

TRUMAN

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(In his address tonight President Truman emphasized his demand for the admission of displaced persons into this country and protested against the idea of Congress voting restrictions and qualifications into the bill to let in two hundred thousand D P's.)
These declarations were made in the presidential address at the Swedish Centennial Celebration, commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the arrival of Swedish settlers in the middlewest.

On his way to Chicago today, the President virtually abandoned all appearance of a non-political trip. At various points along the route, he met democratic party leaders and delivered outright campaign speeches - assailing the Republican Congress, for example. President Truman in high good nature, applied a new name to the non-political cross country journey. Today he said - it was non-partisan, to which he added that he was happy to meet - "a whole lot of Democrats". In other words, it is ^{so} non-partisan that all Democrats are welcome.

ADD TRUMAN

When the Presidential train, the ~~pink~~
rolling White House, pulled into Chicago, there was
a great welcome. Huge crowds ^{turned} / out to welcome the
President, who passed through the streets in an
old fashioned ticker tape demonstration.

FOREIGN AID

The House of representatives tonight voted to cut the money to be spent under the European Recovery program, the Marshall Plan. First the Congressmen voted that the appropriation is to be stretched out over fifteen months instead of ~~the~~ one year. This was followed by a vote to cut the amount of the appropriation, ~~making~~ slashing it by more than half a billion dollars -- bringing the total down to a little less than six billions:

This is a rebuff ^{to} ~~of~~ the administration and ^{to} ~~of~~ Secretary of State Marshall, who argued with Congress against both proposals -- that of making the money last fifteen months instead of twelve and that of cutting it down by half a billion.

PRECEDE PALESTINE

The United Nations tonight called an emergency meeting to consider an appeal made by Count Bernadotte of Sweden, the U N mediator in Palestine. The emergency session ^{to} ~~will~~ be held tomorrow morning.

All this follows a strange episode with some of the aspects of a mystery. The message from Bernadotte was addressed in a cable to the President of the Security Council. He, as it happens, is Faris El Khouri of Syria, who is, of course, ~~xxx~~ representative of one of the Arab states in conflict with Israel. The fact that he has become Presiding officer of the Security Council, as the Council considers the Palestine quarrel, has aroused Jewish protests. But the office of President of the Council is rotated from one member to the other and it was simply the turn of the delegate from Syria to occupy the post.

Late this afternoon the Council was all ^{set} ~~to~~ to

consider the message from Bernadotte -- but where was it? Missing. Security Council president Faris El Khouri could not find it. The cablegram ~~was~~ from the U N mediator in Palestine had vanished. A search was made; they hunted around for half an hour, but still the Bernadotte message was lost.

That ~~being~~ the dilemma, the U N Secretary - ~~General~~ General, Trygve Lie of Norway, jumped in and put a telephone call through to Palestine and got Count Bernadotte on the wire. Asking "Will you please repeat what you say in that cable". So Bernadotte did -- and the Security Council was able to go ahead on that basis.

What ~~Bernad~~ Bernadotte said was this: - his attempt to arrange a truce between Israel and the Arabs is deadlocked on one point. As we have heard, each side has attached its own interpretation to the U N proposal for an armistice.

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The stumbling block is the question of -
Jewish immigration. According to the U N armistice -

proposal, neither side would be allowed to reinforce its army in Palestine during the time of the truce. The arabs hold this to mean that Jewish immigrants capable of service in war, men of military age, would not be allowed into Israel. But the interpretation of Israel is that immigrants could come in. It would only be forbidden to give them military training.

So ~~Count~~ Bernadotte wants the Security Council to clarify - what really did the Council mean. Since both Israel and the Arabs give their own interpretations to the matter of immigration - it is up to the Council to ~~fix~~ give an official interpretation of its own proposal.

That is what was in the ~~xxxxxxx~~ missing cable ~~xxxxxxx~~ with Count Bernadotte urging the Security Council to act in a hurry. ~~xxxxxxx~~ So an emergency session was called, but shortly afterward there was ~~an~~ a sudden flip-flop. The emergency ^{session} for tomorrow was cancelled abruptly. No explanation. So the Bernadotte message

will be taken up at the regular Security Council meeting on Monday -- after a series of curious events tonight.



The news from Palestine features a naval battle - with ships, warplanes, and shore guns of Israel in action against warships of Egypt. Earlier in the day, Cairo announced an Egyptian Naval Bombardment of towns along the coast of Israel, and then came word of action at Tel Aviv - a naval battle.

The Egyptian Fleet consisted of one corvette, one x transport steamer armed with a couple of guns, and two landing craft - not such a vast armada. The Jewish Naval Forces, equally small, are said to have driveⁿ off the Egyptians. The clash at sea was nothing to shake the world, but it was a novelty for dispatches to tell of naval battle in the Palestine war.

