

TRUMAN L.T.-P.G. Tues. Mar. 18 - '52.

The latest come-back to the Truman book is from Senator Capehart of Indiana. Earlier, the news had featured an angry retort from former Vice-President Henry Wallace, about whom the President is quoted as making disparaging remarks -- in connection with pro-Soviet sympathy. Governor Byrnes of South Carolina, likewise replying -- with a denial that he was rebuked by the President for exceeding his authority when Secretary of State. So now -- Senator Capehart.

The book, "Mr. President", written by radio commentator William Hillman, includes a statement that in July, Nineteen Forty-Five -- the President was not impressed by what four Senators had to say concerning the situation in Europe, right after the war. Capehart of Indiana was one of the four Senators, and he now tells what those views were. He says they gave warning -- against the Soviets.

But, the President, new in office, replied that he was, in the words of Capehart - "More afraid of England and France than he was of R<sup>u</sup>ssia."

~~The President said: "No, I am not."~~

"It was shocking to us," declares Capehart, "to have the President say he was more afraid of England and France than he was of R<sup>u</sup>ssia."

The Senator thinks some people had passed out, what he calls - "Wrong information with reference to Russia and the Communist crowd."

Well, however all that may be, Harry Truman certainly changed his mind later, because passages from his diaries, quoted in the book, show him vividly aware of the Soviet ~~eminence~~ eminence.

MINNESOTA

A Minneapolis dispatch says - "fair numbers." That many voters turning out for the Presidential Primary today. <sup>^</sup>The Electorate is most always lazy in Primaries, and it was raining in Minnesota today -- a dreary drizzle of Winter. Election authorities declare they don't expect a total of more than two hundred thousand -- a light vote for the State.

There's no exciting competition. Democratic Senator Humphries is unopposed -- a favorite son standing <sup>- in</sup> really for President Truman. On the Republican side, Harold Stassen, also a favorite son, opposed only by a MacArthur enthusiast -- though the General declared himself out.

The names of Eisenhower and Kefauver were likewise withdrawn -- but their backers ran a "write-in" campaign. Voters urged to write the names of the candidates on the ballot. Senator Taft -- not in it at all.

Closing time at the polls -- eight P.M. So, about all we know is the foregone conclusion -- Stassen and Humphries winning. Final word in the morning.

AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION

Defense officials disclose that our military aircraft production program is running "about on schedule." That is, turning out from six to seven hundred planes a month. This figure compares with the Soviet's monthly output, which is, we understand, about a thousand planes - three or four hundred a month more than ours.

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# JETS

( In Germany, a distance record for jet planes. At least they think it is -- two thunderjets of the American Air Force in a flight for more than two thousand miles, speeding on for four hours and forty-eight minutes -- without refueling. ) The two planes made a huge circle over seven European countries - and, so far as the U. S. Air Force knows, it was a record. The trouble with jet fighters <sup>has been</sup> ~~was~~ lack of range, time in the air, -- <sup>Now they'll</sup> ~~but they're~~ flying further, staying up longer.

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## KOREA - TRUCE

In the truce talks today, the arguments continued about ports of entry during an Armistice. The Communists rejecting our suggestion that the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, and Seoul in South Korea, be included. However, the talks were brief. As our spokesman, Brigadier General Nuchols, put it: "We recessed, because no one had anything else to say."

However, in Washington today, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee predicted that the truce talks will succeed.

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## KOREA

In Korea, the U. N. Army discloses a bad lapse of memory. Word from Seoul describes how a hundred and forty thousand mines have been - mislaid. It appears that during the first retreat in the Fall of Nineteen Fifty our troops laid vast minefields in their wake to slow the North Korean pursuit. But in the confusion, no records were kept, many maps lost of those vast areas ~~sewn~~ sewn with deadly anti-personnel and anti-tank mines. So today comes the warning to troops and civilians in South Korea - watch out for the missing minefields.

(Peiping radio steps up it's frenzied  
propaganda campaign) against the United Nations. (Today's  
verbal assault began with the charge that "more germ-  
laden insects were dropped by American military aircraft  
in China.") Our flyers are also accused of violating  
the Manchurian border. Radio Peiping stating that  
seventy-five of our planes crossed the Yalu into  
Manchuria, Sunday.

## CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Signs of approaching Spring - with a dispatch that Washington is getting ready for it's annual cherry blossom time. The usual festivities;- and there's an extra twister this year. Cuttings, from the Japanese cherry trees in Washington are on their way to Japan. Paying back a favor of long ago;- and the story is an odd one.

Back in the early years of the Century, the cherry trees were a gift from the Mayor of Tokyo, and became a popular feature in Washington - until, finally, we got into war with Japan. ~~They~~ <sup>Then</sup> those Japanese trees were frowned upon. There was even talk of cutting them down, - but that was too foolish!

