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L.P. - P. G. - Truman. Apr. 30 - '53.

President Eisenhower has cut the Truman budget - by eight and a half billions. He wants that much less to be spent in the next fiscal year, beginning July First. <sup>P</sup>The Truman administration, just before retiring from office, gave Congress a budget of more than seventy-two billion and eight-hundred million. <sup>Which</sup> ~~That~~ is now reduced to sixty-four-billion, -three-hundred million. So stated by President Eisenhower at his news conference this afternoon.

He explained that much of the slash is in the field of military spending and foreign aid. Money to be saved on our armament building program - and less to go for the defense of the free nations abroad.

But the President declared that the huge amount of saving will not impair the growth of American armed strength - nor will it <sup>(mean less American armament for</sup> ~~impair the delivery of weapons to~~ our allies abroad. Both, actually, will be better off, said the President. He explained that this economy will be achieved by an increased efficiency. ~~Spending less by participating in the economy~~

These Eisenhower statements are emphasized by a message the President sent to Congress earlier in the day - proposing a reorganization of the Defense Department. More authority - to be given to the Secretary of Defense, Charles E. Wilson. The purpose - to save money by cutting out waste and extravagance.

An eight and a half billion dollar cut - but that won't mean a balanced budget in the next fiscal year. So said the President, pointing out - that we'd still have some deficit. He refused to talk about the possibilities of reducing taxes, this coming fiscal year. But his meaning was clear. He's on record as opposing any tax reduction, until a balanced budget is in sight.

## TRUCE TALKS

News from Panmunjom indicates - that our side still might be willing to accept India as the neutral nation - to take charge of Red prisoners-of-war who don't want to go home. Our objection based on the assumption that a country in Asia would be located so near to the influence and power of Communism.

Later today, however, our chief negotiator, General Harrison, told newsmen that India might be acceptable after all, but it would have to be "settled at a pretty high level." By the U.N. no doubt.

Actually, the Communists have not named the Asiatic nation they'd want. India is only a supposition. Our side is trying to find out - but the Reds insist on settling another matter first. They want reluctant prisoners to be taken to the territory of the neutral. While we insist they be kept in Korea.

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The wrangle today was on that point - which question should come first?

General Harrison gave the Red negotiating team something to think about by remarking - that if they didn't come to terms in a reasonable time, we'd simply go ahead and liberate those prisoners of war who don't want to go home. Turn them loose in South Korea.

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A late dispatch from Washington quotes Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as declaring - that the United States could not insist on including Indochina in a settlement of the war in Korea. He said the two things would have to be separate, and we should not try to make peace in Indochina a condition for peace in Korea. Secretary Dulles made the statement to a Congressional Committee.

## PRISONERS

Two great transport planes are crossing the Pacific - with the second and third contingents of liberated prisoners-of-war. Sixty-three more coming home. The first, with thirty-five, landed in San Francisco yesterday. Which leaves only fifty-one still in Japan - out of the one hundred and forty-nine ill and injured Americans handed over in the prisoner exchange.

In Tokyo, meanwhile, a returned captive displayed a little black book with the names of more than seventy who remained behind in Red prison camps. They had signed the little black book themselves. The names have been made public, and many homes in the United States are informed that their missing soldier is alive, a prisoner.

Other liberated Americans have handed in similar

lists.

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Here's more about prisoners: tonight our negotiators accused the Communists of holding back three hundred and seventy-five ill or wounded prisoners of war. These should have been released under the agreement for the exchange of sick or wounded prisoners.

The record was tied in Korea today - for shooting  
down Migs. ~~xxxx~~ Captain Manuel Fernandez of Miami, Florida, bagged his  
twelfth. <sup>Which</sup> ~~It~~ puts him even with Colonel Royal Baker, his former  
commanding officer - who has been returned to the United States.

Actually, the ace from Florida may have got numbers  
thirteen and fourteen today. He may have shot down three Migs,  
instead of one. But he doesn't know - the going was too rough.

He was leading four Sabrejets ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~  
toward the Yalu River, when they were jumped by sixteen Migs.  
He got on the tail of one, and fired a burst. The Mig exploded  
in the air. Then he tangled with two others ~~easy jets~~, and  
both went into a spin. They seemed headed for sure  
destruction, but Captain Fernandez doesn't know about that -  
the going too rough.

"I couldn't see what happened to them," he relates.

"The Migs were coming from all directions, making passes at  
me and my wing-man. Everytime I looked around ~~there~~ there was a  
Mig firing at me, but we finally managed to break away, because

we were running short of fuel. I was really glad when the tangle was over."

So he gets credit for one, tying the record - though he may have broken that record, not once, but twice.



London sees a lot of significance, for world politics, in the fact that a debate in the House of Commons has been postponed. A full dress debate on foreign affairs - scheduled for next week. Now put off until the latter part of May.

The belief is that Prime Minister Churchill decided on the postponement - to gain time to arrange for possible negotiations with Soviet Russia. We hear the British government is considering the prospects of high level ~~diplomatic~~ diplomatic talks with Moscow. Not now - but later in the year. Yesterday, Churchill indicated that he'd welcome big time discussions to end the Cold War - and, today, the word is that he is thinking of some sort of "gesture" to improve the chances. Such a "gesture" might perhaps be made in the course of a House of Commons debate. Meanwhile, he wants to consult the Eisenhower administration in Washington on the subject.

