

Politics Preferred

PRESIDENT TRUMAN will hit the road May 7 for a "non-political" tour of the west and northwest which, despite claims to the contrary, marks the official opening of the campaign for control of Congress in the November elections.

The official "non-political" purpose of the trip is the dedication of the Grand Coulee Dam in the state of Washington on May 11.

But Mr. Truman will make back platform speeches wherever the train stops and even Democratic politicians are not referring to the special train as an express. On just one day, for instance, the President is scheduled to make 14 talks in 16 hours while crossing the states of Wyoming, Idaho and Oregon.

Truman Is Confident

It will be a confident Harry Truman who swings aboard the train in Washington's Union Station for the nine-day circuit. He'll be doing something he knows he does well—talking to the people.

Never a spell-binder, the President isn't at his best when reading a prepared speech. But on his feet, talking without notes, he speaks a language the people seem to understand.

Mr. Truman credits his election in 1948 which confounded practically all the "dopesters," to the whirlwind campaign of whistle stops when he "gave 'em hell" from train platforms from coast to coast.

GOP Hopes for 'Break'

When the President is speaking off-the-cuff, he doesn't mince his words. It is here the Republicans hope the President will provide a break that will enable them to make some political hay.

They hope for some chance observation like the one Mr. Truman tossed off in 1948 at a brief train stop in Eugene, Ore. The President remarked then that he had become rather well acquainted with Premier Stalin, adding:

"I like old Joe. Joe is a decent fellow but he is a prisoner of the Politburo. He makes agreements but he can't keep them. They won't let him."

Opportunity to tap that particular vein, however, has gone forever. The President has been severe in his criticism of world Communism and he has halted just short of branding the Soviet Union officially as "aggressors."

The McCarthy Charges

Domestic angles of Communism, pinpointed by the charges of Sen. Joseph McCarthy, seem certain to be a major topic. GOP national chairman Guy G. Gabrielson has charged the Administration with trying to "cover up and protect subversives and traitors in high government places."

Mr. Truman already is on record with answers to such attacks. Last week he declared no known Communists had government jobs and challenged those who claimed otherwise to come forward with facts.

COLLEGE: Dilemma for Grads

Cold, Cruel World

College enrollment throughout the nation now is about 2,456,800—an all time high. The prewar peak was 1,242,000 in 1941.

But the flood of veterans probably has crested this year and next fall's crop is scheduled to be smaller. At the end of this decade, however, the war babies will start to college and enrollment is expected to rise to even higher peaks.

About 500,000 students will graduate from college this June—a record high. About 304,000 of them are men, and 250,000 of them are veterans.

Death of Jobs

The June grad will face a cold, cruel world this year as far as employment goes. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says there will be more graduates than jobs.

That means he'll face stiff competition, may have to take lower pay than graduates of a year or two back. He may have to start lower down the ladder or find work in an allied field rather than the one for which he studied.

In such fields as engineering where there used to be a shortage there is now a surplus. The U.S. Office of Education says 50,000 will get engineering diplomas this year, compared with a yearly average of about 10,000 before the war. Perhaps only half the new engineers will step into jobs in their own line this June. The same condition exists in most of the professions. The federal Labor Bureau says college graduates will be among 1,700,000

In Short . . .

Reported: By the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a six-tenths of one per cent in food costs from February to March.

Seized: By a Mexican gunboat, five Texas shrimp boats, fishing in what Mexico claims as territorial waters nine miles off the coast; the U.S. places territorial limits three miles offshore.

Rejected: By the Senate, a British proposal that the U.S. assume part of Britain's nine billion dollar debt in Asian sterling areas.

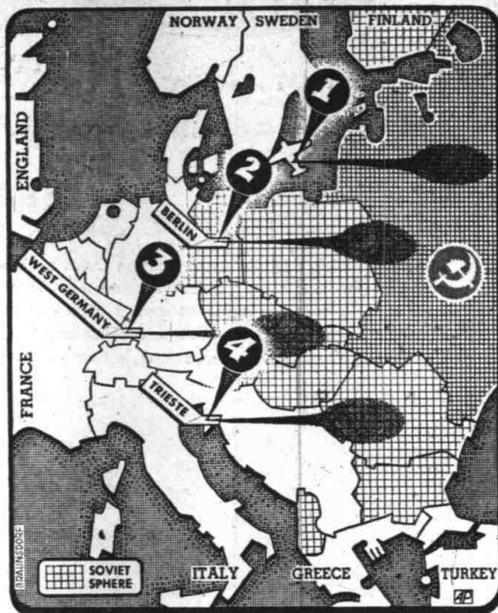
Announced: By the Navy, plans to build an atomic-powered submarine and convert a cruiser to a guided missile vessel.