However, cherry trees were cut down - in Japan. In Tokyo a famous grove was used for wood - during a war-time wood shortage.

So now fifty-five cuttings, from the cherry trees in Washington, <sup>are</sup> on their way to Japan - to renew the cherry grove in Tokyo. All a curious reminder of how things change in confusions of war and peace,

enemies and friends - cherry blossoms, a pretty pink  
symbol of the mutations in human affairs.

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## FRANCE

In France, the authorities, today, solved the problem of the eighty villagers, who refused to leave their homes -- and make way for a giant reservoir.

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Vi Va La France! and Vi Ve La Franc!

## ESCAPE

Here's the height of insolence in a jail-break -- combining robbery with escape. Fugitives, getting away, took time to burglarize the prison safe.

At Pensacola, Florida, early today, three desperadoes, armed with knives, held up a guard -- and invited a woman prisoner to join them. She did. Whereupon, they went to the safe, where valuables were left, took what loot there was in it and made a clean getaway.

You can figure the escape as injury, the robbery as insult. Which gives the old formula -- adding insult to injury. The latest, one of the fugitives -- caught.

# SHOOTING

In Philadelphia, X-ray pictures show that former Republican city chairman William Meade, was hit in the jaw by a bullet -- last Sunday. The shooting has been a profound puzzle -- Meade insisting he was only struck by flying glass, when a mysterious gunman fired shots that streaked into the lobby of a small hotel. With him at the time was a lady, Virginia Carroll -- and, the District Attorney gave the opinion that she did the shooting. This she denies, and so does the victim.

Today, with X-rays showing a bullet in his jaw, he offered a twenty-five hundred dollar reward for the one who fired the shots. Saying he wanted to clear the lady of, what he called - "Wrong and improper charges."

Sounds as intricate as the old question - Who killed cock robbin? Later, the Police arrested LeRoy Reddick, who was identified by the painter, Homer Wright. The suspect was let out on bail. He tried to be held on Friday, with Wright as a principal witness.

There was an attempt to bring him, we hear - but he refused the crowded way home. Then, today, Wright and his wife were about to drive off in a truck

## MURDER

New Haven reports another of those vicious murders - taking the life of a witness in a crime case. This time, not only the witness was killed, but also his wife - in an explosion that destroyed their automobile.

Several weeks ago, a woman proprietor of a New Haven shoe shine parlor was held up - a ~~burglar~~ burglar trying to steal a four thousand dollar ring and money. Her screams attracted Homer Wright, a forty-two year old painter - and he sailed in bravely. He ~~ex~~ ~~assaulted~~ <sup>hit</sup> the bandit, ~~hitting him~~ with a bottle of turpentine, and dumped a can of paint on him. The robber fled.

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There was an attempt to bribe him, we hear - but he refused the crooked ~~xxx~~ money. Then, today, Wright and his wife were about to drive off in a truck

the painter used in his business. The truck was booby trapped, and an explosion blew it to bits, killing both victims.

Police Chief Howard Young calls the crime, "The most brutal thing I've ever seen."

Another act of terrorism - like the Schuster case in New York. Where the trial of Willie the Actor Sutton began today - with prospective jurors expressing fear. Terrorized by the fate that befell Arnold Schuster, the salesman who pointed out Sutton to the Police - and was murdered. And now, along with that, a double murder in New Haven - criminal terrorism against persons who interfere with crime.

## SCHOOL BUS

From Barnstable, Massachusetts, the story of a good-natured school bus driver -- too easy going to raise Cain with a busload of kids. Thereby saving them from the likelihood of being caught in flaming horror.

An Air Force Jet plane crashed -- the pilot having had to bail out. The plane exploded, with sheets of bursting fire -- near the place where the bus had made a stop and let out a swarm of children, <sup>only</sup> half a minute before. They were safely away, because the bus driver didn't give them the lecture they had coming.

Kenneth Green was hopping mad. The school children marking up the inside of his bus with crayon -- scribbling on the seats and walls. So at the stop, he'd bawl them out properly, before he let them off. But Kenneth Green can't stay mad, and he relented - and forgot the ~~moment~~ scolding. So the kids were off and away, when the plane hit -- and exploded.

## ARCTIC

News from the top of the North - the Arctic ice pack is thicker than anyone ever suspected. A news dispatch from Port Barrow, Alaska, states - ten to twenty thousand feet thick.

The U. S. Air Force is establishing scientific observation posts on the <sup>at</sup> Arctic ice, reaching toward the Pole. They hope to have a base at the Pole itself, but that's delayed - by the intense cold, averaging forty below. Which temperature helps to explain the result of experiments they made to determine - how far down the water was frozen. <sup>They</sup> ~~was~~ found - from ten to twenty thousand feet. <sup>↗</sup> Something new about this world of ours - which <sup>relation</sup> is always producing the unexpected.

• "Those figures for Arctic ice may seem incredible -- but the Air Force confirms them."