

### Editors Vary In Opinions on Truman Talk

(Story also on page 1.)  
By the Associated Press  
American newspapers' editorial views on President Truman's state of the union message yesterday ranged from "distinguished" to "disturbing."

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch said "Mr. Truman and advisers have distinguished themselves before the country."  
"Here is a president plainly eager to help basic component parts of American society to fuller realization of the 'satisfactions of life.'"  
The Portland (Me.) Press-Herald said Mr. Truman "thoroughly crossed up those who have whispered that he had been developing a conservative streak."

"There have been few presidential messages of greater strength and clarity," the Atlanta Constitution said.  
"Added to Measure"  
The newspaper said Mr. Truman "added materially to his measure as a statesman."  
The St. Paul dispatch said the message "is a digest of the 315 speeches he made in the campaign last fall. What it all adds up to is a redeal of the new deal."

The Minneapolis Star said it was "less extreme than his campaign speeches but it definitely proposes some new excursions into federal bureaucracy, notably in medical insurance and aid to education. It holds up the possibility of partial nationalization of the steel industry."

"To Reassure Business"  
The Philadelphia Inquirer said "It is reasonable to interpret this message as an effort . . . to reassure business that there will be no reckless crack-downs, no blows at the essence of our free enterprise system."  
View of the New Orleans States was that "all during his campaign, President Truman assailed the 80th congress as the 'worst congress . . . Now . . . President Truman tells the American people that . . . our nation is better able than ever before to meet the needs of the American people. We wonder how much part the president played and how much part the 80th congress played in getting it into such good shape."

### Chinese Reds Shell Tientsin Area Defenses

SHANGHAI, Thursday, Jan. 6 (AP)—Chinese communists began shelling government positions around Tientsin today after the Reds scornfully rejected Chiang Kai-Shek's peace offer.  
The artillery fire broke a two-week lull which had settled on China's farflung battlefronts amid a rising clamor for peace. Chinese newspapers in Shanghai reported that the attack near Tientsin seemed to be mounting in intensity.  
A red broadcast heard in Shanghai late Wednesday night had warned of the attack, declaring that "a general assault on besieged Peiping, Tientsin, and Tangku (seaport for Tientsin) is imminent."

### Orange Price Rise Follows Freeze

HARLINGEN, Tex., Jan. 5 (AP)—Wholesale orange prices in the valley advanced 25 cents a box today following reports of heavy crop loss in California due to the cold wave there.  
So far the losses in California have not affected grapefruit prices in the Rio Grande valley area.

### Pacific University to Celebrate Centennial

FOREST GROVE, Jan. 5 (AP)—The centennial of Pacific university's founding will be celebrated here Sunday, on "Charter Day," with Burt Brown Barker, Portland, as principal speaker.  
The university—then called "Tualatin Academy"—was chartered by the Oregon territorial government in 1849.

### Public Housing Plea by Truman Draws Opposition

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 5 (AP)—President Truman's appeal today for increased public housing brought immediate opposition from the national association of real estate boards.  
"Even legislators have agreed that public housing is no solution to the problem," T. H. Maenner, president of the association declared.

Maenner made the statement after he was informed of the president's plea of 1,000,000 new housing units in the next seven years. "People are getting tired of public handouts and they are getting tired of government control," Maenner stated.  
He added that "when we got rid of rent controls housing accelerated."

### Knight to Take Presidency of College of Ohio

Dr. John L. Knight, former assistant to the president at Willamette university and now chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan university, will become president of Baldwin-Wallace college at Berea, Ohio, it was disclosed Wednesday.  
The announcement was made following a special meeting of the Nebraska Wesleyan board of trustees.

Dr. Knight received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Kansas Wesleyan university. Other degrees include an A.B. from Brothers college, Drew university; A.M. and S.T.B. from Boston university, and M.A. from Vanderbilt university.  
Dr. Knight was at Willamette from 1943 to 1946.

### Naval Aviation Unit Continues Organization

Salem's newest naval reserve group—Volunteer Aviation Unit 13-7—waded into organization procedures Wednesday night preliminary to getting the air station into operation.  
Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in building 514 at McNary field will be time and place for regular meetings of the reservists.

Group commander, Ernest Eldridge, issued an invitation to 17 and 18-year-olds to join the unit in a training status. Regular and satisfactory duty with the unit provides draft exemption for youths wishing to complete education. Eldridge also pointed out that preference of service duty is guaranteed for members of the unit.  
Wednesday night's meeting, in the chamber of commerce hall, was the first full status meeting for the unit. Qualification for retirement pay began with the meeting.

