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Purges in Satellite States

The dropping of Ana Pauker, high priestess of Communism in Romania from office in the government and power in the Communist party, has started a great deal of speculation. The official report accused her of capitalist deviationism, but such is the gobbledygook of Communist jargon that the only sure meaning of the charge is that she "lost out." Coming as it did after purges in Czechoslovakia some have assumed that unrest prevails in the satellite states, or that their performance has fallen short of goals so that the purges were ordered as disciplinary measures.

One cannot be sure of the true causes. They may differ in different countries or among different individuals. One thing is clear that the prescription of the purge is the standard practice of Communist materia medica, both in government and within the party. There is no personal security except for those who in the competition for power and place are able to save themselves. Both Stalinism and Leninism are based on deception and the double-cross, as Edward Cranshaw writes in an article in last week's New York Times Magazine.

The purge is a convenient device employed by those in power to accomplish certain objectives. As Cranshaw says:

It may be used directly, to kill off the once faithful, who have suddenly begun to doubt; or it may be used to get rid of particular individuals or groups, who have served their purpose and look for a reward which Stalin has no intention of bestowing; or it may be used to liquidate a policy for a time pursued by Stalin, but now to be abandoned; or it may be used to provide the people with scapegoats, or whipping boys, for Stalin's own errors; or it may be used as a blunt instrument of terror, to keep the people cowed.

Cranshaw offers no opinion as to the reason for the recent purges in Romania and Czechoslovakia. He is sure however that the object was to make it easier for Stalin to mold these countries to his own will, "for the greater glory and security of the Soviet Union."

The second act in the three-act tragedy of the purge (Act I, charge and arrest; Act II, the trial; Act III, the punishment) has not been staged in the case of Ana Pauker or Rudolf Slansky. We are not sure they are under arrest. But they have fallen from power, victims of the very system they helped to forge for their countries.

Exchange Hours, and the West

Members of the New York Stock Exchange have voted to lengthen their trading day, Monday through Friday, by one-half hour, and close on Saturday. Heretofore, they observed Saturday closing only through the summer months.

One reason for the change was to accommodate western customers. When the Exchange closes at three it is only noon on the Pacific Coast (or 11 a.m. under PST). This cuts out any business from the West developing after those hours for that trading day. The time lag has been helpful to western exchanges, Midwest at Chicago, and San Francisco and Los Angeles, which picked up considerable business after the New York market closed.

Recent studies of stock ownership made by Brookings Institution helped to convince New York Exchange members of the desirability of lengthening their trading day. These studies showed that 24.02 per cent of the shares and 22.86 per cent of the shareholders are credited to the West Central, Mountain and Pacific Coast states. Capital no longer clusters around New

Harriman and Barkley are Regarded as Truman Choices But Race Still Wide Open

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON—In the next great drama to be staged at Chicago, the most important actor will remain in the wings (or rather here in Washington) until the grand climax. By an authoritative estimate, Harry S. Truman can swing at least 400 Democratic delegate votes to any candidate the convention likes, and can give at least 200 delegate votes to a candidate the convention does not like.

Such, at any rate, is said to be the President's measurement of his own power in his party. All those close to Truman agree that the President is in the mood of a cheerful traveler happily surveying a Swedish smorgasbord table.

It is quite possible that the choice among the bewildering variety of Democratic candidates who constitute the smorgasbord. If so, he has only whispered it to one or two confidential agents. In any case, one can venture a highly informed guess as to where the choice may fall, and where it will not fall. Proceeding by the method of elimination, the candidates who are highly unlikely to get the Presidential nod are the following:

Kefauver is unchanged, although those close to the White House say the President will not interpose a veto if the convention goes Kefauver's way.

Sen. Robert A. Kerr, of Oklahoma, is a Truman crony, and is supported by other Truman cronies, but his associations are too oily, and Truman thinks he has no national standing.

Sen. Richard B. Russell, of Georgia, Truman likes and respects Russell, and is grateful for his cooperation in the effort to work out an agreed civil rights plank. But he feels Russell cannot carry the big northern states.

Among the serious, active candidates, therefore, the President's choice may be considered as lying between W. Averell Harriman and Vice President Alben Barkley. Each of these two has his own special attraction and drawbacks in the President's eyes.

Harriman is a 100 per cent Fair Dealer, who would fight it out with Gen. Eisenhower on domestic issues in the hammer-and-tongs manner Truman admires. Harriman's candidacy was strongly encouraged by the White House. It did not begin as a serious candidacy, but Harriman has made it into a serious candidacy by his own sheer guts and determination. The President has been much impressed by reports recently received of Harriman's performance in Colorado and other Rocky Mountain states. Moreover, he likes Harriman best of all the candidates.

The objection to Harriman is that his nomination would commit the Democrat party to an extreme and radical strategy. Initially, the President favored such a strategy against Gen. Eisenhower. The South was to be cast to the winds. A strong, aggressive fight on home issues was to win the northern states. But the recent performance of Gen.

