

GOP Hits Political Cross Roads This Week for '50 Campaign

Washington, Dec. 13 (AP)—Republicans roll up to a political cross roads this week in the 1950 congressional campaign. Party leaders face financial and strategic decisions at meetings in New York and Chicago. Individual members already were busy trying to set the republican vehicle in the directions they think victory lies next year.

R. Douglas Stuart of Lake View, Ill., newly appointed party treasurer, began mapping a fund drive. His appointment was announced Saturday. He succeeds Jas. S. Kemper of Chicago, who resigned Nov. 3 because the party's reserve fund had dwindled to only \$90,000.

Stuart is vice chairman of the board of the Quaker Oats Company of Chicago, and a National Boy Scout official.



Senator Jenner (R., Ind.) called for a different turn on international affairs, blasting again at the bipartisan foreign policy which has had the loving care of Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.).

Senator Ferguson (R., Mich.), who rode with Jenner around the world on one of those inspection tours by which many members of congress take up the time between sessions, promised a statement of his own views a little later.

Senator Alken (R., Vt.) took Senator Bricker (R., Ohio) to task for suggesting formation of a new party through a coalition of southern Democrats and northern Republicans.

That just wouldn't work, the Vermont senator said. He added that he does think a lot of Democrats will join the Republicans in opposing too much centralization of government power in Washington.

In Cleveland, Senator Taft (R., Ohio) will wind up a pre-campaign tour of his home state with a meeting of county leaders. Taft recently declared war on what he called the Truman administration's aim for a "hand-out" state.

feelings toward his wife hadn't changed despite her efforts to send him to prison for life.

"I'm still in love with her," he said, "and with my daughter Donna Jean."

Treasurer—The Chicago Times said that Robert Douglas Stuart (above) 63, of Chicago, President of the Quaker Oats company, has been named treasurer of the Republican National committee, succeeding James S. Kemper, who resigned. The Sun Times said Stuart accepted the post three weeks ago but that an official announcement was not made at that time. (AP Wirephoto)

Pope Pius Hopes for Era of Holiness

Vatican City, Dec. 13 (AP)—Pope Pius II said today that although the world had not yet reached an accord for avoiding war he hoped next year would bring to it an era of justice, happiness and holiness.

The pontiff, resplendent in red, gold and white robes, addressed 15 cardinals at a solemn consistory in the long consistory hall of the Vatican palace.

The pope named three papal legates—Clemente Cardinal Mi-

Pope Gets Dagger From Man Who Planned His Death

Rome, Dec. 13 (AP)—A trolley conductor handed to Pope Pius XII a dagger with which he once had planned to kill him, the Rome newspaper *Il Tempo* reported today.

The dramatic scene occurred last Thursday night in the pontiff's private chapel after a special rosary service attended by a small group of street car workers and Vatican laborers, the newspaper said.

The conductor, identified as Bruno Cornacchiola, accosted the pontiff and said, according to *Il Tempo*, "Holy father, here is a Bible which I used to speak against the church and here is the dagger with which I planned to do you harm. I beg your forgiveness."

An unofficial Vatican source confirmed the story, which quoted Cornacchiola as saying he had thought of killing the pope years ago when he was fighting in the Spanish Civil War.

Il Tempo said that the pope "smiled with paternal indulgence and asked the man in front of him why he had wished to harm him, but the repentant sinner preferred to say only 'I beg forgiveness.'"

The pope then caressed the man's cheek, whispered, "God bless you," and withdrew, keeping the Bible and the dagger, the newspaper said.

Dimitrov's Body On View in Sofia

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 13 (AP)—Bulgarian communists today filed in homage before the embalmed body of their late pre-

mier, Georji Dimitrov, which was placed on view yesterday in Sofia's Ninth of September square.

The body, like that of Nicolai Lenin in Moscow's Red square, was embalmed by a secret Soviet process which the Russians said would preserve it indefinitely.

Dimitrov's body, encased in a glass coffin, lies atop a black marble podium, in a high-ceilinged room, 12 feet square. The body is dressed in black. A flesh-colored light glows above it.

Dimitrov, who fathered Bulgaria's postwar communist government, died last July.



New Escape Method Tested—The navy's new twin jet F3D all-weather fighter has an emergency exit different from most jet planes. Conventional ejection seat catapults the pilot straight up so he can clear the tail section of the fast moving plane. The F3D features a chute which permits the pilot to drop out beneath the belly of the speeding jet. The system has been tested up to 500 m.p.h. successfully. Photos on left were taken from another plane; those on right taken with aid of mirror mounted on wing tip of the F3D. (Acme Telephoto)

HEART STILL RULES

Husband Still Loves Wife Who Accused Him of Murder

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 13 (AP)—Auto salesman Arnold Larson found innocent of first degree murder, said today he still loves his estranged wife, who accused him of killing Dr. James McLoone to avenge the death of their son.

A circuit court jury returned a verdict of innocent late Friday night after deliberating the fate of the dapper, 35-year-old defendant for six and one-half hours.

The jury rejected Mrs. Larson's testimony that her husband confessed to her last August, "I killed the doctor."

It accepted, instead, Larson's denial of the charges, and his story that he was at home the night of November 14, 1947, when the prominent La Crosse physician was shot fatally and

his body dumped along a highway.

District Attorney John Coleman attempted to prove that Larson killed McLoone because he blamed the doctor for his son's death following an operation.

Two-year-old Jimmy died in February, 1944, in a hospital here.

Smiling happily after he was freed by the jury of 11 men and one woman, Larson said his

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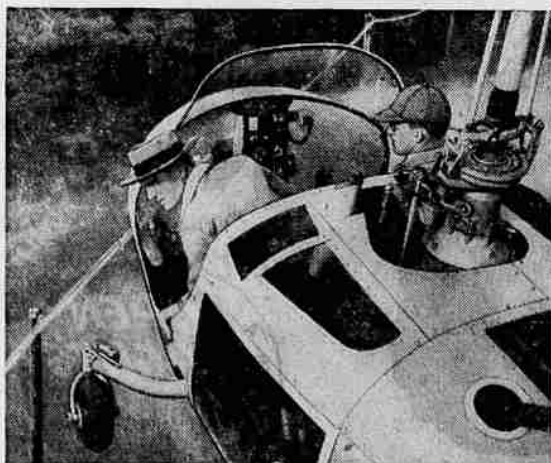
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