### Bureau Seeks Milk Control Act Backers

PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (AP)—The Oregon farm bureau today called for milk producers and other farm crop groups to rally behind the state milk control law.  
W. S. Caverhill, Pendleton, said the state bureau "expects state legislators and Oregon State college specialists to join department of agriculture officials and dairymen at a Jan. 14 meeting here."

Lowell Steen, Milton, and Vernon De Long, La Grande, are to conduct the meeting expected to formulate opposition to any move to repeal the state law in the 1949 legislative session.  
A Portland affiliated milk committee, composed largely of women's club representatives, is expected to ask the legislature to repeal or revise the state's milk law establishing minimum prices at all levels.

### Vandenberg Protests Split Of Committee

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich) today accused the senate democratic majority of violating the "spirit of bipartisan cooperation" in cutting down the ratio of republicans on the foreign relations committee.  
But Senator Barkley (D-Ky), vice president-elect, told newsmen:

"There is absolutely no disposition to reflect on the bipartisan foreign policy."  
With the democrats in control of the new congress, democratic leaders set up an 8-to-5 ratio for foreign committee seats—eight for democrats, five for republicans.  
In the last session, under GOP control, republicans took only seven seats and gave the democrats six.  
Vandenberg, one of the strongest supporters of the bipartisan foreign policy, sharply termed the revision a "political decision."

Other republicans joined in a heated protest.  
Senator Morse (R-Ore) delivered a first-waving attack.  
"The implications are to play politics with war and peace," he told the senate.  
Democrats denied any partisanship; they said they were entitled to more seats because they have a bigger senate majority than the republicans had. They added that many democrats clamored for places on the foreign relations committee.

### Just a Case Of Mistaken I-Dentistry

SALINA, Kas., Jan. 5 (AP)—Pfc. Bernard C. Wojcik's friendship for M/Sgt. Clarence A. Trumble cost him a tooth.  
Trumble, of Las Vegas, Nev., was getting ready for his transfer from the Smoky Hill air force base here. To save his "buddy" time, Wojcik, of Buffalo, N.Y., offered to take the sergeant's clearance papers to the various installations on the field.  
All went well until the private reached the dental clinic. There the dentist put him in a chair for a routine examination. Before the surprised airman could explain it was a case of mistaken identity, a needle was inserted, the gum frozen—and Wojcik was separated from a bad molar.

### Dewey Also Talks to Solons

ALBANY, N.Y., Jan. 5 (AP)—Governor Dewey prefaced his annual address to the opening session of the New York legislature today by telling the lawmakers "There was a time last year that I didn't expect to be with you here today."  
To his impromptu reference to his defeat for the presidency in last November's election, Dewey added: "I hope I didn't disappoint too many of you."

### Senators Oppose Electoral College

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—A new bipartisan drive to change the presidential election system was launched today by Senator Lodge (R-Mass) and others.  
Lodge introduced a resolution for a constitutional amendment to abolish the 162-year-old electoral college.  
Joining him in sponsoring the measure were Senators McCarran (D-Nev), Fulbright (D-Ark), Hoey (D-NC), Sparkman (D-Ala), Stennis (D-Miss), Kefauver (D-Tenn), Neely (D-WVa), Smith (R-NJ), Morse (R-Ore), and Flanders (R-Vt).

### 6-Year 'Phone Torture' Ends With Verdict

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 5 (AP)—A superior court judge today listed for Mrs. Eva Parness four neighbors whom she must never call up again—because the neighbors said that for six years Mrs. Parness had forced upon them "torture by telephone."  
Judge Walter Curry enjoined Mrs. Parness from "any telephone calls whatsoever" under pain of "drastic punishment"—to Mrs. Fannie Kaplin, Abraham Kaplan, Mrs. Freda Roff and Samuel Roff.  
Mrs. Kaplan testified that she started getting the phone calls after once "butting into an argument" between Mrs. Parness and her sister-in-law.

All four testified that several times a day their phone would ring and they would hear "curses, epithets and Bronx cheers."  
The dispute grows from the long standing demand of U.S. army officers for the rights to relax where enlisted men can't watch them. And the enlisted man's contention that what's good enough for an officer is good enough for him.  
At one point in this particular feud an officer is alleged to have opposed admitting "enlisted barbarians." That just piled fuel on the fire.

### Officers, GIs In Dispute Over Club Privilege

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—The biggest American club in Berlin banned U.S. enlisted men but admitted German frauleins, and so the fight waxed hot today.  
The G.I. won a temporary victory when the board of governors suspended the month-old ban until a special meeting tomorrow has thrashed it out again.  
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### Loyalty Tests Prescribed for A-Workers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Rigid loyalty tests for workers on atomic energy projects were prescribed today.  
They are applied of "to insure the most effective application of the policies designed to maintain the security of the project," the atomic energy commission said.  
The commission listed nine "classes of derogatory information" which establish a presumption of security risk.  
A second list, called category B, named nine grounds "sufficient to establish a reasonable belief" of security risk.