~~For the debate has been delayed until the latter part of May~~  
~~and it is expected that the government will announce something more~~  
~~than a "gesture" in the course of the debate.~~

## MAY DAY

Tomorrow is May Day - a traditional occasion for the Reds to blaze away with scurrilous propaganda against - those American imperialists and war-mongers. Today's dispatch from Moscow states that the Soviet capital is all set for a big celebration - spectacular preparations everywhere. But that anti-American propaganda? Conspicuous by its absence.

Stalin is dead, but huge portraits of him decorate the public buildings, together with pictures of Lenin - all as in the past. There are portraits of Malenkov, too - Stalin's successor. But he is shown along with Beria, Molotov, and other members of the Presidium - which has taken the place of the old Politburo. Which carries out the new theory in Russia - government by a committee. A good idea, if it works.

The usual May Day slogans are on display, and these now call for a settlement of world problems, with trade between East and West. Some of the slogans hail friendship with the United States and Great Britain. The old anti-Western diatribes replaced by the new Soviet peace offensive.

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In Tokyo, May Day has already begun - with crowds of Reds in procession. Many of them waving banners with the words, "Yanks - Go Home!" The Japanese police are mobilized to suppress any disturbance raised by the Communists.

## SCHUMAN PLAN

Today, at the city of Luxembourg, a blast furnace flamed, and molten metal poured out. Pig iron was drawn - and that was historic. The first - to be produced under the Schuman Plan.

That program, of course, calls for a merger of coal and iron production by six nations of Western Europe - France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg. Coal and iron to be shipped throughout those countries without any restriction, no tariffs, no quotas - free trade, as if they were a single country. This is without precedent - and may be a step toward ~~the~~ federation of Europe. A United States of Europe - which has long been a dream.

The metal was drawn from the blast furnace today, by Jean Monnet, President of the Schuman Plan. A pig of iron - that may make history.

## KENYA

In the troubled African province of Kenya, the British today, for the first time - used air power against the Mau Mau. Three R.A.F. planes dropped small bombs on a mountain stronghold of the terrorists - and blazed away with machine guns. This air attack was directed by soldiers on the ground, who were skirmishing with the Mau Mau ~~guerrillas~~ guerrillas.

The terrorists are well armed, as was illustrated by a raid on a village last night - eight native policemen killed. The Mau Mau attacked with rifles and automatic weapons, Bren guns. That's the sort of thing which leads to the new phase of the campaign against the murderous tribal society - air war.

## WEATHER

This is just in continuation of the weather news earlier in the week. This evening, in Georgia, tornadoes went sweeping across the countryside. On previous days, the tornado-breeding tempest went howling through Texas - then Louisiana and Mississippi - now on to Georgia, where near Macon thirteen were killed tonight. In continuation of that peculiar American institution - the tornado.

## CHURCH

At Elizabeth, New Jersey, there's a church - puzzled by a name. Is there anybody by that name - or is it a sort of pun, a play on words? Yes, a puzzle - but a happy one.

A year ago, the Reverend Timothy Dwyer, of the Sacred Heart Church, received a plain envelope in the mail. In it, a check for seventeen thousand dollars - as a donation. The generous contributor - unknown, a mystery man. The check went through the bank okay - the money put in a church fund. A year has gone by, and still - no hint of who the mystery man may be. They ~~haven't~~ <sup>haven't</sup> done any sleuthing to discover his identity - since, obviously, he didn't want publicity. But, just the same, they ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> curious.

What was the name signed on the check? Well, the first name was a common one - Hugh. The surname equally common - Winn. But, ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~the~~ ~~name~~ ~~is~~ ~~interesting~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~name~~ also makes a message - You Win! The Church certainly did win - to the tune of seventeen ~~ten~~ thousand dollars. ~~But~~ <sup>FP</sup> odd puzzle of a mystery man, and a name that seems to be too much to the point.

## MOUNTAIN

In Colorado, they're trying to figure a way - to

stop a mountain. ~~That's~~ <sup>That's</sup> ~~That mountain is moving~~ on the march - ~~not~~ <sup>threatening</sup> ~~threatening~~ to destroy a new state highway and a bridge.

This freak of Nature is near Central City, in the Rockies. ~~The mountain is~~ Not a giant peak; ~~but~~ a rather small one - according to Colorado measurements. ~~It~~ But it's doing what no mountain is ever supposed to do - creeping along at the rate of a few inches a year. Not so fast - but the disruption is cracking the highway; and the bridge will go - if that marching mountain is not stopped.

Engineers, who have studied this strange phenomenon, say the root of the trouble is - ice. Down underneath, there's an underground ice formation - there for ages - a sort of subterranean deep freeze. Never melting - not until recently, that is. That ice formation was uncovered, several years ago, when there were large excavations in the construction of - the Clear Creek Canyon Highway. The frozen layer exposed, to the warmth of the air, and it started melting. ~~That~~ caused a

shifting of underground rock, and set the mountain in motion.

Two proposals are being considered. One - to stop the moving summit, before it gets to the highway and bridge. The other - move the road, construct another one, for a detour out of danger.

Well, you know the old Arab saying - "If the mountain doesn't come to Mohammed, Mohammed will go to the mountain." But, in Colorado, Nelson, Mohammed could sit there - and the mountain would come to him!