

Truman Maintains History Knowledge Helped Him Deal Calmly With Communists

WASHINGTON — Former President Truman says his knowledge of history helped him deal calmly with the "Communists in government" controversy during his administration.

Truman likens the allegations of subversion in government to the "witch craze" of colonial days. He says they reflected "anti-Communist hysteria" and brought "indiscriminate branding of innocent persons as subversives."

In the second installment of his memoirs, published in the current issue of Life magazine, Truman says his actions in the situation were shaped in part by knowledge gleaned from reading in history of what he termed previous "waves of hysteria."

He deals also with two other items often cited by his political critics—the failure of his Kansas City haberdashery after World War I and his association with the late Tom Pendergast, once the "boss" of Kansas City Democratic politics.

Truman blames the Republicans for the 1922 failure of his clothing store, operated in partnership with Eddie Jacobson. He contends Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon, a Republican, pursued economic policies that spelled financial disaster for Truman and thousands of others.

As for Pendergast, he tells of flatly rejecting an obvious bid by "Boss Tom" for the award of 10 million dollars in road contracts to a group of businessmen friendly to the Democratic city machine.

Truman, then presiding judge of Jackson County, relates that when Pendergast and the contractors called on him he announced the business would be "let to the lowest bidder" and, in keeping with a campaign promise, would be supervised by a bipartisan board of engineers.

He quotes Pendergast as telling the contractors: "I told you he's the contrary man in the state of Missouri."

"We never will attack or threaten anyone else," he said, "but the Western powers have refused to give us arms for defense."

—NEA Telephone



IKE'S DOCTORS—Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder (left), President Eisenhower's personal physician, and Dr. Paul Dudley White (right), Boston heart specialist, leave Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver enroute to press conference at Lowry Field.



ADAMS RETURNS—Sherman Adams (right), Asst. to the President who directs the White House Staff, returned to Washington from Paris and planned immediate conference with Vice President Nixon. He was greeted by Gen. Wilton B. Parsons (left), deputy assistant to the President.



NIXON CARRIES ON—Vice President Richard Nixon scheduled a White House meeting with Administration officials to make plans for carrying on government functions during President Eisenhower's illness. He is shown here talking to newsmen.

Increase Shown In Bank Debts For 3 Counties

The Douglas Coos and Curry County Banking District, which includes Roseburg, reported a 6 per cent increase in bank debts for August over the August 1954 totals.

The area's total debts for August 1955 amounted to \$47,107,359 compared to the August 1954 total of \$44,848,884. Although a gain was noted in the comparison of the August totals, this area also recorded a 17.5 per cent decrease in total debts from July to August totals. This decrease was the highest noted in the state.

Every area in the state showed an increase over the August 1954 total with the Upper Columbia River area, which includes Hood River and The Dalles, reporting the highest gain of 25.7 per cent. Total debts for the state, compiled from 12 districts, amounted to \$1,557,666,343, a 20.4 per cent increase over last August's total.

Bank debts represent the dollar deposit accounts of individuals and business firms. These debts are regarded as good indicators of current business activity. They are collected monthly by the University of Oregon Bureau of Business Research from 149 banks and branches throughout Oregon.

Public Relations To Be Promoted By Mobile Group

Directors of Oregon Mobile Home Owners Inc., meeting in Roseburg last weekend, voted unanimously to begin an extensive public relations and organization program and to intensify its drive for more homes among over 75,000 families in the state who live in mobile homes.

An important part of the program will be an attempt to get trailer owners to register to vote, according to Mrs. Florence J. Pitt, president of the organization, and to keep them informed on legislation which directly or indirectly affects them.

Pierce-Dawkins Inc., Medford public relations and advertising firm, was retained by the organization to direct the public relations publication and in organizational work. The program is set up on a two-year basis.

"Despite the fact that the ranks of mobile home owners are multiplying, we are still regarded by many people as nomads and second-class citizens," Mrs. Pitt said.

"We feel that a program of public information is in order. We also feel that despite the fact that over 75 per cent of the people who live in house trailers in Oregon are permanent residents, that we neglect our responsibilities as citizens when we don't register and vote."

Oregon Mobile Home Owners Inc., a non-profit organization first established in 1953. The group expects to have a membership of 25,000 by the end of the year.

Americans Smoke More Cigarettes; Scare Said Over

WASHINGTON —The Agriculture Department reported today that Americans are smoking more cigarettes now than, in its view, the "main impact" of the cigarette-health controversy apparently has passed.

Reporting on "the tobacco situation," the department said Americans 15 years of age and over will smoke an average of nearly 10 pounds of tobacco in cigarettes during 1955.