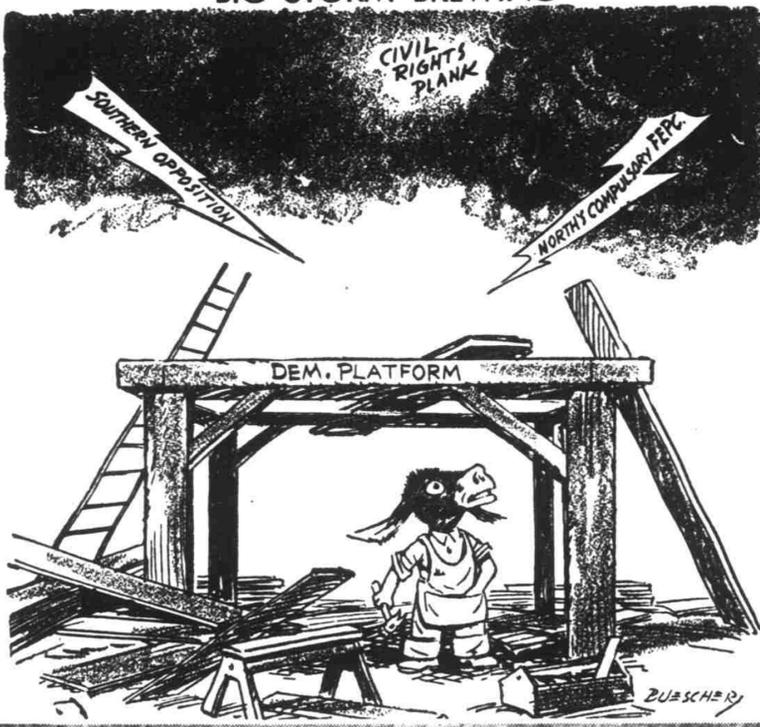
Eisenhower and the Republicans in general has made this strategy less attractive. And because of the southerners' opposition, a Truman nod to Harriman would be almost sure to split the Democratic party.

As for Vice President Barkley, he is the candidate of the Senate and not of the White House. Truman does not much love Barkley, despite the faithful service Barkley has given to him. Yet Barkley is a vigorous campaigner. He would unite the party instead of dividing it. He has a surprising amount of hidden northern support. The objection to him, both in the eyes of Truman and of the party in general, is simply his age. Because the Vice President is seventy-four, he looks, inevitably, like a caretaker candidate. And against Eisenhower, a caretaker candidate is not a tempting candidate.

If all goes as now planned, the President will weigh these pros and cons until the appropriate time (unless he has already made his decision). Then, when the right time comes, either Harriman or Barkley will benefit by the laying on of hands. If Barkley is the choice, the laying on of hands can easily be enough to put him over. If Harriman is chosen, the outcome will be more doubtful, because of the southerners.

In short, despite the greatness of the President's potential influence, and his present intention to choose a candidate of his own at the right time, the final decision of this Democratic convention is still unpredictable. The plain truth is that the delegates will perceive the same objections to either of the President's choices as the President himself has noted. And if the convention thinks that these objections are insuperable, a kind of basket-of-eels deadlock can still result, and the convention can still turn to Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois.

BIG STORM BREWING



Comes the Dawn

Some summer conventions not reported in the usual run of daily news:

The annual convention of the Willamette Valley Rock Skippers and Crawfish Searchers Association. This lively group is made up solely of fathers who attend picnics with young children and are called upon to teach them (the kids) how to hunt rocks over stream surfaces and how to skip for crawfish. Roundtable discussions were held on such topics as "A Study of the Variables in Wind Resistance For Flat Rocks and Round Ones," "Stone Bruises and What To Do For Them," and "Separating The Toddler From The Crawfish."

The semi-annual picnic and fishery of the Society of Cross-word Puzzle Addicts. The convention opened with a heated talk by J. Fgy Oof on the general theme of legislation seeking to eliminate the use of words meaning old Roman coins. Lithuanian wine measures and Egyptian dynasties in crossword puzzles. Mr. Oof, often billed as the "only man in the world to work puzzles in a three letter word meaning writing fluid," said that the use of intricate medical terms by puzzle makers was driving him stark, raving three-letter word meaning angry.

The annual conclave of the Pacific Coast Association of Flying Saucers and Other Strange Heavenly Phenomena Sighters. This fraternal group of 100,000 was nearly split assunder over debate on a proposal that PCAFSOSHPS members should take a loyalty oath. The convention was almost thrown into a tizzy when a member reported having sighted unexplainable visionary phenomena on the second night of the sessions. His report was thrown out, however, when it was discovered that his experience occurred right after a lively welcoming committee party in one of the hotel rooms.

