

PRESIDENT (substitute) L.J. - P. & S. Monday, June 14, 1948.

In Los Angeles today, Mr. Truman made another bitter attack against Congress. He ripped ~~xxxx~~ into the Republicans, at a ~~luncheon party of~~ the greater Los Angeles press club ~~and he~~ ^{ing} urged the voters to turn them out of office. Also he ~~ad~~ demanded that Congress stay in ~~at~~ session until it passes his program of emergency house control and housing legislation. "They still have time" said the President "and if they don't have time they ought to take it."

Mr. Truman spoke off the cuff, shortly after he had heard that Congress had overridden his veto of the Republican version of a Social Security bill which ~~Mr. Truman had~~ ^{he had vetoed and} sent back to the House: ~~with~~ ^{with} the charge ~~that~~ the Republican Congress ~~was~~ ^{was} trying to undermine social security by a series of piece-meal attacks. ~~The President told his Los Angeles audience that Congress should pass this bill in a proper form, and that he would be willing to sign it if they did.~~ But Congress ^{again} passed the bill ^{today} as Mr. Truman didn't want ~~it passed,~~ overriding the presidential veto by a vote

of two hundred and seventy nine to seventy nine. Later, the Senate did likewise with a substantial majority.

~~The bill is now law, which means that several groups of workers will not get ^{social} ~~social~~ security benefits which Mr. Truman wanted them to have.~~

Mr. Truman's speech outlined the eight basic points of the legislative program ~~which~~ he has ^{had before} ~~been asking~~ Congress, to put into law for the past months, without success. He said ~~that~~ he considered it his privilege as President to tell Congress what ^{it} ~~is~~ should do before it adjourns. This because he wants to give the people of America an opportunity to act. He pointed out that prices have been sky rocketing ever since July Nineteen Forty-six when he said "Congress forced him to accept a price control law that was worse than nothing."

The President went on to accuse Congress of negligence concerning housing, charging that the House Rules Committee will "roost on the housing bill until the American people wake up and do something

about it." He also charged Congress with choking the Labor Department to death. Failing to give it enough money to carry on its work.

"Congress was not satisfied to take the lid off prices." said the President, "but it cut down the pocket book of the Bureau of Labor Statistics so much ~~so~~ that we cannot ^{even} see how fast we are travelling towards inflation."

Mr. Truman also called for a public health bill. ~~so that everybody can get proper health care.~~

He said that the only people today who ~~were~~ looked after medically are "the very poor and the rich. ~~Congress has not done much for the benefit of the people~~" said he.

~~"They have passed a lot of class legislation."~~ He went on to lament the low salaries paid to teachers and to call on Congress to pass a farm price support bill, before the American farmer goes into a depression, such as he experienced in Nineteen twenty.

Today Congress began its last week before adjourning for the summer vacation. Perhaps the final week for the Eighteenth Congress: So what they do this week and what they leave undone, may play an important role in the Nineteen forty-eight political campaign.

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The House Rules Committee today gave its approval to the Nineteen to twenty-five draft bill which is now sure to reach the floor of the house this week. Congressman Harness, world war One Hoosier veteran who has been opposing the draft bill all along, finally supported the Rules Committee because the Republican House leaders asked him to. But he will fight it in the House. Nevertheless, the bill is expected to pass before Congress ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ adjourns. The Senate already has approved a similar bill.

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The Senate today passed ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and sent back to the House a bill extending the administration's reciprocal trade program - that is extending it for one year. President Truman had asked for a three-year

extension. The bill was passed after Senator Vandenberg assured his colleagues that it would not hurt our international trade.

The new bill limits the President's ~~power~~ powers to cut tariffs, Congress to have the last word on that.

FOREIGN AID

Then the Senate Appropriations Committee approved ^{the} ~~of~~ six-billion, a-hundred-and-twenty-five million, seven-hundred-thousand dollar foreign aid ~~spending~~ bill. Most of the economy cuts in our foreign aid program, which were ordered by the House last week, ^{are} restored, as a result of the powerful pressure exerted by Senator Vandenberg, Governor Dewey of New York, Governor ~~Earl~~ ^{Former Gov.} Warren of California, ~~Sen. Stassen~~ ^{Stassen}, ~~Senator Taft~~ and other supporters of the Bi-partisan policy.

The biggest change approved ^{by} the Senate Committee was to restore ^{the} global aid program to its original length -- twelve months instead of the fifteen months that the House wanted. Thus putting back ~~four-fifths~~ four - fifths of the cut. -- ~~a victory for the presidential~~ ~~was~~ ~~hopeful.~~

SUBSTITUTE MARITIME

In New York tonight the ~~national maritime~~ union President Joseph Curran, denied that his ^{maritime} union will vote on whether to defy the ^{federal} injunction. ^{granted} to the ~~the~~ government today, ^{issued the injunction in an attempt} to prevent a strike, ~~of maritime workers at midnight tomorrow night.~~ ^{Said Curran:-} "we shall not submit to a vote the question of 'shall we or shall we not violate a law of the United States' even though we believe the law to be sponsored by the employers." ^{Then he added:-} ~~said Curran.~~ "The membership's answer is to uphold the law and to fight it legally."

