

TRUMAN

D.I. - P. & G. Thursday, Dec. 2, 1948.

In his first full dress news conference since his election, Mr. Truman said today that he has requested his whole cabinet to remain in office, and that all the members have agreed. There will be no changes at this time, said the president. ^{Then he went on to say that} ~~Further, said, Mr. Truman was~~ ^{he is} in a forgiving mood, ~~he~~ has no idea of punishing anybody for not supporting him in the ^{recent political} ~~election~~ campaign. When the reporters asked who he was forgiving, he laughed and said ^{oh} nobody. Why? Because he was never angry at anybody.

But he said sternly that he did not want any Dixiecrat votes, ~~as for that matter~~ ^{as} to whether those ten southern Congressmen who supported the States' Rights movement should be deprived of their committee seniority--he'll leave that to Congress. And, he doesn't want the electoral votes of the state ^{righters} put into his column when the electoral college meets.

On the matter of China, ^o (Mr. Truman said that he will certainly meet Madame Chiang, to hear her personal appeal for more American aid to China.) Madame Chiang he ^{went on,} ~~said~~ had asked to see him the moment

she arrived. He expects to see China's first lady as soon as she has rested up from her three day plane trip.

(Mr. Truman wouldn't say just how much additional aid China will get.) He pointed out that conditions in China hadn't developed to the point where American aid could be put to what he called "effective and constructive use." He said that only the Chinese government itself could provide the framework for China's recovery.

~~Here's later word on Madame Chiang: The State Department says she probably will visit Secretary of State Marshall, at Walter Reed Hospital, within the next two day . Perhaps a mere courtesy call. President Truman today stated emphatically that General MacArthur will not be sent to China to reorganize the Chinese armies.~~

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Here's later word on Madame Chiang. The State Department announces that she visited Secretary of State Marshall in Walter Reed hospital Washington this afternoon, and stayed for about an hour.

(In China the Communist radio announces the fall of strategic Suchow.) But the spokesman for the Generalissimo says that Suchow has lost its strategic importance now. The Nationalist government claiming that the situation on the northern front two hundred miles from Hanking is now in their favor.

CRISIS

(East and West parted in Berlin today. The United States, Great Britain and France ordered their liaison officers to quit city hall in the Soviet sector. Leave the offices where the German Communists have set up that rump Berlin City regime.)

The Russians further insulted them by refusing to let the Allied liaison officers leave until they searched their belongings. First they ^{sent} ~~sent~~ a German police official to search the British office. He said he wanted to look at some pictures of King George and Queen Elizabeth. The British liaison officer told him no and showed him the door. So when the British truck, loaded with documents, started off for the eastern zone, the Russians blocked the street with three German police trucks. But after five hours of argument, the German police went home to dinner, and the British truck drove away.

(Word in ~~Berlin~~ today is that the western German mark will now be the sole legal currency in the Allied areas of Berlin.) The Soviet mark useless there, except on the black market.

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From Sunday on, the Allied sector of Berlin will be brightly lighted, all night. Usually street lights are put out at eleven o'clock. But the order now is - keep the lights on! In case the Reds try to use the darkness for any ~~unpleasant~~ sculduggery.

All this we hear will delay Israel's application

to the United Nations.

U. N.

The United Nations in Paris is behind schedule. Weeks behind--bogged down over nearly all vital matters. Today, Herbert Evatt, President of the General Assembly, decided to poll each delegation, to find out whether they would rather adjourn on December Eleventh to return to New York, or stay in Paris. Evatt suggests a brief Christmas recess, and then going straight ahead to clean everything up before moving back to Lake Success.

As for the Palestine situation, that's still unfinished business. The Bernadotte plan is now said to be dead; voted down in the Political Committee. In its place a conciliation commission is to be formed. It's goal, permanent peace. But with no powers to establish

boundaries. (The British and Americans wanted the Commission to be allowed to persuade Israel to trade the Negeb to the Arabs in return for western Galilee and the Port of Jaffa. But that was defeated - voted down by the Arab states voting with the Soviet bloc. So now they have a conciliation commission, with limited powers.)

