

TRUMAN

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(Lake Placid)

The latest from Washington, following the report on the State of the Nation, pictures a revolt of Democrats. Not so much on the score of what President Truman had to say - but in the matter of what followed.

After the Truman proposals were presented to Congress, speaker Sam Rayburn announced the total figure for the budget. ~~The White House Budget message will not be delivered until tomorrow, telling how much money the administration wants to spend this next fiscal year. But the speaker of the House gave out the general fact in advance - that the~~

The President will ask Congress for a little more than Forty-two billion dollars. That was what caused the immediate ructions.

The report on the State of the Nation gave the President's views on that all - important subject -- taxes. He asked for what he calls - a "moderate" increase. What "moderate" means will be disclosed later.

Otherwise, the President presented a general demand for the enactment of the Truman - "fair deal". Which includes such matters as the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, the compulsory health insurance program, the Brannan farm plan, and the racial rights program.

The President also went soaring into the higher realms - commemorating the half century by summoning visions of new prosperity for the next fifty years. It was high, mid-century optimism, looking forward to a trillion dollar economy for this country. Which would mean an average income of twelve thousand dollars ^a year per family in the United States. President Truman said we could attain that, if we ^{would} keep our productive power on the upgrade - aiming at a national income of a trillion dollars a year.

However, these apocalyptic figures were over-shadowed by mathematics more immediate - when Speaker Sam Rayburn gave advance notice that, in

the budget message ^{in Mon.} ~~tomorrow~~ the President will ask for a little more than Forty-two Billion. The Republicans immediately declared war. But we don't have to pay much attention to what they ~~are~~ are saying - we can easily guess. The news is the reaction on the Democratic side.

In the House of Representatives, Congressman Cannon of Missouri, the Democratic Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, came up with a flat statement that his group would slash the spending to balance the budget, which idea was okayed promptly by Senator McKellar of Tennessee, Chairman of the financial committee of the Senate. Same thing from Congressman Doughton of South Carolina, the Democratic Chairman of the Committee that will write a tax bill. He's against higher taxes - ~~then~~ thinking that the right way out is to cut spending.

Even the Democratic leader in the Senate, Scott Lucas of Illinois, fails to display enthusiasm. He says cautiously that some of the ~~XXXX~~ White

House proposals are, in his words "highly controversial". He refuses to predict that they will be passed.

ADD TO TRUMAN

Later news -- the Foreign Aid Administration has

made a move to cut Nine Hundred Million dollars from Marshal

Plan ~~xxx~~ spending during the coming year.

Note in Truman

~~no budget message -- it will be delivered~~

~~Monday -- not tomorrow. (you may have cut it out)~~

~~At any rate it was in a suggested cut Pros~~

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WEATHER

Tonight this nation consists of two separate countries, one having summer, the other having winter. East of the Mississippi River, thermometers registered record-breaking warmth for this time of year. At Pittsburgh, the mercury climbed to sixty-eight. People went around in shirt sleeves, and in some offices electric fans were turned on. In New York, this January fourth almost exceeded the average temperature for June: Sixty-

eight six degrees. Summer following New Year. (Even here

in the north country - 64 today. Impossible but it was. Tonight may come a startling change - a big snow storm.

But the west was another place altogether

TP Meanwhile, in the West -

~~from the Pacific to Chicago~~ Freezing weather in Southern California, the citrus crop threatened, so many smoke pots in the orange groves that the streets of Los Angeles today were clouded. At San Bernadino airport traffic was halted - in a darkness of smoke. In Montana and the Dakotas ~~thirty to thirty-five below zero. Maybe the weather man is trying to say there's a lot of difference between the East and the West in the U.S.A.~~

*now we may
mowed in
at the
head*

BRITAIN

~~Figures from London show that Britain~~
~~did well in the business of devaluing the pound.~~
Today in the House of Commons, Chancellor of the
Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, appeared with a
smile on his face " although that Grand Master
of austerity is not so much given to the broad
beaming grin. ^{He} He told the M P's that in the last
quarter of Nineteen Forty-Nine, British gold and
dollar reserves ^(increased) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ to the tune of two-hundred-
and-sixty-million dollars. He said the resources
on hand were still too low, but the devaluation
of the pound has been followed by a large gain -
easing the dollar shortage.

