

TRUMAN L.T.-P.G. Tues. Feb. 12 - '52.

The big political headline tonight is a slight hint about the intentions of President Truman. He's making such a mystery of the guessing game, that even a feint, ambiguous intimation - is front page.

Today, from the White House emerged Congressman Adolph Sabath of Illinois, who seldom lets the reporters down. Other congressional dignitaries, after talking ~~xxx~~ politics with the President, confine themselves to brief statements of nothing in particular. But Congressman Sabath hands out a headline: - that Harry Truman would run again, even at the risk of shortening his life, if it would help the cause of world peace. So, does that indicate the President will seek re-election? Well, it's this way -- and that!

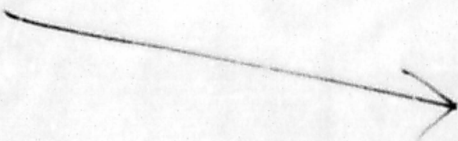
They discussed the trials and tribulations of the presidency.)

"He talked about how it was a killing job," says the Congressman. "How it killed Franklin D. Roosevelt, and how <sup>W</sup> he, Harry Truman, has put in his seven years. But," the Congressman goes on, "he said

that, "if he thought it would help the cause of peace, he would be willing to sacrifice his health, shorten his life, and be a candidate again."

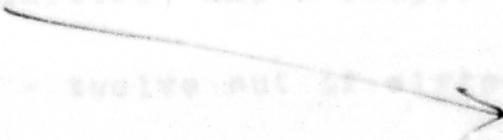
The Congressman concludes by saying - he does not believe the President has made a final decision, not yet.

So that's tonight's big answer - maybe he will, and maybe he won't.



ADD TRUMAN

On the Republican side, both Taft and the Eisenhower supporters claim a victory in Oklahoma. The State G O P has picked sixteen delegates to the Republican National Convention. Six favor Taft, five like Ike, four are uncommitted, and one is for General MacArthur.



The conflicting victory-claims work out this way:- Supporters of Eisenhower say that Oklahoma has been considered Taft territory, so General Ike did mighty well - winning five, with six for Taft. The Taft people declare that their candidate will get the four delegates uncommitted, and a couple of others will switch. Giving Taft - twelve out of sixteen from Oklahoma.

The nation celebrated Lincoln's birthday with commemorations far and wide - President Truman leading the observances at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. But, most of all, it was a field day for Republican orators, the birthday of the first Republican President being a prime ~~event~~ occasion for the spellbinders of the G O P in denouncing the <sup>Truman</sup> democratic administration.

## COMMUNIST

Communist leader Steve Nelson - acquitted on charges of contempt of Congress. In Washington today, Federal Judge Kirkland ruled that, if Nelson had answered the questions asked, he might have incriminated himself. Which lets him out under the Bill of Rights. The questions concerned a case of Red espionage, also matters that could come under the heading of the Smith Law - which makes it a crime to advocate the overthrow of the United States government by violence. And, ~~right~~ right now, Steve Nelson is under indictment at Pittsburgh, for violating the Smith Act.

Today Judge Kirkland said that, from the evidence, the defendant was - "the most famous or the most infamous Communist that ever roamed within the continental limits of the United States. But" added the Judge, "even Satan would get a fair trial in American Federal courts."

## BRITAIN-ATOMIC

Great Britain has declined an offer to use American testing grounds for an explosion of the first British atomic bomb. The reasons are now disclosed, in an explanation given by the State Department.

The British Atomic Scientists would have to bring masses of intricate testing equipment. They couldn't use ours, because that would mean a disclosure of American Atomic Secrets - contrary to the McCarran Act.

The British would want to explode a full atom bomb - and the proper place would be, not our scale/testing grounds on the western desert, but that far Pacific scene of atomic explosions, Eniwetok Atoll. So they'd have to transport their elaborate equipment out there - which would be, <sup>just</sup> ~~about~~ as far as Australia for them. So they might as ~~xxx~~ well do their testing in Australia, where facilities have been provided on <sup>the Back of the Beyond of the Never Never Land</sup> the great empty deserts in the land Down Under.

## BELGIUM

Belgium has a political crisis of an odd sort - the Brussels Parliament voting a motion of censure against the cabinet in power. The motion -- pressed by the socialists. The complaint - that the Belgian government will send the King's brother to the Royal funeral in London, instead of King Baudouin himself. Curious for ~~xxx~~ socialists to be so concerned about British royalty.

But the socialist leader, a former Premier, argued: "Belgium owes her independence to Britain. She has saved us twice." Therefore it <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ a slight and an indignity to send a mere Prince to the funeral of King George the Sixth - instead of the Belgian Monarch himself.

The Premier in power, a conservative, explained -- it was all a matter of "protocol." He said that King Baudouin had never been invited to Britain for an official visit of state - and, therefore, it was not proper for him to go to London for the royal obsequies.



Nevertheless, the socialists ~~ix~~ insisted on their vote of censure, and it was carried by a vote of ninety-one to eighty-four. Socialists, apparently, can be enthusiastic about honor to royalty.

## MILITARY TRAINING

In Washington today, universal military training was attacked by leaders of churches. Director Joseph Dawson of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, declared the southern Baptist Convention believes that U M T will threaten American freedom and lead to "economic slavery." Director Dawson charged further that the bill is being prepared in an atmosphere of what he called - "hysteria."

To which committee Chairman Senator Russell of Georgia replied that the opposition is tinged with "hysteria."

