

Remark Causes Speculation On Truman-Barkley Encore

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WASHINGTON—(AP)—Vice President Barkley's prediction the Democrats will keep on winning forever has stirred speculation of a Truman-Barkley encore ticket in 1952.

If President Truman has decided he isn't going to run again, he hasn't told the politicians. The little signs by which a president's intentions are judged all seem to point the other way.

And no one in Washington doubts that if Mr. Truman does run again, the ebullient Barkley will be available for the second slot on the ticket. His friends can't imagine Barkley bowing out of the picture after four years of the kind of fun he is having being vice president.

As the Veep—a name his grandchildren tagged on him by running the letters 'V. P.' together—Barkley is cutting a wide political and social swath.

As he himself puts it, he is "Old John Stuck" when the party needs a top orator to rally the faithful at a money raising banquet or a national broadcast such as the Democrats are coming up with January 4. President Truman gets to duck a lot of these chores because Barkley loves to talk and can rip off a political speech at the drop of a hat.

Barkley came up with his most optimistic forecast at Miami, Fla., recently. He said it is his candid judgment that in the 1950 congressional elections, in the 1952 presidential race and "throughout the years of the future" voters will continue to give the Democrats a majority.

Republicans dissent. Republicans indicated they don't think much of the vice president as a political seer.

Said Senator Brewster of Maine, the GOP senatorial campaign committee chairman:

"That sounds just like the Republicans talked in October, 1948." At that time, some Republicans thought they had the Truman-Barkley ticket so badly beaten the election would be a shoo-in for

Commoners Dancing Partners Of Royalty

LONDON, Dec. 22—(AP)—The queen danced with the footman and the princess danced with the clock-winder Tuesday night in Buckingham palace's annual household Christmas party.

The palace staff gave the traditional party. Queen Elizabeth, in diamond tiara and flowing green gown, waltzed with the liveried footman, Princess Margaret, sleek in rose and pink, swirled over the glassy floor with the man in charge of the palace's famous collection of French gilt clocks.

Until the wee hours of the morning they danced with other members of the household staff.

them. It didn't happen that way. If the Democrats offer the Truman-Barkley ticket as a repeater in 1952, it will be one of the most venerable ever presented to the American voters.

In May of that year, Mr. Truman will be 68 years old. If elected, he would be the William Henry Harrison, who died after a month in office, as the oldest president. Barkley will be nudging 75 on

Prisoner Issue Sends Russians Out Of Council

TOKYO, Dec. 22—(AP)—Russia angrily stalked out of the allied four-power council for Japan Wednesday rather than discuss Soviet failure to complete repatriation of Japanese war prisoners.

By the walkout, the eight-man Russian delegation avoided hearing General MacArthur's conclusion that 374,041 Japanese have died in Soviet prison camps from brutal treatment in "disregard for humanity."

Repatriation has long been a sore point of the occupation. Russia has returned some 1,300,000 Japanese prisoners in four years. American and Japanese authorities have been pressing for the return of more than 300,000 oth-

ers. As supreme commander, MacArthur himself has roundly scored the Soviet attitude. The Russians sent 94,000 home last summer and announced that was all except 10,000 "war criminals" who would not be returned. The U. S. placed the matter on the council agenda at the request of the Japanese government, which has been besieged by relatives of still-missing soldiers.

The Soviet stand on repatriation has been damaging in Japan to the prestige of Russia and the Japanese Communist party. Today's walkout will knock it down farther.

Reds, Capitalism Can Get Along, Russian Says

LONDON, Dec. 22—(AP)—George M. Malenkov, a top ranking soviet leader, marked Generalissimo Stalin's 70th birthday celebration Wednesday with renewed assurances that Communism and capitalism can get along together in a peaceful world.

In an article in the Communist party newspaper Pravda, Malenkov heavily underscored some of Stalin's previous statements that the two economic systems need not fight each other to death. Malenkov, a member of the ruling Politburo and a deputy president of the soviet union's council of ministers, made the key speech last month on the anniversary of Russia's 1918 revolution.

This tabbed him as a leading spokesman of soviet policy.

Annual Dance Held To Fulfill Terms Of Will

WEST MINOT, Me., Dec. 22—(AP)—The host was absent, as he had been the previous 22 years, but that didn't spoil the fun at "Jerry's dance."

Young folks and old folks—150 of them, in all—danced the old square sets Jarius "Jerry" Hillborn loved so well at his birthday ball in the village grange hall Tuesday night. There were modern dances, too.

Jerry has been dead since 1926. A fun-loving farmer, he left \$30 a year for an annual dance on his birthday through 1951, when he would have been 100.

Just before "Haymakers' Jig," Jerry's favorite, orchestra leader Leslie Jones called for a mo-

ment of silence. It was observed scrupulously. It has to be, for that was the sole condition to Jerry's bequest. If the moment of silence ever were broken, his will said, the dances would not continue.

BURGLARS BELIEVE SIGN
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The sign said "Do-Not-Drop-Inn," so the burglars did. They took \$23 hidden in a kitchen pot and a \$1 and \$2 bill tacked to the wall as good luck souvenirs.

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