That would represent a 1.2 per cent increase over last year but fall 4.8 per cent shy of the 1953 figure—a record.

Without elaborating, the report said: "The main impact of the publicity concerning cigarettes and health on cigarette consumption appears to have occurred during 1954."

Medical authorities have made numerous studies, some of them with conflicting conclusions, on a possible relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. The department said it expected cigarette smoking to continue on an upward trend next year.

Over-all tobacco consumption, the department reported, has increased slightly this year but is 4 1/2 per cent below 1952 and 1953.

Girl Sees Father Shoot Wife And Stepdaughter

OGDEN, Utah —A railroad switchman shot to death his recently divorced wife and his 10-year-old stepdaughter early this week, then killed himself as another daughter watched.

The eyewitness, 8-year-old Christine Socwell, was hysterical when police reached the scene.

The switchman was 30-year-old John David Socwell. His ex-wife Mary Louise, 28, was dead on arrival at a local hospital and Mrs. Socwell's daughter by a previous marriage, Shana, 10, died on the operating table within an hour.

City Judge Charles Sneddon, acting coroner, called the shootings "murder-suicide."

Chicago Traffic Cops Take Positive Approach

CHICAGO —Traffic policemen in Chicago are being urged to take the positive approach giving tickets for traffic violations and to disregard such phrases as "Where's the fire, bud?"

A police training outline on public relations advises officers to take a polite, impartial attitude—something like this: "Good evening, sir. I stopped you because you were exceeding the speed limit. May I see your driver's license?"

The brochure also asked police to avoid nicknames and sarcasm: "Many people object to being called 'bud,' 'chum,' 'pop' or by their first names. And the brochure added, 'They don't want to be called 'wise guy,' 'jerk' or 'dope.'"

Shalimar Being Renovated Into New Supper Club

A Roseburg entertainment spot, known to Douglas County residents for nearly a decade, will be remodeled, enlarged and renamed.

It is The Shalimar Room, 122 S. Stephens St. When completed around Nov. 1, it will be a supper club, and will encompass the area formerly known as the Rainbow Cafe.

Manager S. D. (Cap) Jordan and his wife, Marjorie, are busy supervising the removal and renovation of the cafe. Major changes include removal of the partition which separated the cafe and the nightclub. Helping the Jordans are employees of Imaginering Associates.

A new company, the men individually have designed hotels, restaurants and other structures featuring special interior decorations, Jordan said. County residents have viewed their work if they have visited the Bib & Tucker Room in the Eugene Hotel, Jordan added.

Just what the new title of the supper club is has not been divulged, officially. The club interior will feature a "light line" separating the bar from the eating area. Jordan said the lights will focus on green planters. The only part in the club which will not be moved is the bar, he said. The dancing area will probably be about the same.

The supper club will be designed to serve "family trade," he continued. Right now the owners are working with the state liquor commission to perfect a policy which will allow youngsters to come with their parents for dinner "up to a certain time to be determined."

Originally, the night spot was opened by Eugene Krewson, Roseburg. Several years ago it was purchased by the present owners—Paul Hult, W. O. (Bun) Kelsay and Sidney Leiken.

Evacuation Test Of Portland Said To Be Successful

PORTLAND, Ore. —A 1,000-block area, including Portland's downtown business district, was evacuated in 34 minutes in Tuesday's civil defense test.

The city's air warning system whirled its previously announced signal at 3:10 p.m., and immediately afterwards orderly streams of vehicles and pedestrians began moving along the many evacuation routes.

The speed of the evacuation exercise, named Operation Green Light, was credited by civil defense officials to the fact that the area was not nearly so crowded as usual and to a traffic control system that turned all traffic lights green along the exit routes and eliminated cross traffic.

Portlanders had been told that the test might come yesterday, today or tomorrow. Apparently many of them expected it yesterday or today for home early or didn't come in to town.

The thousands who were downtown were turned out of business houses. Many got in their automobiles and, for the first 15 minutes, it appeared that a gigantic traffic jam was forming.

This was due partly to motorists slowing down to pick up pedestrians walking out of the area. But within 20 minutes the jams had cleared and the evacuation proceeded without incident.

Hoover Probers Finish Mission

WASHINGTON —The Hoover Commission, whose keynote was economy in government, went out of existence today on a consistent note. It returned \$83,000 in unspent funds to the Treasury.

During its two-year life, the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, headed by former President Herbert Hoover, received \$2,848,534 from congress to finance its search for ways to streamline federal operations and cut expenditures.

The commission actually halted its work by law June 30, but it was given another 90 days for liquidation chores. That time was up today.

