

TRUMAN

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Former President Truman will testify, before the House Un-American Activities Committee. The Subpoena was served today in New York, where he is staying at the Waldorf. He will be questioned about the hot story of the hour - the affair of Harry Dexter White - said to have been a Red spy - high in our Government. This follows the President's statement that he does not remember the F.B.I. reports - which branded White as a spy, and which Mr. Truman's Secretary of State, Jas. Byrnes, says he discussed with Mr. Truman.

Attorney General Brownell has charged that Mr. Truman kept White on as our representative to the International Monetary Fund - in spite of that F.B.I. report. So now the ex-President will be heard - by the House Committee.

When informed of the subpoena today, he remarked: "I have no reaction, no answer." Then he went on: "I won't answer any 'if' questions."

Also subpoenaed - Governor Byrnes of South Carolina

The Governor who yesterday said that he did discuss with Mr. Truman the F.B.I. report on Harry Dexter White. The two will appear on successive days - Governor Byrnes on Thursday; the former President to have his turn on Friday. Whether the hearings will be public or secret we do not know tonight.

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There was some question about whether Mr. Truman could be compelled to appear. What could be done if an ex-President simply refused to obey the subpoena? According to legal experts at the Library of Congress, Mr. Truman must obey - because he is a private citizen now. He'd have to show up on Friday, just <sup>like</sup> ~~so~~ anybody else. Anyhow, Mr. Truman has given his own answer to the question of whether he would testify. Said he: "Well, I accepted the subpoena. Draw your own conclusions." The obvious conclusion<sup>s</sup> being, that he intends to obey the subpoena. He'll be there on Friday.

Tonight, the President was guest of honor at a dinner of the Alumni Association of C.C.N.Y. And in his speech he made a vigorous defense of his record while in office - his record of opposing Communism. Mr. Truman was in good form during the banquet. To a photographer he remarked: "You're not going to get a picture of me looking glum." And then he added a

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typical ~~kind~~ of Truman expression: "You can tell them I said they should go to blazes."

## BIG THREE

From the fourth until the eighth of December, President Eisenhower will meet, at Bermuda, with British Prime Minister Churchill, and French Premier Laniel. As usual they will be accompanied by top advisers -- Secretary of State Dulles, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, and Foreign Minister Bidault.

The Bermuda meeting has been set on the heels of the recent Russian note. That note evaded the Western proposal for a conference on Germany and Austria. A Washington dispatch tells us that the Big Three are in complete agreement -- they feel that the Kremlin has abandoned its "soft policy." Malenkov, throwing overboard what seemed to be his program right after the death of Stalin.

Churchill is expected to bring up the question of a personal meeting with Malenkov. Sir Winston, still hopeful that something might come of a Big Four meeting.

PHILIPPINES

The presidential election in the Philippines is running strongly in favor of the popular hero. <sup>So far</sup> Only a small percentage of the votes are in ~~yet~~, but Ramon Magsaysay <sup>already</sup> has taken a big lead over President Quirino. For the city of Manila, the count shows <sup>(more than)</sup> ~~over~~ a hundred and sixty thousand for Magsaysay. And less than forty thousand for Quirino.

Magsaysay <sup>has become</sup> a legendary figure <sup>in his country</sup> ~~among Filipinos~~.

He fought with the underground during the Japanese occupation. <sup>then</sup> And during ~~the~~ post-war years he <sup>played a top role in putting</sup> ~~put~~ down the "Huk" movement, the Red risings that broke out in different places throughout the Philippines.

