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TRUMAN

The Truman non-political tour dropped its prefix tonight, the prefix -- "non". The Presidential speech in Chicago took aim at the November elections -- sounding a call for defeat for members of Congress who have been opposing the Truman policies. He called them -- "obstructionists".

The Democratic whoop-it-up has been going on for three days -- with no end of hullabaloo. Fresh from the whistle stops further west, President Truman hit Chicago with one of those rip-snorting Truman talks -- altogether political.

FLOOD

The height of the crisis has come for Winnipeg - the flood of the Red River reaching its crest. At last reports, the dykes were still holding - but weakening under the pressure of a deluge that rushes at thirty miles an hour. More than a third of the three hundred and twenty thousand inhabitants of Winnipeg have left the city - with authorities warning that the crest is expected to last for a week. The river is leveling off, but remains with the flood more than thirty feet high.

TRYGVE_LIE

In Moscow Trygve Lie had his wish today -- the Secretary General of the United Nations having gone to Soviet Russia in the hope of seeing Stalin. He wants to do something to ease the Cold War, and bring an end to the deadlock that threatens the United States. ^{He} left with the belief that Conferences with Soviet leaders might help. Especially -- a talk with Stalin. So now that has taken place -- but we have ~~not~~ any idea what was said. All we have is an announcement on the Moscow radio ^{tonight} -- terse, brief, giving the one fact and nothing else.

CONFERENCE

In London today, there was a meeting of the North Atlantic Council - delegates of the twelve countries of the Atlantic Security Pact. They gathered to devise policies for the west, in the cold war - and were joined by the foreign ministers of the Big Three, who had concluded their own headline ~~foreign~~ conference over the weekend.

We don't know much about those Big Three deliberations - Messrs. Acheson, Bevin and Schuman having issued only a fairly general announcement, not too much let out. Which you can also apply to the first session of the North Atlantic Council today - the communique merely stating that the delegates decided on strong diplomatic policy to keep the cold war from being a hot war. "Total diplomacy", that is.

Moscow - Iran.
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~~The latest intelligence~~ The Soviets charge that aerial photographs of Russian territory are being taken along the border of Iran, and that Americans are participating in the survey from the sky. Moscow claims that the purpose is - military, as well as geological. There's a quest for oil along the Caspian Sea, the Soviet frontier, and Moscow declares that the aerial photographs include Russian territory - and have a military angle. Moreover, that Americans are taking part in all this. Hence, a diplomatic protest has been sent by Moscow to the Iranian Government.

TURKEY

A political upset in Turkey -- where the Opposition Party has won a striking victory over the President Ismet Inonu. The votes were cast yesterday, but the count has just come in, showing a majority of six hundred and sixteen thousand to four hundred and fifty-eight thousand -- against the Republican People's Party, the group headed by President Inonu.

This is all the more surprising, considering recent history. Ever since the rise of the New Turkey under the leadership of Mustapha Kemal Ataturk, the official faction has been the Republican People's Party -- founded by Ataturk himself. And his great fame, as the creator of the Turkish Republic, was great enough to keep the party predominant. Moreover, President Inonu had the prestige of being the protege and successor of Ataturk.

But the unexpected occurred. A victory for the Democratic Party, founded only four years ago. Nine of the Cabinet have been defeated for seats in the Turkish Parliament, and it looks as if Inonu will go out as President, succeeded by the triumphant Opposition.

CHAVEZ

Senator Chavez of New Mexico is sticking to his charge that Louis Budenz, former editor of the Communist Daily Worker, is using the Catholic Church as a cover for false accusations. The New Mexico senator who calls Budenz a liar, a conspirator, an ex-bigamist, and a hypocrite, has given his opinion that Budenz is still a Communist, a Red planted in the church.

This drew a counterblast from the president of Catholic Fordham University, where Budenz is a professor of economics. The Reverend Laurence J. McGinley defends him in the strongest of terms, declaring that ^{Budenz} ~~he~~ is doing a Christian duty by exposing the Communists. He calls the Chavez attack false and unfair - as bad as the raging assaults against Budenz in the Communist press.

Replying to this, the senator notes again today that he, himself, is a Catholic - and is of Spanish descent. Fordham is a Jesuit University, and the founder of the Jesuit order was a Spanish saint, which leads Senator Chavez to say: "I'm not getting into any

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argument with the Reverend McGinley of Fordham. I
happen to be a descendant of the same race as the one
who started the Jesuit order - so I can, and do,
respect the cloth." To which he adds that, nevertheless
he sticks to his accusations against Louis Budenz.