The WORLD This WEEK

EUROPE: Crucial Pinpoints in the Cold War

IN HIS speeches within recent weeks, U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson has blueprinted his principles of foreign policy in an effort to enroll the American people in a total effort to win the cold-war. Such a vast undertaking, he has explained, requires economic and political action on a world scale and development of the defenses of the free world wisely and prudently. Above all, he declared, it requires that the American people demonstrate that their own faith in freedom is a burning and fighting faith.

In discussing U.S. diplomatic objectives, Acheson made clear there is



Scrap Paper

Five years ago Pfc. Edward P. Ruff of Riverside, N. J., signed a spontaneous American-Russian oath at the River Elbe to promote peace for all time. He was a member of the American combat patrol which first met the Russians deep in German territory.

The oath read: "At this historic meeting, all of the soldiers present—American and Russian—swear they will do everything in their power to prevent such things from ever happening again; swear that all nations will and must live at peace."

Last week Ruff, now a civilian, tore up his copy of the Oath of Elbe.

"It's not worth the paper it's written on anymore," he said, scattering it to the wind. "Instead of living up to that oath, the Russians have done everything to provoke another war. I'm afraid war with Russia is inevitable."

stands in the way of every attempt at understanding with Russia. He defined aggression as meaning not only military attack but propaganda warfare and the secret undermining of free countries from within. He declared:

"If, as, and when that idea of aggression can be ruled out of our relations with the Soviet Union, then the greatest single obstacle to agreement will be out of the way. "As the results of our actions become clear and the free world becomes stronger it will, I believe, become progressively easier to get agreements with the Soviet Union."

The State Department view is that the Kremlin is embarked on a broad pattern of moves to create new tension and fear of war in order to force the western powers into negotiations and new concessions to Russia.

Quotes

Actress Maria Montez: "I never see my pictures in public—I feel ashamed enough if I have to see them alone."

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, president of Columbia University: "If all Americans want security, they can go to prison."

The recent Baltic incident in which Russian fighters allegedly shot down an unarmed U.S. Navy patrol plane off the Latvian coast is regarded as part of this pattern. So is the new Russian protest over Allied occupation of Trieste.

Putsch on Berlin

The proposed Whitsun march on Berlin by east German Communists and the recurrent threats of the Berlin blockade are considered other elements in a spring offensive.

The Whitsun putsch on May 27-29 was originally scheduled to send half a million German Communist youths storming into the western sectors. Washington regards it as an effort to capture the city by intimidation—by frightening west Berliners with a massive, Hitler-like show of force to demonstrate that the western powers are incapable of protecting them.

Germany Is Key

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SCIENCE: The Upright Man

Heads Up

The National Academy of Sciences heard an engaging new theory about the evolution of man last week in Washington. It's that man owes his superior mentality over lower animals to a long, arduous and victorious battle against the force of gravity.

By forcing himself to stand erect, primate man brought about certain changes in his blood and nervous systems, thereby stimulating development of a superbrain, is the thesis of Dr. S. W. Britton of the University of Virginia.

Dr. Britton told the Academy's annual meeting that man paid some penalties for getting up on his two feet—ailments like fallen arches, varicose veins, possibly sinus and heart trouble. But, he said, development of the "very delicately responsive human brain" more than offsets all the drawbacks.

Major Adjustments

The way he figures it, man's circulatory and nervous systems had to make major adjustments once man assumed the perpendicular for long periods of time. One big factor was that blood had to be forced upward to feed the rudimentary brain primitive man had.

As a result of these adjustments, the scientist theorizes, the brain was stimulated to develop into the delicate, superior organ it now is.

Dr. Britton suggests that man's apelike forebears first got off all fours when they found that in searching for food and watching for enemies there were certain advantages in keeping their heads high.

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Business

Success Story

Charles E. Wilson began his career some 40 years ago as an employe for Westinghouse Electric Company at 17 cents an hour. Last year at General Motors Corp., the giant automotive concern of which he is president, he got considerably more.

Wilson heads the list of 61 corporation officers or directors granted 1949 bonus awards totaling \$6,035,248 in cash, plus 24,338 shares of the company's common stock, valued at \$61.93 a share.

Last year Wilson received in salary, director fees and bonus, a total of \$586,100. The bonus is payable in five annual installments. At present federal income tax rates he would retain only a little more than \$150,000 of this.

It breaks down this way: \$201,100 in salary and director fees; \$308,021 in cash and 1,243 shares of stock, representing an "award value" of \$385,000. The huge bonuses reflect the record business of GM in 1949. The corporation reported net sales of \$5,700,000,000 and net income of \$656,434,232. It had a record payroll of \$1,440,690,450 for its 401,326 employes.

Dates

- Monday, May 1**
May Day.
Child Health Day.
- Tuesday, May 2**
Primaries in Ala., Fla., Ind., and Ohio.
- Saturday, May 6**
Kentucky Derby.
Anniversary (324th), purchase of Manhattan Island from the Indians.
- Sunday, May 7**
Be Kind to Animals Week starts.
National Music Week starts.