In its final formal statement, the commission said it made 314 recommendations, with 145 of these considered administrative and the remainder subject to legislative or presidential action.

"Already 50 administrative recommendations have been carried into effect," the commission said, "and one minor one alone will save the government yearly four or five times the total cost of the commission."

Oregon Pioneer Dies In Portland

PORTLAND —Mrs. Paulina Smith Quaid, 97, believed to be one of the last of Oregon's pioneers, died at a sanitarium here Monday.

She was born Oct. 27, 1857, at the family's farm near Lebanon. At the age of 13 she moved with her family to Eastern Oregon, where her father, Harvey Smith, founded the town of Heppner.

A daughter, Mrs. Katherine Hosen, Portland, is the only survivor.

Mrs. Laura E. Carter, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Pioneer Assn. said Mrs. Quaid was one of three true Oregon pioneer persons who were born or who lived in Oregon before the end of the year 1859, when Oregon became a state.

The two surviving pioneers are Mrs. Mary Patton Taylor, born in 1837, and Mrs. H. W. Hayes, born in 1859. Both are Portland residents.

NATO CHIEF —Brig. Gen. Louis W. Truman of Springfield, Mo., second cousin of former President Truman, has succeeded Brig. Gen. Earle G. Wheeler as plans and operations chief for NATO in southern Europe.

Grandma Settles For \$32,000 On TV Quiz Show

NEW YORK —Grandma Myrtle Power, the baseball sage from the Southland, has taken her \$32,000 and retired from big league play on TV after a perfect five-week season.

Urged by her children and a host of well-wishers not to take the risk, she passed up a chance at the grand prize on The \$64,000 Question CBS giveaway show.

The 70-year-old widow says her winnings, estimated at \$21,000 after income taxes, will be "put in a sock" and saved.

Announcing her decision to quit on the program last night, she said it seemed "the sensible thing to do."

Mrs. Power, a baseball fan for 60 years and a Brooklyn Dodger rooter, said: "My Brooklyn boys were pennants and I feel like I won a pennant and they never won a World Series and I don't want to beat them to the draw."

Among those who urged her not to try for the \$64,000 by facing another question in her chosen baseball category was Jack Dempsey. Mrs. Power said the former heavy-weight boxing champion talked with her at his restaurant this week and "almost got down on his knees to ask me to stop on account of the taxes."

If she had tried for the \$64,000 she would have gotten only \$32,000, Mrs. Power said.

Before Mrs. Power stepped out, another baseball whiz advanced through the \$8,000 question in his chosen category—also baseball.

He's Patrick Keough, 62, of St. Louis, a baseball fan for more than 50 years. He can try next Tuesday night for \$16,000.

Hunger Strike At Walla Walla Prison Called Off

WALLA WALLA —Troublemakers at Washington State Prison called off their hunger strike Wednesday after a single day of food in protest against conditions.

A majority of 37 convicts who refused all food Tuesday asked to be fed during the night. The request was denied but they were to be given food after the regular breakfast was served to the prison's other convicts.

The 37 included ringleaders of two uprisings in July and August when hostages were taken and then released in protest against conditions at the prison which holds 1,700 men.

Today, short-lived hunger strike, prison sources said, protested their confinement in Number One Wing, an old cell block which does not have modern sanitary facilities.

Warden Lawrence Delmore Jr. said the men also were protesting charges brought against ringleaders of the mid-summer revolts.

No violence attended the rejection of food.

Dr. Thomas A. Harris, state director of institutions, promised after the July riot that the prisoners would be moved to another cellblock. However, Delmore said the men are being kept in that wing until they are tried in Walla Walla on charges of prison riot.

The trials are scheduled to start soon in Walla Walla County Superior Court.

Former Resident Dies In Accident

A former Roseburg resident died in a Eureka, Calif., hospital Sunday from injuries he received when his car ran off a road near there and hit a tree Saturday afternoon, it has been learned here.

It was Everett Franklin Heilman, 62, Eureka, whose mother, and sister live here. They are Mrs. Fannie A. Heilman, his mother, and Mrs. Robert Collier, his sister. His wife, Catherine, and son, Tony, both survive.

Other survivors are: Two brothers, Daniel of Sydney, Australia, and Gerald, Ft. Bragg, N.C., Army officer; three half-brothers, Lawrence and Charley Heilman, both of Warrenton, and Melvin Heilman, Canby; and a half-sister, Mrs. Gerald Baty, Canby.

Heilman was born Dec. 31, 1922, at Grande Ronde. Funeral services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Hillside Chapel, Oregon City. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City.