COMMUNISTS

Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin delivered a blast today, which he called - "The roughest yet." ~~Well, it certainly was rough.~~ He charged a State Department conspiracy to sell out the Far East to Communism. He named, what he called, "A three-man axis," Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Ambassador-at-large Philip Jessup, and Far Eastern expert Owen Lattimore. He said that Acheson had joined the other two in a pretense of anti-Communism - while, at the same time, conniving to aid Communism in China and other parts of East Asia. The Senator called the policy - "A vicious hoax and fraud." Certainly - a grave accusation, even in these days of reckless charges flung right and left.

All this is accompanied by a retort from the State Department - as bitter ~~any~~ as anything that McCarthy, himself, has hurled. Today press officer Lincoln White said that McCarthy was - a premediated liar. He made a special reference to talk about George Wheeler, whom McCarthy describes as a State Department employee. Recently, this George Wheeler turned

publicly against American Democracy, went over to the side of the Reds, and decided to live behind the Iron Curtain. Today's denial states that Wheeler actually worked for the foreign economic administration during the war, was transferred temporarily to the State Department, and two months later was sent to the War Department. So he was never checked by the State Department Security Board - never, really, an employee of the Department.

Press officer Lincoln White spoke also of Ambassador-at-large Philip Jessup - admitting that Jessup had sponsored two dinners for ~~the~~ American-Russian ^{relations.} But that, he said, was to honor the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt and improve relations between the United States and Soviet Russia.

SUPREME COURT

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The Supreme Court agrees to consider two cases that challenge President Truman's loyalty program. They are test cases, brought forward by two organizations listed as subversive by the Department of Justice. The National Council of American-Soviet friendship and the joint anti-Fascist refugee committee, both denounced as dominated by Communists. To which they respond that loyalty program action, branding them as subversive, is unconstitutional. So now the Supreme Court agrees to rule on that question.

COPLON

The spy story of Judy Coplon had elements of romance all along, and now a new climax - the young woman, convicted of espionage, becoming engaged to an associate of her defense lawyers. She met Albert Socolov while she was on trial, and now they are to be married - in spite of the fact that the intended bride is under a prison sentence, found guilty of espionage in two trials. She is now appealing.

When the young woman employee of the Department of Justice was charged with conspiring to give secret government documents to the Soviet engineer, Gubitchev - she said she was in love with Gubitchev. Not espionage, but romance. Later, that theme of sentiment was complicated by evidence that, simultaneously, Judy had been romancing with a Department of Justice lawyer, named Shapiro. She was convicted, and so was Gubitchev, sentenced as a Soviet spy, and deported to Russia.

While all this was going on, Judy met Albert Socolov, connected with the law firm which took over her defense in her second trial. They were called in, when

she dismissed her previous attorney, Archibald Palmer. "It wasn't until then," Judy said today, "that I really got to know him."

To which the intended bridegroom adds: "I believe Judy is innocent. And I am confident she will be vindicated by the courts."

He's working on her appeal, and they're going to be married - bringing to a romantic high spot the case which all along has mingled espionage with romance.

GLENN MCCARTHY

That fabulous multi-millionaire oil man of Texas, Glenn McCarthy, says he's likely to withdraw his application for a seventy million dollar loan from the government. His vast empire of oil has run into a financial crisis, and he wanted to borrow all those millions from the reconstruction finance corporation. But now he thinks there isn't much chance of the giant loan - so he has turned for money to a couple of big insurance companies.

Well, Glenn McCarthy has become something of a figure of legend - with his dizzy rise to the height of multi-millions. He's the owner of the Shamrock Hotel in Houston, the opening of which, a couple of years ago, was a headline extravaganza, featuring an amount of high jinx in the gaudy tradition of mining magnates and petroleum potentates.

But something went wrong in that empire of oil - developments connected with imports of petroleum, says Glenn McCarthy. He explains that there has been a fifty per cent decrease of income in his enormous business in the black gold pumped from underground.

SINATRA

Frank Sinatra is famous for torch songs - amid the squeals and yelping of swooning bobby soxers. OOO--Frank-ee. But today, over in Spain, the crooning was the real thing, as Frank Sinatra flew over the Pyren^es - carrying a torch.

Frankie says that his trip to Spain was a mistake, going to see movie star Ava Gardner. The moment he got there, he heard the fair lady was having a romance with a bull-fighter.

Frankie saw Ava, but not the bullfighter. The toreador was away making scenes for a movie, in which he appears with the Hollywood actress. Also writing poetry to her, no doubt - Spanish gossip telling of sonnets and odes of adoration the bullfighter has been rhyming.

Both Frankie and Ava say they might be thinking about marriage - except for the fact that Sinatra has a wife already. But the bullfighter, telling how he adores Ava, says he is sure she returns his affection. Which raises the old romantic question: Is the lady

in love - and, if so, with whom?