A dispatch from Manila describes the election as "marked by murder, terrorism, and coercion." At least nine people killed on Election Day. <sup>Even so</sup> ~~But~~ the violence <sup>doesn't</sup> ~~is not as yet~~ <sup>equal that</sup> ~~great as in the~~ first Filipino election. ~~Both parties have insisted on an orderly election. And so the violence is only sporadic without direction from the top on either side.~~

MOSSADEGH

A dispatch from Teheran tells us that the trial of

*continues its lively pace.*

~~ex-Premier~~ Mossadegh is as lively as ever. The weepy ex-Premier,

causing <sup>an</sup>uproar for the third day in a row. ~~and today he~~

~~threatened to quit~~

<sup>IP</sup>~~The trouble started~~ When the judge asked if

Mossadegh accepted the jurisdiction of the court, <sup>the aged</sup>~~but the~~

defendant ~~refused to stick to such a legal point. He began~~

~~to berate~~ <sup>d</sup>the <sup>court</sup>judge and his <sup>own</sup>attorney. ~~Insults and accusations~~

~~flew back and forth between him and the judge. Finally,~~

~~Mossadegh jumped to his feet,~~ <sup>He</sup>and shouted: "In this court

there is no justice. You want to cut my head off, and won't

allow me to speak." Then he added: "I am quitting."

At this he jumped up, and moved toward the exit.

Then, apparently he changed his mind, and returned to his seat.

To explain <sup>this switch</sup>~~his actions~~, he remarked: "I love it here - my

cell is cold."

After that, <sup>he launched into an</sup>~~Mossadegh made one of his familiar~~

attacks on the British, and <sup>told of</sup>~~he protested~~ his affection for the

Shah. Asked why he had refused to obey the Shah, - refused to step down as Premier, he replied that he thought the order was a hoax. As he put it: "a coup d'etat." Could a Premier be so unimportant," he asked "that even such a royal order had to be brought to him by an Army officer?"

## NIXON

America is proud to be the friend and ally of Nationalist China. At any rate that's what Vice-President Nixon today told the troops of Chiang Kai-shek. During the day, our globe circling Vice President watched the Nationalist forces in the most elaborate war games so far staged on Formosa - taking place in high winds and rain. In his speech to the troops he repeated our promise to support Chiang against the Red regime of Mao Tse-Tung.

Later he declined to comment on a statement by Secretary of State Dulles, that we have never maintained that we will oppose Mao Tse-Tung forever - a statement that has caused uneasiness at the headquarters of the Generalissimo.

## TRAIN

Today the Western Pacific Railroad's famous "CALIFORNIA ZEPHER" was almost overturned by a landslide. The accident, occurring about forty-five miles from Oroville, California, The train was moving up through a <sup>-approaching a</sup> canyon pass - when a mass of earth and rock slid onto the track in front of it. ~~It was~~ Too late to stop, ~~and~~ the train just plowed into the landslide. Two of its diesel-powered units tumbled into the bed of the Feather River, but the twelve coaches remained upright on the rails. ~~So~~ The two hundred passengers ~~were~~ shaken up, but <sup>none</sup> ~~there were~~ injured. Even The Engineer and Fireman ~~escaped with minor bruises, although they were~~ <sup>of the</sup> ~~on one~~ diesel unit that plunged ~~over~~ into the river ~~and~~. <sup>minor injuries.</sup>

## URANIUM

A dispatch from Lander, Wyoming, tells of prospectors flocking into that state. More Uranium discovered; in Fremont County. New and more important strikes. Geiger counters humming and more claims staked on the wide open spaces of Wyoming.

Sounds like the days of the Great Gold Rush. And there's another similarity to the old days:-overlapping claims. A court clerk in Fremont County says many are sure to overlap. The number of claims so far over five hundred; and so crowded, it seems impossible that some areas have not been claimed twice.

Uranium claims staked as fast as the prospectors get there - a Uranium book in Wyoming.

KAISER

Today's news brings a number one headline in the world of business. The Kaiser Motor Company paying to the government - twenty-six million, six hundred and thirteen thousand dollars. That much on its loans from the R.F.C. Which reduces its indebtedness to - eighteen million, six hundred and forty thousand. At one time, this indebtedness amounted to more than seventy-four million, seven hundred thousand. <sup>P</sup> Moreover, the maturity date for that remaining amount ~~is set for August 1, 1968~~ will come sooner - Nineteen Fifty-Nine, instead of Nineteen Sixty-Eight. The sum still due on R.F.C. loans is covered fully by collateral, and represents only two-and-a-half per cent of the amount of capital invested in the Kaiser companies. <sup>It's</sup> ~~the~~ the last remaining government loan on any Kaiser managed property.