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JAPAN

The emperor reports to the President. That's a headline in the news today. Emperor Hirohito of Japan has sent a personal message to President Truman by Joseph Keenan, Chief prosecutor of the Japanese war crimes trial. Hirohito tells Mr. Truman that he is doing everything he can to develop democracy in Japan. That he wants the Japanese House of Councillors, that is the upper chamber in the Japanese parliament, to become a legislative body like our own Senate. Also, the ex-son of heaven wishes ^{President Truman} ~~the son of heaven~~ to know that he appreciates the tolerance and the understanding shown to the Japanese people by our occupation force, ^{And he even} ~~and he~~ hails the generosity of our G.I.'s.

Further, we are told, ^{today that} Emperor Hirohito pays a daily compliment to Mr. Truman. ^{now} In his office he ^{has} a bronze bust of Abraham Lincoln. And as he looks at it ^{the Emperor says} ~~it says Hirohito,~~ it reminds him of President Truman.

~~More appeals in Tokyo. Washington has received news that these five Japanese war leaders, sentenced~~

ADD JAPAN

A report from Washington tonight says that the Supreme Court met in secret session today to consider the appeals of the two Japanese war leaders against their death sentences. A decision ^{is} expected Monday, when the court ^{will} meet in public session.

KOREA

(In Paris, a United Nations Commission today recommended the unification of Korea with a government for the whole nation. That government to be modelled on the one we have built up in southern Korea.)

The U. N. Commission criticized the Communist state created by the Russians in northern Korea. It calls it a government "Arbitrarily set up--without international observation." And, it warns of the danger of civil war. The Commission says Korea cannot endure economically, divided, as it is now, ~~into two parts.~~

(Meanwhile, a report from Seoul tells of southern Korean armies in action against the Communists in the north. With the Reds trying to capture a power plant fifty miles inside the border of southern Korea.) This plant supplies current for nearly half of the southern part of the Peninsula. ~~The Reds are also cutting undersea cables and domestic telephone wires, and blocking roads. A general war of nerves, while at the U. N. in Paris, the Russians are asking for the withdrawal of all Soviet and American troops from Korea, at once.~~

RUSSIAN WIFE

The voice of an indignant father was heard in the U. N. today, when a Chilean statesman delivered an unusually bitter speech. Luis Ocampo, who was Chilean^{an} ambassador to Moscow, until relations between the two countries were broken, told a U. N. legal committee how he was separated from his son, because the Soviet government will not allow his son's Russian-born wife to leave Moscow.

"My son," said Ocampo, "has selected his life's partner, so he is staying with her-in Russia to face a future dark with peril." His son's wife, said he, had been threatened with death when she applied for permission to leave. And then he asked if the world was to believe that the security of the Soviet state was so unstable that it was threatened if a few women left the country in order to live with their husbands? He branded the present Soviet state as a police state, and ~~he~~ told how Soviet officials had what he called "played dumb, and refused to do anything when the Chilean government applied for permission for his son's wife to leave. How his daughter-in-law was told that any Soviet

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subject who opposed the wishes of the government was a traitor. That Russia has only one penalty for traitors --death.

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Last week in the U. N. after two years of debate, the social committee completed its declaration on the rights of man-an international bill of rights. The Soviet delegates played a prominent role in the various debates-insisting on equal rights in marriage and divorce, for people everywhere, and agreeing to a clause which met with the unanimous approval of all nations, a clause insisting on the "Right of a human being to freedom of movement-and to leave any country."

Will that alter the situation of those Russian wives married to foreigners, or will the Soviet government ignore the international bill of rights on which its delegates ^{have debated} ~~talked~~ for two years? So far the ^{Kremlin} ~~Soviet~~ has not allowed any women married to foreigners to leave ^{Russia.} ~~its frontiers~~ Its solution to the problem of a separated husband and wife being-easy divorce.