But there's one thing certain, about which both Frankie and Ava agree - there has been too much publicity to suit them. The New York World Telegram ran a story with a snappy headline, describing the object of the Sinatra affections as - "toreadorable."

Today Frankie said: "We know now that, because of all this publicity, it was a mistake for me to come here. I came to Spain only to see Ava," he adds, "and now I'm going to Paris." To see nobody, we assume.

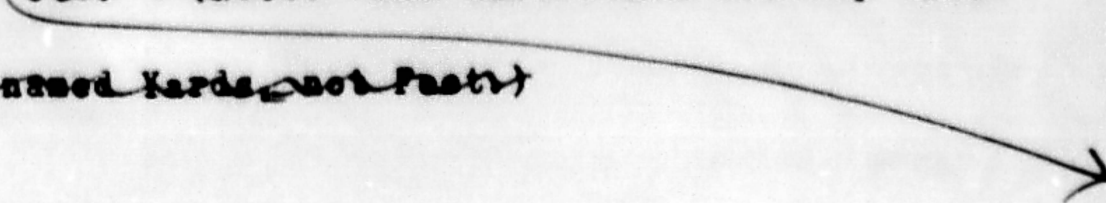
Romantic Spain was all agog over the possibility of the crooner meeting the bullfighter, maybe with flashing swords, and flying red capes; While the band plays the toreador song from Carmen. But that was not to be! - just imagine the publicity!

Even so, ^{they say} it's a story ~~not~~ romantic. Or, as the newspaper says - "toreadorable".

SUBSTITUTE LEAD -- RESCUE

The latest tonight leaves the question blank --- how or why Mrs. Jeannette Bugay ever got herself perched on a rock in the middle of Niagara Falls. After hours in the hospital, she was questioned and said -- "she doesn't know". The twenty-five year old wife of a taxi driver and mother of three children has been in a nervous state for some days, and last night went for a walk on the American side of Niagara River. She says she doesn't remember anything until she found herself in the water, thrust by the swift current against ^{the} a small rocky island. ~~25~~ There she remained all night -- on a ledge a mere two hundred yards from the point where the mighty cataract tumbles over the brink.

All of which produced a madcap adventure of rescue today, etc. ~~(Note: The correction sent up this afternoon named Yards, not Feet)~~



RESCUE

At last reports, nobody knows why or how Mrs. Jeannette Bugay ever got herself perched on a rock in the middle of Niagara Falls. She is the twenty-five year old wife of a taxi driver, and has three children. The word is that she was out there all night - on a ledge a mere ^{two}~~three~~ hundred ^{yards}~~feet~~ from the point where the mighty cataract tumbles over the edge.

~~Well, it was a madcap adventure of rescue today -~~
adventure by helicopter. When they spotted Mrs. Bugay, firemen and policemen tried vainly to get a rope to her. No go - the current was too powerful, so near the brink of Niagara Falls. Then a helicopter, from the Bell Aircraft Company nearby, flew to the rescue, piloted by Owen Neihaus and Joseph Cannon. Arriving at the small rocky island the helicopter hovered down alongside, and Neihaus was able to get a rope around Mrs. Bugay.

But the flying machine was so low that a big wave of the ^{churning} ~~burning~~ water hit it, and wrecked it. The helicopter plunged into the water. So did the two flyers and Mrs. Bugay - who, with a rope around her,

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was pulled from the rock. And there they were in the mighty current, as it swept toward the falls, three hundred feet away! They clung to the wrecked helicopter - which, itself, was being carried down toward the roaring abyss of Niagara. The broken flying machine was swept for fifty feet, and then lodged against a rock - steel body, struts and braces, wedged firmly. Lucky for those three people hanging on - so near to the ocean of water pouring over the chasm.

Another helicopter, sent to the rescue, came hovering down to where they were, and lowered a rope. In the water, Owen Neihaus grabbed the rope - and tied it to the wreck of the flying machine. Whereupon the helicopter in the air carried the rope to another island upstream, and dropped it to people waiting there. They tied their end to a tree - and now there was a rope extending from the island to the wrecked helicopter.

A small rowboat was hooked to the rope, and, playing out the rope, they let the boat drift downstream, to the three people clinging to the wreckage.

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When it got to them, flyers Neihaus and Cannon put Mrs. Bugay aboard, and Neihaus got in - there was only room for two. They were hauled safely to the island upstream, and then the boat was sent back to Cannon, who got aboard, and was pulled to safety.

Ingenious, complicated operation - and all at the very verge of the stupendous plunge of Niagara Falls.

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And now Nelson - you look as tho' you are on the very verge of something?