The quarterly debate and oratory session of the Union of Chronic Worriers. The convention was held out-of-doors because convention goers were fearful an auditorium might burn down. Topics discussed (until everyone was sick and had headaches) included: "How To Find Additional Things To Worry About," "How To Keep An Ulcer When Things Are Going Good, Which They Never Are," "Getting The Most Out Of Death, Taxes, Famines, Depressions, Wars and High Prices." Helpful advice from old worriers was passed along to beginners. And one resolution called on members to not just sit around and worry alone but to pass the bad news along to friends.

The annual seminar of the Oregon Association of Vacation Wives. This organization is made up of wives who have qualified for membership by making up their husbands' minds on where to spend the family vacation. Panel sessions included such interesting topics as "Husbands vs Dogs As Vacation Companions," "Road Maps—And How To Train Men To Read Them," "A Critique On Effective Back Seat Driving," and "The Use Of The Tantrum In Changing Your Mate's Mind." One resolution passed by the organization urged members to train their husbands on the proper care of children on vacation trips. This, the women felt, would give them a chance to relax and enjoy their vacations.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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stood in the big room, a pile of cotton bags beside it, ready for the cleaning of the clover and timothy seed.

It was the orchard, however, which held the greatest lure. There granddad liked to sit in the shade. Youngsters sought fallen apples in the tall grass, hoping to find some free of worm-holes; or climbed the tree to pick the ripe ones. The waterer sought its cool shade when the breakdown of a binder in the grain field provided a respite from his chores of riding the pony and bringing water to the thirsty harvest hands, the strap in the jug-handle looped over the pommel of the saddle.

The old house had its memories. It had been located on that side of the homestead because that gave easiest access to an old military road. The new house was built on higher ground, near the corner where a church stood, with its country graveyard, and where the newer road, laid out on section lines, led to the county seat. The old house was hallowed with the deep experiences of living: birth and death, singing and dining and just visiting.

The folk, in the new house which was no longer new, liked

occasionally to go down to the old house, to see if a missing hen had hidden a nest under it, or if the red plums were ripe. Perhaps in the dusk of the evening, when the harvest hands were sitting out on the porch or lying on the grass under the maple tree, resting, smoking their pipes, speculating on whether the rain would hold off till the harvest was done, the grandmother might be seen coming up the lane, a basket on her arm filled with Siberian crab-apples from the old orchard—"nothing like those crab-apples for jelly," she would say.

"The old farm home is mother's yet, and mine, And filled it is with plenty and to spare, But we are lonely here in life's decline Tho' fortune smiles around us everywhere.

"We look across the gold of the harvests as of old; The corn, the fragrant clover, and the hay; But most we turn our gaze, as with eyes of other days To the orchard, where the children used to play."

To the orchard, and to the old house nearby, and back into the misty past.

The Safety Valve Four Soldiers Arrive Monday

AFTER THE TUMULT
To the Editor:
Now that the "sound and fury," the "tumult and shouting" of the Republican convention is dying down and the Democratic convention is not yet under way, it may be well in the lull to appraise developments up to the present.

In brief, as usual "we the people," get stung. Eisenhower apparently is less of an evil than Taft or MacArthur. How much less if any is problematical. For a candidate for vice-president the party's choice was more restricted. About the only worse choice that could have been made is Joe McCarthy. Nixon is a less evil than Joe McCarthy, if he is a less evil, only because he is of lesser caliber.

In a recent interview Martin Dies is reported to have said he had been "vindicated" by events. Following this assumption, Judas Iscariot might be said to have been "vindicated" since Christ was considered something of a "subversive" by some.

H. M. STRYKER, Salem.

Included in the more than 3,000 Marines and Navy veterans who will return Monday from Korea aboard the U. S. transport M. C. Meigs is Sgt. Eldon W. Shafer. Shafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Shafer, 1220 N. 21st St., graduated from Salem High School in June, 1948. He worked one year and then attended Oregon State College 1949-50. He entered the U. S. Marines Nov. 27, 1950 and has been in Korea since July 13, 1951. His parents last heard from him July 4th when he wrote saying he was on his way from Korea.

Also listed as being aboard the transport are Cpl. John R. Monroe, 370 N. Cottage St.; Cpl. Lawrence D. Brown, Salem Route 9; and Cpl. Jacob O. Zeisler, West Stayton.

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Death Claims F. V. Edwards, Mill Worker

Forrest V. Edwards, Oregon Pulp and Paper Co. employe and resident of Roberts and Salem most of his life, died Friday at his home on Route 5. Born in Frankfort, Kans., Sept. 12, 1895, Edwards came to Oregon with his family when he was two and a half. They settled in Roberts where Edwards lived until moving to Salem several years ago. He was a member of the Roberts Grange. Surviving are his widow, the former Reba Rodgers to whom he was married at Eugene Feb. 17, 1914; a son, Forrest Leroy Edwards of Beaverton; two brothers, John and Claude Edwards, both of Salem; two half-brothers, Orie Martin of Portland and Clarence Martin of Salem and six grandchildren. A daughter, June Eyerly, died in 1946. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Virgil T. Golden Co.

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