Of more importance is a bitter land battle at Jenin, the capture of which town is reported at Tel Aviv. Jenin is one of three key points, the other two being Nablus and Tulkarm. Each of these is at the apex of a triangle, which Israel calls - the dangerous triangle. That is, an Arab wedge pointed at the Palestine Coast, ~~not~~ north of Tel Aviv. we heard some days ago of Troops

of Iraq reaching the Mediterranean Shore between Tel Aviv and Haifa, thereby cutting Israel in two. This appears to have been some sort of raid, nothing permanent. But the western ~~point~~ ^{the} point of a dangerous ~~triangle~~ triangle is a constant ~~menace~~ menace-- threat of a thrust to the coast cutting Israel in two.

(Jenin, where the heavy battle is reported, is ~~the~~ ^{the} north-eastern ~~apex~~ apex of the ~~dangerous~~ triangle - a highway center. The capture of which would disrupt the operations of the Arabs. The Tel Aviv report states that a violent three day conflict has been raging, with ~~Jewish Forces~~ Jewish Forces assailing Jenin in a series of attacks) ~~which~~ which finally have succeeded, the northeast apex of the dangerous triangle captured by troops of Israel.

This is countered by a Moslem dispatch, which states that Jewish soldiers did drive right into the middle of the town, but were thrust out by a counter-attack. The ~~x~~ Troops of Israel struck again, and once more broke through the fortifications and got into Jenin - only to be expelled again. That's the Arab version, which claims that Jenin is still in Moslem hands.

PALESTINE END

The latest is a Tel Aviv dispatch stating that fighting is going on in the suburbs of Jemin - which would confirm the word that the battle ~~is still going on~~ for the town has not been decided. (The biggest battle of the Palestine war still continues.)

ELIZABETH

In London, Buckingham Palace made the formal announcement today - "Her Royal Highness, the Princess Elizabeth, Dutchess of Edinburgh, will undertake no ~~more~~ more public engagements after the end of ~~the~~ June."

The announcement, sedately worded, has been expected. ~~There~~ There were prompt repercussions in London pubs, where tonight there was considerable betting - will it be a boy or a girl.

OHIO WESLEYAN

There seems to be an important new trend developing in the educational world -- men who have been prominent in government affairs, turning to the academic field, ^{as} ~~becoming~~ heads of universities.

~~Of these, of course~~ The outstanding example, ~~is~~

General Eisenhower at Columbia. Another John Dickey

^{President} ~~head~~ of Dartmouth. And today ~~comes~~ the announcement

that one of the heads of Uncle Sam's Civil Service

Commission is to be the President of Ohio Wesleyan --

~~University~~ -- Arthur S. Fleming. ^{TP} ~~One item concerning~~

~~him that appeared on the press wire today referred~~

~~to him as "one of the nation's outstanding public~~

~~servants" -- no one more familiar than he with the~~

~~vast, complex machinery of the Federal Government."~~

^{TP} Although only forty-three ~~years of age~~ President

Truman recently named him to the commission, headed

by former President Hoover, which is ^{considering} ~~now studying~~

the problem of ~~just~~ how we ought to reorganize

the executive branch of our government.

Dr. Flemming will be the first ~~man~~ non-clergyman, and the first alumnus to become the head of Ohio Wesleyan in its one hundred and six years.

The most interesting thing I've heard about Arthur Flemming is that he plans to ~~step~~^{step} up the training of young people, for government, ~~at Ohio Wesleyan~~. He believes that institutions of higher learning in this country have made the mistake of training ~~us~~ our young people for everything but Government service, ^{practical} and politics. His ~~us~~ plan is to develop an institute of practical politics at the University of which he now becomes the head. Students to serve as understudies to precinct committeemen and ward leaders, ~~us~~ in order to learn government from the bottom up.

Sounds encouraging.

~~Sitting beside him at Ohio Wesleyan tonight is a gentleman who has been much in the limelight of late -- Branch Rickey, high poobah of the Brooklyn~~

MIDWAY

In Chicago, they named a new street today - a thoroughfare at the main entrance of the great stadium, Soldiers Field. There was much civic ceremony, sponsored by the Chicago Tribune, and the Windy City now has - Waldron Drive.

Today was the sixty anniversary of the Battle of Midway, and the new street is named after Lieutenant Commander John Charles Waldron, who led Torpedo Eight. Memory is short, and some of us may have forgotten all about Torpedo Eight - though it was headlined in World War Two. In the Chicago celebration today, they honored Lieutenant George Gay Jr. - the ~~one~~ lone survivor of the Eight^h Squadron of Navy torpedo planes. He came back after an incredible adventure. I wrote ~~in~~ the story at the time in a book of war heroes, called - "These Men Shall Never Die." And ~~now~~ I've ^{Just} been talking ^{on the Long Distance} ~~by telephone~~ to Lieutenant Gay, renewing memory of that astounding episode in the Battle of Midway, six years ago today.