Dr. Walter Van Kirk, head of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States, declared that the twenty-nine denominations he represents are willing to support a <sup>(war-time)</sup> ~~XXXXXX~~ draft for some special emergency. ~~But he claimed that peace-time universal military training would indicate that Congress has abandoned hope of a peaceful settlement of international disputes.~~

~~Ralph Schlosser of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania~~

## KOREA-TRUCE

There's almost no news in the Korean Truce negotiations. The plenary session of the two truce teams is taking a recess -- while the Reds prepare a new compromise proposal for a peace conference to follow the armistice. ~~Today there was an indication that they would insist that Formosa be included in Korean discussions although they would not try to bring up Communist in conflicts in Indo China, Malaya and Burma.~~

General Ridgeway's headquarters in Tokyo ~~declares~~ <sup>says</sup> "The Stage is now set for a possible truce in Korea." But this is qualified with the supposition that the Reds may go on stalling.

## BIBLE

At Columbus, Ohio, they're getting ready to read the Bible before a meeting of the National Council of Churches. Reading the Bible is an old story in that gathering. But - not this Bible.

It's a new version of the Old Testament, prepared by thirty-two Biblical scholars, who have been at the task for half a dozen years. In Nineteen Forty-Six, they published a modern translation of the New Testament. Now - the Old. Publication date, September - an edition of a million to be printed.

Tonight - the first public reading. Before eleven hundred delegates of the National Council of Churches, the Reverend Gerald Knoff of Chicago will recite the Fortieth Chapter of Isaiah, in the new version.

Well, it's always interesting - the Bible in a ~~new~~ more modern guise. There have been repeated attempts, but many Christians find it hard to give up the grandeur and music <sup>of</sup> ~~for~~ the King James version.

Of course much of the language, written three hundred years ago, is obsolete. But that old Bible - the King James version - makes tough competition for any modern translation. Take that Fortieth Chapter of Isaiah. I wonder how the new version will compare with a passage like this:

"Every valley shall be exalted - and every mountain and hill shall be made low. And the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places, plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

(Hard to match that.) Nevertheless, the fact is, that, in general, the English of the King James version does become more archaic and obsolete every year. In time, I suppose it will become <sup>incomprehensible</sup> ~~incomprehensible~~ - like a dead language; (like Anglo-Saxon, Latin and Greek.) So, if people went on adhering to the King James Version, then they would have - a liturgic language; a religious form of speech, no longer understood. <sup>Just</sup> ~~Just~~ as the Jews retained Hebrew all these long centuries, the Hindus their prayers in ancient Sanskrit, and the Roman Catholics, in Latin.

(Some scholars say that a liturgic language has an appeal in religion. So what if, in times to come, the English King James of the Seventeenth Century does become incomprehensible - and Protestants kept on adhering to the King James version? That may mean for some Protestants - a liturgic language.) In the meantime, the Reverend Knoff is reading from the latest version of Isaiah at that important meeting in ~~the~~ Columbus, Ohio.

## DOCTOR

Here's another case of a phoney doctor -- with a brilliant record of achievement. In Mississippi, the State Mental Hospital reports the dismissal of its chief clinical psychiatrist - as a fraud. Dr. Vincent J. Daly of Detroit is accused of having forged his diplomas from Oxford University, in England, and the University of Bern, in Switzerland.

Apparently the only training he ever had was a course in Neuro-psychiatry, that he took in the U.S. Army in World War Two. But he learned his lessons well - and went on to a brilliant, though a fraudulent, career. He held psychiatric posts in a series of hospitals in various parts of the country, winding up as Chief Clinical Psychiatrist in Mississippi.

Today the President of the State Mental Hospital, Dr. W. L. Jaquith stated: "He did a wonderful job here. He was really brilliant, and had a wonderful command of psychiatric knowledge."

But his diplomas from Oxford and Switzerland, they say, turn out to be forgeries.

## PIRATES

The news today gives us a picture of -- piracy, Twentieth Century style. Scene - same old China coast, where the buccaneering trade still flourishes, practiced by slant-eyed successors to black-beard and Captain Kidd. Today, the British passenger steamer, Wingsang, came into Port at Formosa, Her hull riddled with bullet holes - as an illustration for the story.

The Wingsang was navigating in the China Sea, when the pirate vessel appeared - not a sailing junk of the Orient, but a power driven ship. The marauders ordered the Wingsang to heave to - enforcing the demand with a burst of shooting, which raked the side of the steamer, and wounded a sailor.

A Buccaneer party boarded the Wingsang, and they seized the skipper, Captain Ronald Stanton of Liverpool. He was taken over to the pirate craft - where he was held as hostage, during the highway robbery on the high sea.

They were an ugly set of ruffians, wearing nondescript uniforms - and barefoot. But - well armed,



They examined the papers of the passengers and one passport got them excited - a diplomatic document. Belonging - to Edward Stansbury of the U.S. Information Service, stationed at Formosa. With his wife, the American diplomatic official had been on a vacation in Hong Kong, and was returning.

The pirates thought they had caught big game, and immediately demanded a ransom - ~~a thousand pounds~~ *to a value of some* in gold, ~~worth more than~~ *four* hundred thousand dollars. Later they haggled, and got this down to thirty-three thousand dollars. But, they wanted gold; and there was no cargo of gold aboard the Wingsang. Finally, the pirates were satisfied with all the cash there was aboard, stripping the passengers and crew of American dollars and British currency. They got about four thousand dollars - together with several wrist watches. Fascinated by the watches.

~~All of which took about six hours~~ *later* ~~and it~~ *Finally* was ~~night on the ocean~~ *before* the skipper was released, ~~and~~ *and* the pirates made off, The ship's radio

flashed an account of the buccaneering raid.

In due time, British naval vessels appeared. But, long before that, the pirate ship had vanished over the horizon of the China Sea.

And now here's old Captain Case - not Captain Kidd - Captain Case of the good ship Ivory!