Which is why in the United Nations today, the diplomat from Chile charged that Soviet Russia has gone

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back to ~~the~~ tribal days ~~of the human race~~ - when women were ^{kept} as prisoners. He termed the Soviet action, in keeping his son's wife in Moscow, an outrage. Speaking as a father, he said, that to keep silence would only increase the power of Soviet Tyranny. ^{Therefore he was telling} ~~So he told the~~

^{the} whole story to the committee, revealing his grief and his anxiety--with the bitter charge that Russia ~~was~~ ^{is} violating fundamental human rights. In this case the rights of a man and wife to live where they wish.

WEST COAST

~~Some~~ Shipping activity on the West Coast tonight. A dispatch from San Francisco tells of seafarers and stevedores ~~being~~ ordered back to work for the first time since the maritime strike began. To load just four vessels released by the Maritime unions: And the unions, ~~so~~ we are told, are "only a step" from settlement of their differences with the employers. The four ships being loaded will take relief food for the people of Hawaii and Manila; and Turkeys and Christmas gifts for the U S Army ~~personnel~~ ⁱⁿ the islands.

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ATOMIC

All employees of the atomic energy commission are to be exempted from the Civil Service Act. So ~~it~~ ~~is~~ announced in Washington today. The new policy was decided on because of special problems involved in the atomic project.

The commission says that from now on it will hire on a merit basis of its own. That no political qualifications will be considered when it chooses its employees, — provided they meet security requirements. But the ban on Communists at Oak Ridge, and elsewhere still ~~goes~~ stands.

N A M

In New York City tonight, Walter Bennett of Salt Lake City, Utah, was named next year's President of the National Association of Manufacturers. The Association's Nineteen Forty Nine program which the Utah industrialist will supervise includes a plea for industry to hire more handicapped workers; support of measures for pay hikes for teachers; and cuts in the Federal payroll.

STEER

Some expensive steaks were sold at Chicago today, when the world's prize steer, a coal black Aberdeen Angus from Iowa, changed hands at ten dollars and seventy-five cents a pound. A record price of twelve-thousand nine hundred dollars for a critter weighing one thousand-two-hundred pounds.

~~We all know how exciting an auction can be, but this annual sale of the world's champion steers is tops they say.~~ The high spot *At* the International Livestock Show. Bidding today started at a dollar a pound, and finally rose to ten dollars. Whereupon, the auctioneer appealed for a new record, and got it. Sending a group of Four-H boys and girls from Pecos County, Texas into ecstasies. For their Hereford was the runner up, going for four dollars a pound; five-thousand-a-hundred and sixty dollars - for the youngsters from Pecos.

GOLFERS

From Phoenix, Arizona, we hear of two lawsuits, each for a hundred-and-fifty-thousand dollars - and each settled out of court. The litigants, both golfers. One charged that the other hit him over the head with a putter during a friendly game of golf. To which the other replied with a countersuit for assault, claiming damages of a hundred-and-fifty thousand dollars, because he lost his put[†], and with that deciding put went the game.

And what had his opponent done to him? Why, he tickled him as he was about to sink a put[†]. If you are a golfer you'll know how exasperating that would be - tickled as you are trying to sink the ~~xx~~ winning stroke. And, when his put[†] didn't drop he lost his temper, and conked his opponent on the noggin with his putter.

Whereupon both the golfers brought suit~~/~~ against each other. But, today comes word of the two

lawsuits settled out of court.

Nelson you're a golfer, tell us, which would be worse, to be tickled as you are about to sink your put^t, or to get tapped on the old bean with a putter?

widely reported areas, all the way out to the Pacific Coast.

The Secret Service reports that two masters of the Chicago counterfeit are under arrest, but the government believes they had been able to find the plant where it is made and, until the principal machinery had been seized, the output was very continuous.

The Secret Service estimates that the amount in the hands of the public might be in the millions of dollars. The workmanship is described as excellent, close copies of real money, there are differences between New York and Chicago varieties, but they have this in common - they are ten and twenty dollar bills.