ATOMIC

Tonight we have a London report that the British commonwealth has agreed that the United States shall have the monopoly in producing atomic bombs for the western powers. This was stated by the Daily Express, which adds: "America guarantees an emergency supply of bombs, probably to be stored in Britain under the control of a United States Atomic Bomb Group". To which is added the report ~~xxxx~~ that, while we over here handle the military atomic job, Britain will concentrate on the development of atomic power for industrial use.

SUB EGYPT

Election finals from Egypt tonight show that the Nationalist party the WAFD , has won an absolute majority - swamping all other factions.

~~Which was indicated only two days earlier in the day, when figures showed that the WAFD had won one hundred and twenty eight cities, while the party that came in next had only one hundred and eleven.~~

Ever since Nineteen Forty-four Egypt has been run by a shakey coalition government representing no majority. But now the land of the Nile will have a ministry backed by an overwhelming party vote.

Which may have international repercussions - since the Nationalist WAFD is anti-British, demanding that Egypt annex the Sudan, and that all British troops be removed. It remains to be seen what this will

mean in terms of new international friction.

It was a violent, bitter election, with a death list of seven during the voting, and seven others during the campaign. Violence continued today, when jubilant students, adherents of the WAFD,

stormed a Cairo newspaper, which had been opposing the victorious party.

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The latest count in the Egyptian elections gives the WAFDists one-hundred-and-sixty-one, the next largest party only twenty-~~two~~ two.

INDIA

~~The newsmen at New Delhi, India, think~~
~~the following worth a dispatch.~~ In ^a ~~the~~ village of Bengal, two hunters killed a ~~Hyena~~. Which would hardly seem like heroic news - a hyena being infamous as a ~~an~~ cowardly hulking creature. But in that part of India, it would appear, the scavenger animals have turned into man killers. Hyena have been terrorizing villages ~~an~~ by attacking children, and even invading houses. They've killed a hundred children during the past year, forcing ^{families} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ to be on the watch day and night.

~~There were big hyena hunts - with modern weapons and native spears, by automobile, jeep and elephant. But now one of the vicious animals was killed - a hyena being as cunning as cowardly.~~

The news today tells about a giant man-eater, which killed eight children, and had one village in a state of panic for months. Then two young hunters went after the beast, staged a relentless pursuit, and finally succeeded in killing the giant hyena.

Everyone connected with the News

business can't help being sad to see the disappearance
of the New York Sun as an independent paper. It is
now merged with the World-Telegram, which hereafter
will have three names, the World-Telegram and Sun.

The editors put most of the blame on the unions,
whose demands pushed up the costs - until the paper
~~could not go on~~ had to fold.

END - KIDDIES

For a bedtime story, let's go on to the gentle thoughts of the dear little children. A dispatch from Rockford, Illinois, gives us the latest of the innocent doings of those precious darlings, the youngsters, the kiddies.

Today the police arrested two girls of twelve and thirteen, on a charge of extortion and blackmail. - ~~the old protection racket~~ They ~~were~~ *two little darlings*

were shaking down another girl, a twelve year old - in a sort of underworld epic of school days.

The police say that the two racketeers, twelve and thirteen, extorted some sixty dollars from their victim during the past year - making her pay between ten and thirty-five cents a day. In return for ~~the~~ *which* money, they promised they ~~w~~ *w*ouldn't hurt her.

They're all in the sixth grade and the victim is a smaller girl than the two bandits. - She's also timid. One of the teachers described her as - "a perfect lady". Which can be a disadvantage,

the world being what it is. - And, she had a daily allowance from her family.

You can see the picture - the little twelve year old perfect lady, and her two schoolmates, not such perfect ladies. They ~~make~~ make blood-curdling threats - they'll pull her hair, *or they'll* scratch her! - unless she gives them money from her allowance. So the timid little victim has to pay up - ten to thirty-five cents a day.