In the great clash between ~~American~~ American and Japanese fleets, a decisive blow ~~is~~ was struck by

American torpedo planes against enemy aircraft carriers. Torpedo Eight flew out, led by Lieutenant Commander Waldron, and ~~six~~ blasted a great Japanese carrier with torpedo hits. But they themselves were in an inferno of anti-aircraft fire and fighter plane attack. Not one plane; and only one man, came back to tell the tale.

Pilot George Gay launched his torpedo, and swung around for a get away, But a Jap zero was after him. His gunner was killed. Shells hit the plane, and it crashed in the ocean. The radio man could not get free, and sank with the plane. But the pilot got out, and found himself swimming in the Pacific Ocean in the middle of the battle.

Luck was with him. To the surface of the sea came a rubber boat, which had become detached from the sinking plane. And ~~six~~ with it - a cushion. George Gay could have ridden in the boat, but he knew that enemy planes had a way of machine-gunning survivors. So he used the boat to keep afloat, and employed the cushion to conceal himself - keeping it over his head. Afloat

and hidden in that fashion, he had a close-up view of what was going on - a kind of fish-eye view from the surface of the water. Nearby were three big Jap Carriers damaged by American torpedoes. He saw American dive bombers flashing to the attack. Masses of flame burst from the flat-tops, and immense clouds of smoke ~~xxx~~ swirled skyward. His fish-eye view culminated when Japanese warships came in, and with gunfire sank a derelict Japanese Carrier, which was blazing from stem to ~~xxxx~~ stern.

Night came on, and the next day George Gay was spied by American planes and picked up - brought back to give the Navy a first hand statement of the Japanese losses that he had seen at close range.

What's he doing now? George Gay tells me ~~that~~

is a pilot on American ^{real} planes - flying
he ~~has been working as an~~ Commercial ~~airline pilot,~~
to distant parts of the world.

is Today, on the sixth anniversary of his great adventure,

landed the new job - commissioned ~~as~~ a trans-Atlantic

pilot on an ocean flying ~~air~~plane.

SUBSTITUTE FLOOD

Here is an aerial view of the new Columbia River Flood, an impression from an airplane on high. The disastrous inundation of last week having subsided, a new deluge is pouring down the Columbia River, the crest expected to reach Portland, ~~Oregon~~, on Monday -- the prediction being that the crest of a new ~~fixed~~ flood will be even higher than the one of last week, ~~inches higher~~. So United Press correspondent Eldon Barrett, took a look from the air at what the Columbia River is up to this time.

He flew today over the river for ~~2~~ hundred-and-seventy-five miles, from the Bonneville Dam to the Coast. Up stream, where the crest is now moving, the river is enormously swollen. The newsman reports that he saw the Columbia River at many places -- five times its normal width. At its mouth, where the mighty stream flows into the Pacific at Astoria, the muddy ~~flow~~ flow of the flood extended seven miles out into the Pacific. Eldon Barrett describes it in these words -- "like a dirty finger in the ~~blue~~ green of the ocean".

And now New immensities of snow are melting in the mountains
but for a new surge of the deluge.

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LEWIS

The latest in the series of return engagements between John L. Lewis and Judge Goldsborough ended quickly today - with a court order from the Judge and an immediate surrender by the big chief of the coal mine union. His honor issued an injunction requiring Lewis to start negotiations with the Southern Coal Mine Association, which Lewis had previously refused to do. The injunction was followed by a prompt announcement from the union - negotiations with the Southern Coal Miners owners will be opened at once, as required by the Judge.

This way of reporting the Lewis-Goldsborough news is really not as educated and scholastic as it should be, because today's event was accompanied by a literary gem from the Judge. In ordering the union to negotiate with the southern owners, his Honor, as usual, excoriated John L. Lewis, denouncing him for pride, ^{and} arrogance. As a climax of which, the Judge quoted in sententious tones - "It is your boundless audacity, oh Catiline."

Thereby going back to Cicero - that prince of oratory, Judge Goldsborough summoning that memorable

scene in the Roman Senate, when Cicero exposed the conspiracy of Catiline. Cicero thundering at the plotting demagogues in the words of one of the ^{now} best known of school book orations. The climax being - "It is your boundless audacity, oh Catiline."

So John L. Lewis now appears as - Catiline. He's an ancient Roman, draped in a toga. ~~Sm~~ Scowling face and bushy eyebrows - enough to frighten Caesar. His deep booming voice, too, would go well in a Roman ~~Senate~~ Senate, only it would have to boom in Latin - amo, amas, amat - and E Pluribus Unum. All of which would seem the educated way of reporting today's coal mine news - Cicero landing a haymaker on ~~some~~ Catiline again.

And