me a wire about the misleading advertising on the release of the old film. He had seen my story about the many complaints from ex-convicts and their families who were given the mistaken impression they were going to see a modern story of Alaska.

Flaherty says that a new narration for the film brings it up to date and that in the future itself it is clearly explained that the locale is Hudson Bay. He is doing all he possibly can to stop misleading advertising by local theater owners.

Merle Oberon arrived in New York—but without her cameraman husband, Lucien Ballard. Lucien, however, put her on a plane in Paris and promised to meet her in Hollywood. . . . Merle, who wouldn't let anything stand in the way of her being photographed well—not even a husband—has Lucien as her photographer in "Operation Malaya" at RKO. In the old days when they were together in Hollywood she wouldn't sign a contract unless they promised Lucien could be the man behind the camera—he made her look so well.

When I saw Frank Sinatra the other night he was pretty sure that the old well he, Johnny Meyer and Mrs. Mervyn LeRoy are interested in. . . . Well, it came in with 350 barrels to a lot of it, and it looks like a gusher. . . . There's an interesting story back of it all. I'd like to tell you about it, but I don't have time. . . . I'd like to tell you about what he thought was oil land but he didn't have enough money to go ahead with it. It took \$100,000 to drill the well. They contracted a professional oil driller who said if they would give him 25 percent of the profits he'd do the work for nothing—and he did.

Snaphots of Hollywood Collected at Random: A budget of \$3,000,000 is set for "Robinson Crusoe," which proves the day of the epic isn't entirely gone. . . . Lining quietly in a corner having dinner at the Dells were Virginia Grey and Dick Quine, Susan Peters' ex. They are two nice people who deserve some happiness—and what could be nicer than that they found it together.

Jack Carson's romance with CHL Williams has started all over again. He flies to San Francisco practically every week to see her. . . . Craig Stevens has taken an apartment in New York and is determined to stay there until he gets a wife. Alexis Smith is joining him as soon as she's free, and there's absolutely no truth in the rumor that they are separating.

Kathleen Winsor's father tells someone she'll have nothing to do with any man until after she finishes her next novel. . . . Esther Williams is staging a Hollywood premiere at a gas station. She'll have Klieg lights, an orchestra and stars in attendance. Smart girl that Esther.

Lynn Bari and Sid Luft have rented Ella Rainer's house, it's right across the street from the house they are building, so they can watch their own domicile grow. . . . Sterling Hayden is one lad who will tell you it doesn't pay to be temperamental. Now that it has a wife and baby to support, he knows it's foolish to be difficult, and that it's the boys who are not difficult who go places.

Sterling's been most cooperative while making "El Paso" for Bill Pine and Bill Thomas. The result is they just signed him to make a big Western, and would like to buy his contract from Paramount. Well, that shouldn't be difficult: it's all in the family.

The new Pine and Thomas epic for Sterling is "Cow Town," laid in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1881, with the actor playing a newspaper man of that era.

### World Watches John Doe Vote Levers Pulled in U.S. Spell Destiny for Europe

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.  
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**T**HE power and the responsibility of the American people in world affairs never have been pointed up quite so sharply as by the "freezing" of United Nations activity pending today's Presidential election.

Despite the absence of any important issue between Republicans and Democrats on international affairs, the world sits back and waits. And this despite the fact that the campaign has played no visible role in the U.S. declaration to the U.N. There George Marshall, who expects to get out as Secretary of State regardless, and John Foster Dulles, who is expected to get the job in case of a widely predicted Dewey victory, have worked together with every outward sign of full cooperation.

Dulles and Senator Arthur Vandenberg have been the key Republicans for several years in implementing America's big foreign policy. And Vandenberg is the author of the resolution under which the United States is now preparing to aid Europe militarily as well as economically.

**Y**ET the very absence of foreign policy debate in the campaign has served to heighten Europe's desire for a positive statement from Dewey if he is elected. Reports from the United Nations meeting in Paris even go so far as to say that without such a statement the Assembly may as well adjourn until the Dewey program is clear.

Some of the nations are worried about specific points. One of them is how much influence can be exerted by the isolationists in Congress. Another is what political victory will do to the extreme advocates of economy who fought the ERP appropriation last summer.

Britain and France will be watching to see if the election serves to heighten the official American tendency to look askance at their socialization programs. The British Labor Party will be playing one of its 1950 election cards by nationalizing the steel industry while further recovery appropriations are before Congress. They are hoping to do it without stirring up too much criticism among American conservatives.

**F**RANCE's socialization program is not a complete success, and it is costing the Government more than it can afford while it relies heavily on the U.S. . . . Scandinavia's Socialist Governments are more independent of American help. As a matter of fact, we are wooing them in the matter of Western European defense—more than they are willing to be.

But all of them are watching closely to see whether the Republicans, in event of victory, will consider the vote as a mandate for greater conservatism. . . . Worry about this is balanced by concern that a Democratic victory might be taken as an endorsement of an even tougher policy toward Russia. Europe is supporting the present firm policy with some misgivings. They consider the firm policy the outstanding thing about the present administration, and go along at least in part because it involves the economic help which they cannot do without.

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But whatever the result at America's polling places today, Europe will be hoping that the winner will place no extreme interpretations upon it.

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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME  
By Jimmy Hatlo  
**D**ELIRIA! YOUR AUNT MATILDA HEZERIAH MILDEW CALLED AT 11:19. YOU'RE TO MEET HER FOR LUNCH AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MAIN AND FILBERT AT 12:35. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT, PHONE HER AT CHEDDAR 4-3298 W.

**B**UT ON THE OTHER HAND  
**O**H-UM-SAW DELIRIA. SOME GUY CALLED YOU A WHILE AGO—HUH? NO, I DIDN'T CATCH HIS NAME, BUT HE HAD KIND OF A CUTE VOICE.

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO LEON THE WOLF, 204 1/2 W. JACKSON, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

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