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## Stassen Takes Chill Off New England Weather With Warm Speeches

Plods Through Snow in 12-Below-Zero to Greet Voters; MacArthur Movement Lags

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CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 27—Harold Stassen galloped his way through New England's mountain white, 12-below-zero world today making speeches, shaking heads, overturning every snow-covered stone that might conceal a President-nominating delegate.

Here and in Vermont the story is about the same: The fight for delegates to the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia is largely a two-way affair between the ex-Minnesota governor and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

Until last Friday this might have been called Eisenhower country. But the general is out of it now, the Gen. Douglas MacArthur movement hasn't struck much fire and the local politicians don't seem high on Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

The New Hampshire primary Mar. 9 involves only a small bundle of nine delegates, but it is important beyond mere delegate numbers.

### Outline His Policy

Mr. Stassen, who now claims a first-ballot strength of 200, knows it is too early to get hard-and-fast promises in many cases. But his idea is to let the folks see him, and to lay down his own American brand of political philosophy. Yesterday after he had mushed across Vermont's picture-postcard country, Gov. Ernest Gibson said:

"I'm sure Mr. Stassen has a lot of friends in Vermont." It wasn't an endorsement. He gave Tom Dewey some words, and mentioned Gov. Earl Warren of California.

Mr. Stassen has some set speeches in which he discusses the issues, but it's in the question periods afterward that the New Englander's avid town-meeting interest in affairs shows up. In Montpelier and Burlington, the folks turn the book at him.

### Queried About Russia

They asked him about relations with Russia, about the Tart-Hartley law, universal military training and the proposed tax-cut bill.

No fumbling, no dodging from Mr. Stassen. To take one example:

If we remain strong and firm, said Mr. Stassen, there is ground for "sane optimism" that Russian policy may veer toward a more peaceful way.

The U. S. should not ship Russia electrical equipment and machinery which could help build a Communist war machine, he warned.

On all questions his answers are similarly outspoken. The New Englanders seemed to like it.

### Copies Ancient Tradition

Mr. Stassen says frequently he is pledged to the notion of getting the issues before the people, much in the old New England town-meeting tradition.

But Mr. Stassen believes there are differences between his thinking and Mr. Taft's on which the public should be allowed to pass. He is much closer to Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg's ideas on foreign policy than to Mr. Taft's, for example, and he believes his domestic pattern veers away from the Ohioan's toward a more progressive way.

## U. S. Saving Bond Holdings Hit Peak

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—U. S. citizens are holding \$31 billions now in savings bonds, more than they ever did in wartime.

The President, in his annual message to Congress, said his administration will do its "utmost" during the current year to sell more savings bonds.

There will be a drive to sell the popular E-bonds to the public in the spring, if Congress votes the money for the campaign, as a means of fighting inflation.

The drive has not been announced because it must await congressional action on a budget for this purpose. Treasury officials aren't talking but admit they want a renewed effort to get industry to encourage payroll savings in federal bonds.

One official, pointing to the accumulation of E-bonds, which are those bought by individuals, said he believed the public instinctively was aware that it must restrain inflation.

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### SALESMEN AT LEBANON

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LEBANON, Jan. 27—District sales managers of the U. S. Machine Corp. from various parts of the nation are holding their annual sales and training conference here, to end with a dinner tomorrow night.

Thirty districts with more than 800 distributors for Winkler products of the corporation are represented at the conference.

## IN INDIANAPOLIS

### EVENTS TODAY

State Pastors' Conference (through Thursday)—Third Christian Church. Indiana State Conference—Annual Dinner—Indianapolis Athletic Club. Howe High School Oratorical Contest—8 p. m., school auditorium.

### EVENTS TOMORROW

War Surplus Sale by War Assets Admin.—345 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis—9 a. m.—345 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis—Annual Conference—Assurance Health Conference—Beginning at 9:30 a. m., Ayres' Auditorium, Kiwanis Club—Claypool Hotel.

### BIRTHS

At St. Francis—Charles, Marjorie Collett, Ralph, Mildred Fox, and Verlin, Ruth, Mikell.

At Coleman—Russell, Mary, Donald, Alvin, Dawson, Elmer, Lois Paul, and Louis, Dorothy, Spahr.

At General—Thomas, Maxine, Louise, Verlin, Mary, Priscilla, and Albert, Betty, Canady.

At Methodist—Marion, Nedra, Duval, Ben, and Charles, and Carl, Cran, and Carl.

At St. Vincent's—Charles, Betty, Jean, George, and Paul, and Paul, Betty, Sime.

At St. Francis—Donald, Betty, Verna, Spear, and Paul, Betty, Sime.

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