

# World News Capsules Alaska, Hawaii Statehood Asked This Year by Truman in Message

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(From the wires of the United Press and Associated Press)

President Truman warned in his state of the union message Wednesday that Russia is building up armed strength and that the threat of aggression and another world war are still very real. Then he appealed to lawmakers to avoid political fights that might harm the nation.

The president also renewed an appeal for statehood of Alaska and Hawaii. Bills will be presented in senate early this year. It is possible the Alaska bill will be up for adoption within the next 10 days.

He also stated that his review of world problems with Prime Minister Winston Churchill yielded "most satisfactory" results. Mr. Truman reported that he and Churchill "thoroughly reviewed the situation in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East."

The president's legislation program amounted to a renewed plea for civil rights, federal aid to education, improved social security, stronger farm price supports and national health insurance. He stated, too, that he will soon ask for an increase in armed forces notable in air power. The House has agreed to take up a measure having to do with a 10 per cent pay increase for members of the armed forces next Tuesday.

## Mindful of the coming election year . . .

Congress served advance notice on president Truman Wednesday that it will not approve higher taxes or do much legislating on any other issue it can safely sidestep.

Both Democrats and Republicans made this plainly evident even before Mr. Truman appeared at a joint session of the House and Senate at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday to deliver his state of the union message.

The lawmakers expected Mr. Truman to emphasize the tense international situation and to call for heavy defense spending, as well as to recommend another big foreign military aid program—a point in which Churchill was keenly interested. Even administration stalwart, speaker Sam Rayburn said bluntly that he did not expect Congress to approve a big tax increase this year.

Among the distinguished guests invited to the presentation of the annual message were British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and his foreign minister, Anthony Eden.

## The Reds yielded to all U.N. demands, except . . .

... a ban on military airfield construction during Wednesday's peace talks at Panmunjom, the one that would bring final agreement. The U.N.'s major general Howard M. Turner, promptly rejected the Communist program.

General Matthew B. Ridgway's supreme headquarters in Tokyo backed up the Allied truce delegation with a "voice of the U.N. command" broadcast warning that the Reds must agree to the airfield construction ban if they want an armistice.

## Korean troops rallied . . .

... for another attempt to recapture two important hill positions in western Korea where they killed an estimated 1,000 Communists Tuesday in the heaviest fighting in six weeks. An eight army spokesman said the first R.O.K. infantry division, with the aid of United Nations artillery, took the heaviest toll of enemy troops since the beginning of the "little armistice" on Nov. 27.

## The U.N. killed Russia's demand . . .

... Wednesday for an immediate high-level meeting of the United Nations security council to take up the Korean armistice deadlock.

At the same time the U.N.'s main political committee approved a western proposal favoring a special council session on the cold war in general, but only after a Korean armistice has been achieved in battlefield negotiations.

The vote on the western resolution, sponsored by the United States, Britain, France and Brazil, was 50 to 0 with eight abstentions.

## The crippled freighter Flying Enterprise . . .

... was still adrift helplessly in the storm-tossed seas of the north Atlantic at last report Wednesday evening. There is no tow line attached to the ship and a mounting gale posed a new threat, but Captain Kurt Carlsen is sticking by with his only crew member, a mate off the British tug Turmoil.

Preparations are underway to rescue Carlsen and Kennedy Dancy if the Enterprise begins to sink. Every minute the storm rages lowers Carlsen's chances of riding his ship to port.

Forty-five miles away from his goal, the port of Falmouth, Captain Carlsen's ship is listing as much as 80 degrees on the roll. Her deckhouse is awash and she continues to take on water.

## Taft's campaign manager's met . . .

... in Washington Wednesday to revise their strategy in the light of General Eisenhower's public declaration of availability for the Republican presidential nomination. The Taft lieutenants also planned to apprise other "changes in the political situation" such as the avowed candidacy of Harold E. Stassen which have taken place since their last meeting a month ago.

Neither the Eisenhower nor the Stassen moves came as any great surprise to the Taft forces, and their confidence was undiminished that Ohio's "Mr. Republican" will walk off with the nomination.

## High content uranium deposits . . .

... have been discovered near the Wyoming-Utah border by a 75-year-old prospector and a rancher.

Assistant U. S. Secretary of the Interior Robert R. Rose made the announcement Tuesday and said the government has signed an exploration contract for development of the uranium site. The discovery was made about 18 months ago south of Hock Springs by Charles Green and William Allen.

# Peak of Millrace Interest



## UO Students

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again. The restoration of the millrace would benefit the whole school.

It seems that fraternities which aren't on the millrace are interested in its future, also. Said Phi Delta president Norm Peterson: "The millrace is beneficial to all, so we are behind any project to clean it up 100 per cent." Social Chairman Ellis Owen, who spoke for Delta Tau Delta, said "We would consider it a good plan to restore the millrace and would certainly aid any such project, such as an IFC campaign."

The Delta Delta Delta sorority, which is not on the millrace, seems interested in it also. Social chairman Janet Russell said, "The kids are certainly interested in it and would certainly be willing to help." The Chi Omega sorority also promised its support. Said house president Donna Bernhardt: "We would be interested in getting it flowing rapidly again and would help clean it out, etc."

It looks like the millrace only needs someone to lead a vast group of interested and willing helpers.

## Dignan Announces Dad's Day Leaders

Committee chairmen for the annual Dad's Day weekend scheduled for Feb. 2 and 3, were announced Wednesday by Pat Dignan, general chairman.

Thirteen students were named by Dignan to head ten committees. They are:

Carol Lee Tate, promotion; Joanne Abel, registration; Jean Mauro, luncheon; Nancy Vincent, hospitality; Carolyn Silva, special events; Neil Chate and Merle Davis, radio promotion; Sally Thurston and Donna Hart, publicity; Margaret Bown, decorations; John Talbot and Jim Watkins, basketball; and Dick Davis, awards.

Two basketball games with the University of Washington will take place Dad's Day weekend. Traditional events of the celebration, a welcome to all Oregon dads, include selection of a hostess, percentage registration contests, the Oregon Dads meeting and luncheon and programs in individual living organizations.

## Theater Board Elections Slated

Two members of the freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior classes and two graduate students will be elected to the University theater executive board Sunday night. The annual business meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in 102 Villard hall.

All people interested in any phase of the theater are invited to attend, Karl Harshbarger, chairman of publicity for the event, stated. All persons present have a vote.

The program will open with community singing of show music, followed by a short introductory talk. The University theater staff will be introduced.

The program will close with refreshments and dancing.

THIS PICTURE spelled good news for Oregon in 1949. It shows officials turning headgate control valve which sent water flowing into the millrace for the first time since 1945 when a flood destroyed the headgates. Campus interest and millrace flow has since been spasmodic.

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