Then came the downfall of the two gangsterettes. The usual thing - they became too greedy. Yesterday they raised the price, hiking the ~~present~~ protection money to sixty-five cents, also - a copy book, *Having* run out of school pads. But this time the victim couldn't pay - she didn't have that much money. So in desperation - she went to her father and asked him to pay up.

Papa did what you'd expect papa to do - he informed the school authorities. whereupon a trap was laid, in the good old style of the police ---

with marked money. Sixty-five cents worth of coins were paid by the victim to the school-girl-blackmailers ~~and~~ together with that copy book, I suppose. Today they were caught with the goods, and confessed. ~~So that, Nelson, is our bedtime story about the dear little kiddies.~~

BULLFIGHTER

In the stately city of Madrid, sentimental souls are sighing over the latest headline romance in the romantic land of Spain. On his way to South America, there's a broken-hearted bullfighter. In exile, at an aristocratic home in Brussels, there's an equally broken hearted daughter of a Spanish Duke. This affair of the heart has all the favorite angles of sentiment-including one detail, which certainly seems out of a story-book. You'll hardly believe it when you hear it.

We begin with that ancient theme of young love, opposed by an aristocratic, angry father - a grandee of Spain outraged by the idea of his daughter marrying a bullfighter. Yet, the irony is that it was the nobleman himself who introduced the eighteen year old Angelita to the bold and swaggering toreador. But then, the Duke of Pino Hermoso is, himself, an amateur of the bull fight - who has, with sword and red cape, confronted el toro. But only as a noble amateur - never as a *lowly* professional. As one artist to another, the Duke

could appreciate the daring and skill of the
toreador, Dominguin (do-meen-gheen) - an idol of
the bull fight fans of Spain. So, one day, he introduced
his daughter to the hero. What the Duke of Pino
Hermoso never suspected was that it would be - love
at the first sight, between the ~~fixi~~ bull-fighter
and the lovely Angelita. When he found it out, that
Grandee of Spain was as indignant as only a father
can be. As for marriage between the two, he cried
-- never ^{— never!} The young couple thought their case was
hopeless, and were resigned to their fate. After
a sad farewell, the toreador went off on a contract
to fight bulls in South America. But he couldn't
get his mind off Angelita. In the arena he would
dream of her beautiful eyes, and then would see the
bull with eyes not so beautiful. He would hear the
sweet murmur of Angelita's voice. But, ^{there before him} ~~it was the~~
^{was the} snorting of the bull - not ~~so~~ sweet. Which could
be disconcerting - getting Angelita confused with
el torro, [—] not to say dangerous.

The lovesick bull fighter couldn't stand it any longer. So he took a plane back to Spain. Which brings us to the news of today.

When the Duke heard of the return of the toreador, he had his daughter locked up in a room of the palace on his country estate. But love will find a way, and there was an elopement. Which brings us to that romantic detail, incredible in this ~~xxxx~~ modern prosaic era. Locked in her room in the castle, Angelita made a rope out of bed sheets and slid down from a window - into the ~~xxxxx~~ arms of her lover, well, we haven't heard of that for a long time - although it used to be a favorite feature in novels - sliding down the rope of bed sheets. ^H Angelita was hurried by the toreador to a waiting automobile, and away they went.

^ But, alas - a guard on the ~~xx~~ estate saw them. He hastened to inform the Duke of Pino Hermoso, and the wrath of that Grandee of Spain was something

to imagine. He called the police, and ~~they~~ there
Duke and police racing after the senorita and the torreador?
was a pursuit; [^] the police capturing the fugitives
couple before they could get married.

This time the Duke sent Angelita into
exile, to family connections in Belgium, Brussels.
So what could the broken hearted bullfighter do?
Sadly he started back for South America to fight
el torro at Caracas, capital of Venezuela. They
say he has resigned himself to his unhappy destiny --
ah but only temporarily. He ~~says~~ says: "I will come
back to Spain, and then we ^{will} see who wins!"

Meanwhile, his head is swimming with love - lorn
thoughts ^{of his} Angelita, ^{as he fights the bulls of the pampas.}
*Doesn't that make you feel a little
lovelorn yourself, Nelson?*