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HAZARDS IN WILD BLUE YONDER . . .

The recurring dispute about "hazard pay" for members of the armed forces is now highlighted by the so-called fliers' revolt.

This happened when Senator Douglas was attempting to abolish hazard pay, or at least give the combat flier the same financial break the boys upstairs receive.

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Unfortunately, we've neglected the training of the boys who could have been the nation's top airman.

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THE CHINA LOBBY

Why all the squeals about investigating the China Lobby? The Reporter magazine after devoting two issues to the foreign lobby which has applied so much direct pressure in this country.

Latest to attempt to put more light on the obscured affairs of this tentacular, well-financed foreign pressure group is Sen. Wayne Morse, the Oregon Republican, who recently introduced in the Congress a bill to strip the cables from the counselor of the Chinese Embassy to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

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A rather wistful cable to Chiang Kai-shek is the one in which the Chinese counselor reported on a conversation with Averell Harriman: "Harriman is a rich man's son, and also he is very scrupulous."

From The Atlanta Journal & Constitution

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After the Korean War began the Air Force asked who'd like to go back on duty. Some reservists didn't bother to answer. Others did, saying "No thanks. But they'd disclosed their address, and soon they were on duty, because the Air Force, having few young men, needed experienced personnel badly.

Some of the old hands who had kept up their training in their specialties are now seeking themselves in the Korea. But after a man gets around one score and ten he's not the combat pilot he was back in Okinawa or Iwo or on the Berlin run.

In the current issue of Flying, General Spaatz, who was AF Chief of Staff in 1946-47, refers to the "lost generation" of youth who were trained in the military but whose situation can never be quite corrected.

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Others weren't so reluctant to take China Lobby money. Who they were, deserves to be more fully known.

Sen. McCarran's subcommittee has brought out in the open some of the "big boys" efforts in behalf of China. What now needs is a spotlight on the right-wing. Let's find out who he has served and been served by the China Lobby.

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People's Platform

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The Christian Stand

Editor, The News: I CAN see no demand of course with such a stand as I've taken against Rev. O. W. Eads' humane and Christian view. No doubt Dixiecrats and reactionaries will be heard.

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Stomach And Soul Equality

Editor, The News: MR. H. E. Marks in his graceful note to Rev. O. W. Eads April 15 is certainly paid a high compliment by the views expressed by Harry Belafonte, when he acknowledges the freeing of his slaves has paid off.

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Editor, The News: HOUSE investigators have hushed it up, but a hot case in the tax scandals has mysteriously disappeared. It is a secret recording of a telephone call from a Treasury informant charging that external Revenue Commissioner Joe Nunn and Assistant Commissioner Belich were paid money by Nunn.

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Forgotten Record

Editor, The News: "NOW, it is the damnedest thing in the world," blurted Belich when the investigators sprang the story on him. "I had never thought of that thing any more ago

Waft Running Hard And Fast As They Round Halfway Mark

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSPO

WITH THE New Jersey primary, the pre-convention struggle has at least passed the halfway mark. The minor battles are over. Up until the evening before Stevenson's withdrawal, plans were being laid to try to get the state. The task was only half-finished.

The comparative positions of the two candidates are best judged on the face of the figures. Some weeks ago, Taft headquarters admitted that the 1951 estimate of the governor's potential strength at the Republican convention. According to this tabulation, it was hoped that the Ohio Senator would go out to Chicago with a minimum of 650 votes, over and above the 100 votes of certain states, like Michigan, were considered too uncertain for inclusion.

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UP UNTIL almost the last moment the observers continued to urge Gov. Adlai Stevenson to close the door firmly on the Democratic Presidential nomination. This is continuing pressure came not so much from the White House as from the Democratic Committee as from individuals who realized what Stevenson's exit would mean.

It means that the Democratic Party is in a bad way for a candidate. This is not to say that the governor combined all the virtues of the statesman and politician. But candidates had fewer of the handicaps than any other new visible on the Democratic horizon. He stood outside the ward of Washington. As a reform governor he had at least made a start at cleaning out the corruption left behind by a boogie gang in the state capital.

His position on civil rights and fair employment was a moderate one, and, therefore, acceptable to the Southern wing of the party. Thus he bridged the great sectional divide between the people of Illinois. Up until the evening before Stevenson's withdrawal, plans were being laid to try to get the state. The task was only half-finished.

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