Ordinarily, the commission said, persons coming within any of the 18 classes will be denied "security clearance." This is essential to work for the commission or to have access to restricted data.  
The class A list—the most risky—listed current membership in a subversive organization and evidence of previous sabotage or treason, as well as insanity, drug or alcohol addiction, and the omission of "significant information" from personal history statements.  
The second category stressed possible sympathy, identification or association with subversive individuals or groups—including the communist party—as well as conscientious objection to military service, except for religious reasons.

### State Wildlife Suffering for Lack of Food

PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (AP)—The state game commission said today that deer, elk and quail are suffering from lack of food.  
A danger that elk and deer herds would be sharply reduced by lack of forage was reported by C. A. Lockwood, state game supervisor.  
He described emergency feeding programs, under way in snow-covered regions, but said that no artificial feeding can compensate for the lack of winter range.

### Skater Dies As Ice Breaks

OREGON CITY, Jan. 5 (AP)—Keith Wayne Keeney, 18, plunged through breaking ice to his death today while skating on Englebrecht lake near here.  
A passerby saw him struggling in the eight-foot-deep water and tried vainly to throw some boards to him.  
Keeney sank before he could get a grip on the boards.  
Police were notified by a resident of the hills above Englebrecht lake, who heard faint cries and—through binoculars—saw what had happened. They recovered the body two hours later.

### Israel Admits Raid 30 Miles Deep in Egypt

By the Associated Press  
An Israeli spokesman disclosed last night that Jewish troops struck 30 miles into Egypt on a raid, and withdrew after three days' fighting.  
A high British government source said Britain may ask the United Nations security council to lift its embargo on arms shipments to Arab countries if Israeli patrol activity on the Egyptian border continues.  
The British source said there was absolutely "no question" of Britain going to war with Israel, as suggested by some British newspapers. He called such reports dishonest propaganda.

Britain, this informant disclosed, has sent a garrison force to Aqaba in Trans-Jordan near Israeli territory. An Israeli spokesman charged the British also have sent planes into Trans-Jordan and are holding landing exercises in Tripoli. The British refused comment on those charges.

### State Loaned \$8 Million To Vets During 1948

Oregon's ex-servicemen of World War II borrowed approximately \$8,000,000 in 1948 to acquire their own homes and farms under the state veterans loan program, year-end figures released by the state department of veterans affairs Wednesday disclosed.  
Loans for the 3½ years the department has been in operation amount to slightly over \$10,000,000. The 1948 figure represents about 80 per cent of the agency's entire loan business.

### Loud Speakers Asked in Senate

Installation of a loud speaker system in the senate chamber during the 1949 legislature with a microphone on each senator's desk has been requested, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry announced here Wednesday.  
Newberry said these microphones cost about \$30 each, uninstalled, but can be leased at less cost to the state. An added expense would be the employment of two radio engineers to keep the system in operating condition.

### Snow-Stranded Travelers Sent Nourishment

DENVER, Jan. 5 (AP)—Aerial and ground mercy missions brought relief today to thousands of travelers stranded for three days in blizzard-bruised Colorado and Wyoming.  
The greatest rescue was at Rockport, Colo., nine miles south of the Wyoming line. Since Sunday 343 bus passengers and motorists had huddled in the village's lone tavern. Soup and coffee was their principal nourishment during that time. Rescuers said nearly all the storm refugees were suffering from colds and undernourishment.  
"It was like a snake pit," said John Gillies, 21, Chicago. "There wasn't a spare inch in the floor. Men and women slept fully clothed. People were lying in every conceivable position, kids were crying."

Gillies said "all we didn't run short of was beer. It cost us 10 cents for a cup of coffee and 30 cents for a bowl of soup."  
Several motorists who had injured themselves trying to free their snowbound cars and sick persons were the first evacuated. They were driven to Greeley, Colo., in a large bus which followed the first snowplow into Rockport. Four additional buses were evacuating the others. A rescue train was sent from Greeley also.

Thirty-five children, the youngest two months old, were among the rescued group. Snow blocked both front and back doors of the tavern. The only exit was through a broken window in the women's rest room.

### Metal Working Class Starts

Newest adult class in the Salem public night school opened Wednesday night, with six persons starting to learn metal foil work—the making of costume jewelry and household items by working thin metals.  
Frank Schram, vocational education specialist who is teaching the class, said there are openings for about six more students, and registration will be accepted through next week. The class meets every Wednesday from 7:15 to 9:45 p. m. in room 224 at Salem High school. Metal work similar to that taught in the new class is on display with the night school's exhibit at Salem branch, First National bank.

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