

**Mrs. Taft's Illness Halts Campaign Partnership**

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Taft long has been recognized as a capable campaigner for Bob, with whom she has toured the nation often in his quest for the republican presidential nomination. Mrs. Taft is a patient in a Washington hospital for treatment of a high blood pressure condition.

Illness of Mrs. Taft, the Martha in their team, probably will make it impossible for her to share in the campaign platform with him this year. The election campaign team of "Bob and Martha"—which has advanced the political fortunes of Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) to high mention for the presidency—finally has broken down. Senator Taft told a gathering of Ohio Republican congressmen and congressional nominees that the

**Who's Making New York City's Rain These Days? People Ask**

By JOHN RANDOLPH  
NEW YORK — (AP)—Who's making New York city's rain these days—a Harvard professor or old mother nature?

They tried to thrash that question out last night for the umpteenth time and got the same old answer—nobody knows. But it HAS been raining a lot lately, slowly filling the big city's long-parched reservoirs and making the city fathers dance for joy. Maybe it's just a coincidence, but during most of that time the city's \$100-a-day official rainmaker Dr. Wallace E. Howell of Harvard, has been attacking the local rain clouds with scientific wizardry from above and below. But if the city fathers are dancing, a lot of other folk are plain hopping mad.

resort owners whose crowds have turned sour during the long wet spring. One New Jersey amusement park on the Hudson river palisades has even gone so far as to hire two "anti-rainmakers" at a (reported) salary of \$500 a day to keep Howell's flood away from their door. Their success so far is open to question, but it hasn't hurt the park's publicity any.

Dr. Howell himself was put on the griddle last night at a meeting of the Hudson valley division of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. The engineers threw the meeting open to farm groups and local mayors. They all asked the same question. "I wish I knew the answer," the modest professor told them. "All along, Howell has held to a strict 'maybe' on the success of his efforts in seeding the clouds with dry ice from airplanes or silver iodide smoke from the ground. But he did deny altering the weather so far away as New Jersey and Pennsylvania—which also have had several wet weeks. He also denied causing any flood risk."

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**Unemployment In U. S. Drops For Second Month**  
WASHINGTON, —(AP)—The Bureau of Labor statistics reports that more than a half million workers were added to industrial and commercial payrolls between mid-March and mid-April. The bureau said that about 800,000 jobs were added to the work force in the two months ended April 15—not including the return of striking workers. Last year in the same period, employment declined by 100,000. A total of 42,800,000 workers in these non-agricultural and non-military jobs was reported this year, approximating the level of April 1949. Unemployment dropped substantially for the second successive month. It declined to 3,500,000 in April from 4,100,000 in March, the census bureau reported.

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**DENIES REPORTS** — Katherine Dunham (above), exotic Negro dancer, has denied in New York a published report that she has been receiving attentions from Prince Aly Khan. The magazine article said Aly has been straying from the side of his wife, movie actress, Rita Hayworth. In Cannes Aly denied a report published in an Italian newspaper that he and Rita are thinking of getting a divorce. Rita is in Paris to buy some dresses, as Aly explained the trip. (AP Wirephoto).

Howell explained why he has been so cautious about claiming credit for the recent rainfall. "It's like a marksman's nightmare, in which he shoots at a target while other men are shooting indiscriminately. You take one

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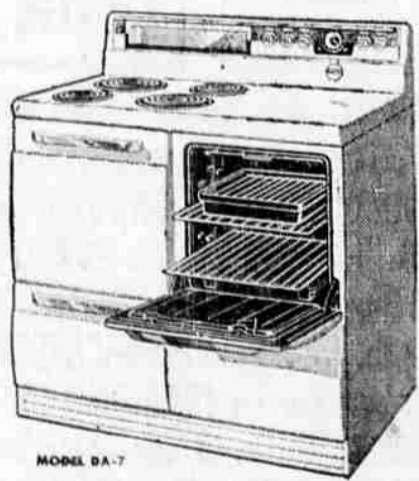
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