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YOUR WORLD IN NINE MINUTES

News preoccupations made this a quiet week at home, but outside, saw America warm-up for next year's Presidential election. Dark horse is Earl Warren - California's Governor. A steady Republican, his chances are not considered very high. Another uncertainty is Henry Wallace, former Vice-President Editor of the leftist "New Republic," Wallace may yet head a third party. A certain nomination is Republican Harold Stassen. A recent visitor to Britain and Moscow, Stassen has come out openly against controls and socialism.

Last year's candidate, Republican Tom Dewey, hopes to stand again. His New York Governorship may lead him to the White House. Unlike Dewey, Senator Robert Taft has announced that he is a candidate. A staunch Republican, the bespectacled Senator from Ohio was one of the few who voted for a cut in America's aid programme for Europe.

Safe in the White House till early 1949 is Harry Truman, the ex-haberdasher from Missouri. His position at home has been greatly strengthened by his firm handling of domestic problems. Truman's opponent may be one of his own army commanders, General Douglas MacArthur. Republicans favour him and believe that, if he stood, he would be elected. Like MacArthur, another general - Dwight Eisenhower is silent about presidential ambitions. Retired as army chief, Eisenhower (now President of Columbia University) is now free to enter the political field. It will be an election of vital importance to Britain. Just as important and of more immediate concern - is the guerilla warfare on the Greek border. The United Nations Special Committee on the Balkans is at present meeting in Salonika to investigate Greek charges of foreign intervention. Warlike incidents are a regular occurrence in the frontier districts.

A parade of flags and banners greeted the representatives on their arrival in Thessaloniki. Their placards asked for arms and the closing of the frontiers.

While Greeks fight a war on their borders, the internal economy of the country is facing a breakdown. Aid under the Marshall Plan is urgently needed. Other European countries are meeting their reconstruction problems realistically. In Prague is the world's longest open stairway. Today, these stone steps serve as a testing ground for Czech cars. Pre-war, Skoda cars were known throughout the world. Now, the motor industry has been nationalised.

In competition with other countries, British products will have to reach an even higher standard to make foreign markets their own. The Czechs are also trying-out the endurance of their motorcycles.

After this severe test the motor bikes should be able to stand-up

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to any road conditions. And it is in the field of road transport that the Americans have found something different. The Chinoek Huskies - named after Admiral Byrd's dog at the South Pole - are trained out on the New Hampshire roads. Back at their kennels, Dean Richard Moulton looks after more than fifty dogs.

In these days of housing shortage, the huskies don't mind if home is a little overcrowded. New family members are always coming along to make things still more difficult. But the solution is easy, after all, even the youngest husky has heard of a Christmas stocking.

Arctic dogs in the making - they are not ready yet for the North Pole.

The cameras also had news from India. Agreement has now been reached between the two Dominions. But, apart from Kashmir, Nehru's government has still another problem to settle. The Nizam of Hyderabad, ruler of India's biggest state, has refused to accede to the Indian dominion and the whole subject has been postponed for a year.

The Nizam - the world's richest man and ruler of 16 million people - has been given a breathing space. Within the next 12 months, the man whose palace is a showpiece of the world, may realize that the only future for his state is in joining the Indian Union.

Hyderabad's ruling class is Moslem. Three quarters of the population is Hindu. They have no democratic rights. In the past there has always been the British Raj - although Hyderabad was also free from British India. Now, bloodshed has been averted - at least for 12 months. For a state the size of England and Wales, the future is uncertain.

But there was also a lighter side to the news. While British children settle for pantomime, American boys and girls have other ideas. These youngsters are the neighbours of the four Moore children whose father is a taxi driver. In his backyard, he has built a picture set. A cabbie at night, by day Charlie Moore is producer, director, script writer and cameraman of Wild West Epics like this - "The Black Rider." In the ever so tough town of Schnitzel, the Sheriff, for once, is minding his own business as the local black sheep Clackberry, decides to make a break.

The sheriff has eyes only for the resident Cleopatra, Jane Moore - aged four, and Clackberry (minus moustache) gets away.

Outside Schnitzel, a mysterious masked man smells trouble. It's the black rider - who has been falsely accused of murder by the villain - who wants to kidnap Jane - who loves the Black Rider - who wants to liberate Schnitzel.