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YOUR WORLD IN NINE MINUTES

These 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 programs 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