

# Voting Listless In Illinois Primary

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois listlessly paraded the country off to the 1954 primary wars today. The state primary is the nation's first for picking the Republican and Democratic rivals who will fight it out in November for U. S. Senate and House seats.

Several million potential voters in the Prairie State apparently weren't much impressed by it all.

For one thing, the Democrats didn't put on much of a show today—no statewide races at all. Nobody challenged Sen. Paul H. Douglas in the party primary and only one Democratic House member out of nine had any opposition.

## Jury Hears Six Witnesses

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP)—Six witnesses subpoenaed last week testified Monday before the Lincoln County Grand Jury as the investigation into alleged vice activities in the county resumed after a week's recess.

Capt. Ray Howard of the Oregon state police was the first witness of the morning. He has appeared several times before. Other witnesses during the day were L. G. English of Toledo, former district attorney; Mrs. Vernon Burroughs of Taft, widow of the late "Curly" Burroughs; D. J. Fulge, a former state patrolman, Virgil Rhodes, chief of the Waldport police, and C. O. Delap, former Waldport police chief.

## PREMIER DIES

HALIFAX, N. S. (AP)—Premier Angus L. Macdonald, 64, of Nova Scotia died in Victoria Hospital Tuesday.

The feature attraction of the political arena was a free-for-all among nine Republicans for the U. S. senatorial nomination and a chance at yanking Douglas out of the Senate seat he won six years ago.

In addition, 9 of the 16 Republican House members, four of them chairmen of major committees, had to fend off party competitors in Tuesday's balloting before they could compete in the general election next fall.

These were the contests the nation was watching, even though they offered no conclusive test of sentiment on national issues or any accurate gauge of the administration's popularity in the Midwest.

If the Illinois voters were excited at all, it was more about local issues, such as proposed sales taxes in four cities, and people trying for nominations to offices in local and county governments and the state legislature.



**REUNION IN FRANKFURT** — Valeriu C. Georgescu, Romanian-born American business executive is flanked by his sons, Peter, 15, left, and Constantin, 19, at Frankfurt, Germany airport following the boys' arrival from Communist Romania. The youths, Georgescu said, were able to leave Romania because of the help of the U. S. State Department. It was first time they'd seen each other since 1947. Georgescu had refused to be blackmailed into spying to win release of the teenage boys.

## 'Round the World

### Vietminh Guns Blast Dien Bien Phu Defenders

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—Vietminh artillery blasted the defenders of Dien Bien Phu again Tuesday but the Communist-led rebels still held back the massive all-out assaults the French Union forces expect before the weekend.

Under a virtual umbrella of 75 and 105 millimeter barrages, the Vietminh sent out squads to gather up the hundreds of their comrades killed or wounded in vain attempts earlier to take the 1,200-foot eastern hill position the French seized Saturday.

The vital stronghold is only 1/2 of a mile from the deeply bunkered heart of Dien Bien Phu. The French still held it Tuesday, after beating off violent rebel counterattacks Sunday and Monday.

Heavy fog under the leaden skies of the threatening spring monsoon cut the French aerial assaults against the jungled hills surrounding Dien Bien Phu. But the American-supplied fighters and bombers ranged far to the northeast and north of Hanoi, blasting out big sections of the main highways over which Red China sends thousands of tons of war equipment to the rebels.

## Supply Route Sealed

SAIGON, Indochina (AP)—The French command announced Tuesday that French and Laotian forces, executing an enveloping movement, had sealed off the Vietminh's main communications route into south and central Laos.

The operation, carried out in extreme secrecy during the past ten days, was accomplished without a fight.

The communications route which the French and Laotians stopped up is a narrow pass in the limestone hills of central Laos, which spills out to the north into the valley of Paphao.

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## Leopold Returns

PANAMA (AP) — Former King Leopold III of Belgium returned Monday from a 14-day trek through the wilds of Panama where he retraced the route followed by Vasco Nunez de Balboa when he discovered the Pacific in 1513.

Leopold's wife, the Princess de Rethy, who had expressed fears for his safety when he was deep in the jungle, welcomed him at the airport. Leopold's only injuries were countless insect bites and a blister on his small toe.

## Spy Plot Revealed

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australian Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies said Tuesday that a Soviet diplomat who asked and was granted political asylum has revealed a Russian spy plot in Australia.

Menzies said that Soviet Secret Police (MVD) documents handed over by the refugee diplomat, Vladimir Michaelovich Petrov, involved both Australian citizens and Soviet MVD agents in Australia in the plot. Petrov, a career diplomat who had been serving as the third secretary in the Soviet Embassy, chose freedom after living in Australia since February, 1951.

# Family Has Joyful Reunion

## Georgescu Sons Arrive in U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — Away from prying eyes, Mrs. Lygia Georgescu was tenderly reunited Tuesday with her two sons who were hostages in Romania for seven years.

Government officials and crew, together with other passengers, understandingly first left the big Pan American plane that carried Constantin, 19, and Peter, 15, from London to Idlewild Airport.

Then a public health official signalled to Mrs. Georgescu who had waited in an office. She walked toward the plane, then broke into a run. As she neared the craft's doorway, the older youth emerged from the cabin and embraced his mother.

Then they stepped within the plane and the little family group met privately for a few minutes. Also present was the boys' father, Valeriu Georgescu, 50-year-old oil company executive who met them in Munich Monday.

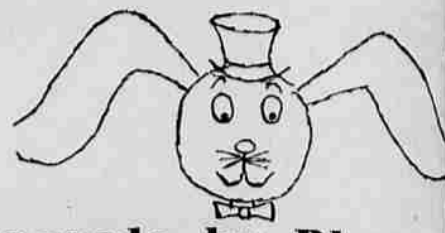
After the reunion, the youths stepped from the plane and told reporters they were "proud" that their father, a naturalized American citizen, had refused to spy against the United States in their behalf.

The Georgescu case broke into headlines last year when the father disclosed to the State Department that a blackmail attempt had been made by a member of the Romanian legation.

The boys, rosy cheeked and healthy looking, smiled constantly during their impromptu meeting with the press alongside the pair spoke little English, except for constantly repeating "thank you very much." Their father translated for them.

Constantin said that they had heard through friends that their father had told on Radio Free Europe and Voice of America of his refusal to spy.

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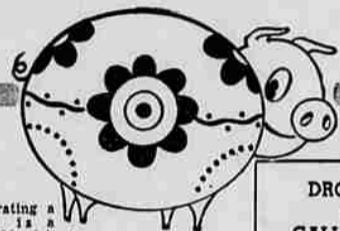
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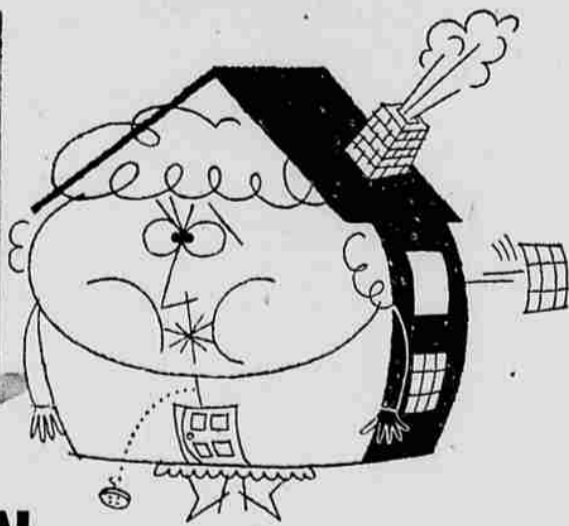


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