Curran spoke after Paul Palazzi, a new York official of the ~~national~~ maritime union sent a telegram to all ships in New York harbor telling crew members ~~to~~ to make preparations to strike at ~~twelve~~ midnight tomorrow. ~~night.~~ Palazzi's telegram, ^{said} ~~saying~~ that the only ^{thing that would} ~~thing~~ ^{would be an} ~~is an~~ acceptable contract.

Earlier today the Justice Department, on instructions from President Truman, applied simultaneously

in New York, San Francisco and ~~Kingston~~ Cleveland,
for injunctions to head off the threatened strike. ^{There are} ~~of~~
a-hundred-and-^{seven} ~~seven~~ thousand members of ~~the~~ three
C I O maritime ~~workers~~ unions *involved.*

The applications for the injunctions were
made after a presidential fact finding ~~board~~ board
reported that a strike would tie up our entire shipping
industry. The injunctions were granted. The strike
to be postponed for eighty days, ^{with} ~~while both sides~~
~~talk it over~~ The employers likewise ~~are~~ barred ~~by the~~
~~court order~~ from locking out the men. Both sides to go
ahead and bargain in good faith.

PALESTINE

Word from Jerusalem tonight tells of danger of fighting beginning again, in the Holy City -- perhaps an end to the whole truce in the Holy Land. ^{All} ~~the situation~~ ^{because of} ~~steps from the~~ Jewish refusal to permit ^{U. N.} ~~United Nations~~ truce observers to inspect food convoys on their way to Jerusalem.

Members of the United Nations -- Truce

Commission stopped Jewish supplies today at Bab El Wad, ~~that's midway~~ between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The Jews ^{tried to} ~~refused,~~ ^{and apparently got away with it --} their contention being that they were using an alternative road to Jerusalem south of BAB EL WAD - not the main highway. This secret road is said to have been planned by Colonel ^{David} ~~Henry~~ Markas, the West Pointer who was in Supreme Command of the Israeli forces until he was killed by a ~~stray~~ bullet a few hours before the truce went into effect.

Under the present ^{arrangements} ~~conditions~~ supplies are ^{supposed to} ~~can~~ only be brought into Jerusalem by the International Red Cross, ^{this} ~~these to be~~ supervised by members of the Truce Commission.

After ~~the~~ refusing to have their trucks inspected, the Jews drove off along their secret route, whereupon the Commission told the Jewish authorities that it would consider a movement of unchecked convoys a violation of the truce and would ^{so} ~~have to make a~~ report to the United Nations. When the news got to the ears of Brigadier General Norman Lash, the Englishman in command of the Arab ^{Legion} ~~brigade~~ in the Jerusalem area, he threatened to resume firing. The truce Commission asked him to delay his decision for a few hours, while its officials ^{try to} ~~attempt a~~ settlement of the question.

Elsewhere in the Holy Land, all ~~has been~~ quiet today, with the Extremist Stern Gang making a public announcement that it will obey the orders of the Israeli Government, and keep the peace.

JERUSALEM

Here's some late news on that situation.

A dispatch from Jerusalem says the Jews have backed down. The truce commission apparently gave them a three hour ultimatum. The Israelites were either to allow their food trucks to be searched or they would be reported to Count Bernadotte. Five minutes before the time limit expired the Jews ~~xxxxxx~~ acceded to the Truce Commission's demand and so all is well again.

Officially

LAKE SUCCESS

Gromyko is going to file a formal resolution at tomorrow's meeting of the U N. Security Council; ^a ~~the~~ resolution ~~will~~ asking that Russia be allowed to send Soviet observers to Palestine. As we have heard repeatedly many times, the other delegates have no ^{yearning} ~~desire whatsoever~~ to see ~~any~~ Russian observers involved in the ticklish Palestine situation. So how, when faced with the [^] issue in the form of a formal resolution, how will the Security Council handle it? Can they ^{delegates} avoid further arousing the ire of the Russians?

We hear tonight that when the resolution comes up tomorrow, only two delegates will vote, Gromyko ~~Gromyko~~ from Moscow, and the Communist delegate from the Ukraine. They'll vote for it. The other delegates? They just won't vote at all. And as any ~~proposal~~ proposal must have seven votes before it can be considered by the Security Council, the Gromyko resolution will fall victim of routine parliamentary procedure. And in that way, we understand it will be taken care of without officially

offending Moscow.