This huge payment was announced today by Edgar Kaiser, President of the Kaiser Motors Corporation, who further set forth <sup>a</sup> long range ~~the~~ program ~~that~~ has made it possible to pay off most of the indebtedness. <sup>And that is</sup> The program - another headline in the world of business.

The Kaiser Company is selling the giant Willow Run plant near Detroit - selling that huge structure to General Motors, for twenty-six million. The sale does not include the tooling and automotive-producing equipment at Willow Run - which cost more than thirty million dollars. This is being transferred to other Kaiser-Willys plants.

The program calls for the financing of Kaiser Motors to be strengthened and Willys Motors by loans amounting to fifteen million dollars - these through the assistance of the Henry J. Kaiser Company.

Finally, the Kaiser Motor's home office will move within a year to Toledo, which is now the second largest automotive center in this nation. And - headquarters of Willys Motors. Which takes us to some more huge figures.

The giant Willow Run plant, which is being sold, is enormous. But the Toledo plant, to which Kaiser is moving, is eighteen per cent larger, containing - five million, two hundred thousand square feet of floor space. All told, after the sale of Willow Run - the Kaiser-Willys plants have a total

of eight million, three hundred and fifty-two thousand square feet. The Willys facilities in Toledo have been expanded and modernized since World War Two - at a cost of forty million dollars. They have an estimated capacity of producing two hundred and fifty thousand automobiles per year.

Edgar Kaiser states that the sale of Willow Run and the move to Toledo are parts of a twofold program. To retire the government loans as rapidly as possible - and to achieve the great improvements in the manufacture of automobiles.

By <sup>combining</sup> ~~assembling~~ the Kaiser and Willys manufacture of passenger cars, also the jeep - under one roof.

All representing - a major development in the history of motordom.

## DUNBAR

In Kirkcowan, Scotland - a welcoming committee for a handyman from Maryland! Adrian Dunbar, arriving home after more than thirty years in America. The point being, that he's now Sir Adrian Dunbar - the Twelfth Baronet of Dunbar.

Already, Sir Adrian has come up against the traditional obstacle about inheriting an estate. The lawyers are busy on the problem. The Dunbar estate contains more than three thousand acres. But attached to it are a lot of mortgages, death duties, and a law that forbids the new Baronet to sell his property. The legal tangle will have to be cleared up, before Sir Adrian will know just where he stands.

A great manor house of forty rooms stands on the estate. But it's described as a ruin - the roof broken in many places, the floors rotting, and the staircases broken down. The cost of restoring the manor house - thousands of pounds. And it seems that the Twelfth Baronet of Dunbar just won't have the money to fix it up again. However, he won't be without a roof over his head. Because, there's also a cottage on the <sup>estate</sup> ~~cottage. Sir Adrian will probably end up in that cottage.~~

Sir Adrian Dunbar won't be able to live like the British aristocrats of old. He has even stated that he will work for his own tenants, if he has to! But that's not likely, because he owns cattle, silver, jewelry, and a house in England. He'll even get a small amount of cash with the estate. So, he may end up with as much of an income as he had when he was a house painter and handyman in Maryland. That is, he may if the government doesn't take too much of it.

A stately home in Britain is expected to have one more thing - a ghost. And the estate of Dunbar is no exception. The new Baronet is acquiring "the white lady" - the ghost of Lady Jacobina Dunbar, who lived in the Eighteenth Century.

"The white lady" is described as a mischievous ghost. Meaning, that she likes to scare people occasionally, but doesn't break up the furniture, or harm anyone. The ex-handyman from Maryland hasn't given his opinion of "the white lady." But as Baronet

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of Dunbar, he's expected to take her as a normal resident on his ~~estate~~ estate.