Newspapers Must Print News, States Editor

PORTLAND —It doesn't make any difference whose dog is bitten, the newspapers are going to have to tell about it, Malcolm Bauer, associate editor of the Oregonian, told the Kiwanis Club Tuesday.

Using the man-bites-dog definition of news, Bauer said it isn't the newspaper's job to be a psychiatrist or a veterinarian and treat the dog of its ailments. Nor, he said, is it a newspaper's job to decide which dog should be publicized and which should not.

Some of the only want happy dogs in the news, he said, and some want to know only about big dogs. But the newspaper, he said, must consider that the event made news and print it.

If newspapers investigate and decide who will be hurt, they are then in the social welfare business, not in the newspaper business.

Heltzel To Issue Order Fixing Train Speeds

Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel said Tuesday he would issue an order fixing speed limits of trains within cities.

He said the order, to be issued in a few days, would generally call for the same speeds now set forth in city ordinances.

The State Supreme Court ruled last spring that Heltzel, and not the cities, has power to regulate train speeds.

The city of Portland, however, has the right to set train speed limits.

Heltzel said his staff has been investigating train speeds for several months.

Coon, Neuberger Continue Debate, Differ On Issues

THE DALLES, Ore. —Rep. Coon (R-Ore.) said Tuesday night his "partnership" bill for construction of John Day Dam would mean 4,000 jobs and a 100 million dollar payroll for north central Oregon soon.

Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) in the second night of his 10 debate series with Coon, urged residents of the area not to "trade decades of year-around employment by industries that would come in under a federal low-cost power program" for the temporary employment which immediate construction of the dam would provide.

Neuberger, who urged federal construction of the Columbia River project, repeated his view that under Coon's "partnership" program, private utilities would boost power rates.

The two men covered much of the same ground but they had their first appearance at Hood River. Coon explained how under his bill, local public and private agencies would put up 273 million dollars to cover the cost of the power features of the 310 million dollar dam.

California GOP To Back Knight At '56 Convention

By MORRIS LANDSBERG
SACRAMENTO, Calif. —California Republican leaders indicated informally today they'll support Gov. Goodwin J. Knight in his declared intention to lead the state's vote-heavy delegation to the party's 1956 national convention.

Their position, as shown by a telephone survey, could offer a serious obstacle to White House hopes of California's Richard M. Nixon in the event President Eisenhower decides not to run again.

The possibility of Eisenhower's stepping out span the state's Republicans dizzily on a political merry-go-round with signs flashing: "We tried to keep watch but we fell asleep. The only way we kept from getting bitten worse was that they nudged us first before taking a bite. That way we woke up and scared them off."

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Ole R. Larson, 85, a veteran of World War I, died this morning in the Veterans Hospital here. A former resident of Spokane, he was born July 30, 1869, in Fosberg, Norway.

There are no known survivors. Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Nathaniel Wallen, hospital chaplain, officiating. The Roseburg Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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The body of Curtis Wayne Struss, 26, who died at Myrtle Point, Ore. Sept. 25, has been removed to Myrtle Point, reports Ganz Mortuary.

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Fliers Snatched From Shark Jaws Now In Honolulu

HONOLULU —Two fliers snatched from the jaws of attacking sharks in a dramatic Pacific rescue arrived today aboard the rescue ship Steel Advocate for a joyous reunion with their wives.

The two are the only survivors of a Flying Tiger line cargo plane that ditched at sea Friday night while carrying military supplies to Wake Island. Three of the five-man crew perished, one from shark bites.

One of the survivors, copilot Robert C. Hightower of Vallejo, Calif., was bitten on the foot as he was pulled from the water.

He and his companion, Capt. Abraham Machado of Hollywood, Calif., the pilot, told of their ordeal yesterday in a radio-telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Machado said he survived for 40 hours without a life jacket. "I kept going by hanging on to one of the guys, then the other."

The battle with the sharks began almost immediately after the big four-motor plane went down, carrying navigator Dominick Venesca of Sepulveda, Calif., who was pinned inside the wreckage.

Another navigator, Richard C. Olsen, died from shark bites only a few hours before his two companions were picked up by the freighter Sunday. Hightower said he was bitten 15 to 20 times and Machado said he bore the marks of several bruises with sharks.

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Coon told the audience of 900 that at the rate of present appropriations it would take 27 years for the dam to be built as a federal project. He added that if early federal construction could be assured, his bill would not be necessary and that he would go along with federal construction.

Neuberger then said: "If Rep. Coon doesn't care whether the dam is built by private or federal funds, will he join with Sen. Morse and me to fight for a federal project?"

Coon did not reply.

There were no sharp exchanges between the