GOTTWALD

(In Prague today, Communist Premier Gottwald became President of Czechoslovakia,) to the ringing of Church bells, and a twenty-one gun salute.

After taking the oath of office, this in the form prescribed by the new constitution which ex-President Benes resigned rather than sign, Gottwald attended a te deum mass in the Cathedral of St. Vitus. The Communist leader continues to attend the Roman church, which is the bitterest of all ~~the enemies~~ in opposition to Communism. The Ambassadors of the United States, Great Britain, China and Russia also attended the mass; all of which was jubilantly announced by the Red government - via the controlled Czech radio.

Prague newspapers today further noted that this cathedral service was the first time in the history of Czechoslovakia -- the first time for The Church to take part in a Presidential inauguration. Further, that it indicates how differences ~~between~~ between the Church and the Prague

government - differences over priests taking part in politics -- have been patched up.

In succeeding President Benes, Klement Gottwald was elected by acclamation - by the Czech Parliament. But voting was only a formality. There was no other candidate. The Deputies merely raised their hands and cheered.

Gottwald becomes President for seven years.

In getting himself elected to this office the Communist leader fulfills a boast he made nineteen years ago - when he first entered Parliament. Then he solemnly promised he would eventually break Benes and his associates.

He has succeeded. Today Benes, we hear, is a virtual prisoner, unable to leave Czechoslovakia with Gottwald the head of a Soviet puppet state.

PETAÏN

Marshal Petain may be released from prison! The news from France tells of a ninety-two year old Marshal Henri Philippe Petain suffering from a heart condition. His doctor, visits Petain's ~~taxi~~ island prison off the west coast of France, every day, to administer stimulants.

The doctor is said to have reported the aged soldier's condition to the prison governor following a visit by a high dignitary of The Church. Petain received a life sentence for collaboration with the Nazis, exiled on an island. The suggestion in Paris today is that if his condition is really serious, the wartime Premier of France will be parolled to spend his last days in freedom.

TOWN FOR SALE

Down in Morris, Tennessee tonight, they are wondering who ^{is} going to buy the town tomorrow when this model community goes on the auctioneer's block. Morris, Tennessee, was established by the Tennessee Valley Authority to house ~~XXXXXX~~ ^{workers who were building} ~~workers of~~ the Morris Dam. ~~it comprises~~ Three hundred homes, schools and stores ^{— all up for sale.} ~~now that its usefulness is over.~~ The T.V.A. ~~is~~ selling out; but, the inhabitants ^{say they} ~~of Morris~~ want to stay. So they are ^{much} ~~desperately~~ interested in who is going to buy their town lock, stock and barrel.

How much is Morris worth? T. V.A. is asking ^a ~~one~~ million, eight hundred and forty-nine thousand, ~~xx~~ seven hundred and fifty dollars. Fifty thousand dollars to be paid on the barrel head, when the auctioneer's gavel falls. The Morris folks are hoping they can buy it. ~~XXXXXXXXX themselves.~~ ^{ve} They ~~have~~ formed ~~XXXXX~~ a corporation ~~to do~~ this headed by Richard Kilbourne, ^{The} ~~xx~~ Morris citizens corporation, with a plan to keep the town intact. Some two hundred families have joined up, pledged ^{ing} to buy their homes with fifteen

percent ~~in~~ cash payments. This group is said to be negotiating with a private firm which will buy all the non-residential property in Morris. But tonight there ~~are~~ ^{are} rumors that three bids will be made by outsiders, news ~~which is~~ ^{that's} causing a lot of ~~much~~ anxiety among the folks who want to keep their town with its church, corner drug store, and everything that makes a town a town.

In London, Scotland Yard has been asked to find Chum, the human sheep dog. Chum, although a kioodle, is said to be a competent ball room dancer. He uses a typewriter. Also able to sing and accompany himself on the piano. A howling success, at that.

Today the London newspapers are carrying Chum's picture, at his typewriter, wearing a felt hat, smoking a pipe.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hill, who have called on Scotland Yard to help them find this talented pooch, were a little shame-faced over one detail they gave the police.

They had to admit that Chum has got one human weakness. He may be able to play the piano and sing, and he can thump on the typewriter, but -- his spelling is terrible. And, he has a weakness for the ladies. Which may be the clue to his disappearance. Could be. I know it's that way with

Nelson, I mean he's
out ^{of} hound named Roger.

DEWEY COWS

Friday evening when Governor Dewey was on the air with me for a few minutes, I asked him about his dairy farm, and he told us that he expected to go straight from the broadcast to inspect his cows, which he hadn't seen for some time. When he got home he was welcomed with a surprise that is not an uncommon experience with farmers, everywhere. He found that his cows had gotten out during the night, trampled through his wife's flower beds and generally played havoc with his lawn.

Nelson, you're a farmer has anything like that ever happened to you? Did your cows ever tear up your well-cared-for-lawn?