Medicine

Hope for Leukemia Victims

Leukemia or cancer of the blood is a disease in which the victim has too many white blood cells.

Recently cross-circulation of blood between leukemia victims and persons free of the disease led to discovery of a lung filter which removes white cells from the blood stream. The volunteers, all persons with hopeless types of other cancer, did not get leukemia despite receiving huge quantities of leukemic blood.

The discovery opens a new concept of leukemia. Previous treatments concentrated upon trying to stop the body's overproduction of white cells. New treatments may focus on trying to adjust the lung filter so that people with leukemia can live with their disease.

Formosa Is Gloomy Over Fall of Hainan

THE sudden and complete collapse of Nationalist forces before Chinese Communist invaders on Hainan Island spread a pall of gloom over Formosa, last fortress of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's tottering government. Formosans predict they may be fighting invaders before the year is out.

The debacle on Hainan was short and complete. The Nationalists had about 125,000 regular troops, a 100-plane air force and a small navy. These defenders collapsed in one week before 10,000 to 15,000 combat veterans the Communists managed to put ashore, aided by the threat of about 80,000 guerrillas at their rear.

Church

Protestants Protest

Communist drives against organized religion in the satellite countries are well known. Pressure has been directed principally against Roman Catholics in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Last week Protestant Evangelical Church pastors defied the Red-dominated East German government by declaring from their pulpits that parishioners were sending up "cries for help" against Communist pressure.

The pastors charged Communist teachers with trying to persuade pupils that "there is no God and that Christ never lived at all."

U.N.

Mission to Moscow?

Secretary-General Trygve Lie of the United Nations is on the high seas on a carefully planned hunt for a new idea to save the United Nations.

Officially he is bound for a conference with British and French government leaders in London and Paris, and U.N. group meetings in Paris and



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Geneva. But since last November Lie has had an invitation to visit Moscow. It was tendered long before the current sharp cooling of relations between Washington and Moscow.

"I cannot foresee any imminent danger of war," said Lie, before he sailed on the Queen Mary, "but the cold war must be brought to an end. The U.N. machine is in bad order, its affairs are worse than before."

Lie insists he will not make up his mind finally about the invitation to Moscow until he reaches Paris. Should Lie visit the Kremlin, he might present to Prime Minister Stalin proposals designed to bring the Russians back to the U.N. meetings they have boycotted since January 10 because Chinese Nationalists remain in the world organization.

Lie may see Dean Acheson in Europe when the U.S. Secretary of State attends the conference of western Big Three foreign ministers next month.

The blunt-spoken Norwegian explained he does not expect his trip to show any immediate results and that he hopes to lay only the groundwork for future agreement. He said:

"It may take a long time to complete liquidation of the cold war. Many steps will certainly be required. The most important will be to use all the peace-building and conciliating resources available in the United Nations for this purpose, and to give the U.N. the strongest possible support in all its work."

The U.N. chief executive hopes the question of Chinese representation is settled before the 59-nation General Assembly meets in September.

Invasion Toll

Nationalist headquarters said the Chinese Reds employed 30,000 men in the invasion and got 20,000 ashore, the others being destroyed by air and naval attacks as they crossed the 10-mile wide Hainan Strait from the mainland.

One story from Hainan attributed the island's fall primarily to Chiang's refusal to reinforce the defense garrison with his well-regarded 50th Army of 20,000 men from Formosa. The Generalissimo is said to have held off because of the suspected ambitions of two Hainan generals.

In addition, differences among the Hainan governor, Gen. Chen Chi-tang, Deputy Gov. Yu Han-mou and the defense commander, Gen. Hsueh Yueh, were common knowledge.

Taking the Eye

Jubilantly, the Chinese Communist radio proclaimed: "Naval observers use the metaphor that Hainan and Formosa are our pair of eyes in the south and east. Now we have taken the southern eye, and the eastern one will soon be ours too."

Endeavoring to minimize a disastrous setback, some Nationalists on Formosa explain that Hainan was a crushing financial and tactical burden and that its loss will enable the Nationalist Navy and Air Force to concentrate on the defense of the bastion of Formosa.

Actually, the 13,500-square-mile island is like some Chinese millionaires—rich beneath a ragged protective exterior. Its crops and iron ore represent a reliable source of revenue sorely needed by the hard-pressed Nationalists.

Amphibious Power

In taking Hainan, the Chinese Reds appear to have overcome their greatest military weakness—inability to cross water against an enemy. They put troops ashore, held beaches and reinforced them, without either air cover or a navy, both of which the Nationalists used against them.

Hainan, of course, is only 10 miles from the nearest mainland, but Chinese Communists say their invasion flotillas plowed across 30 miles of water to reach their chosen beaches. How long can the last Nationalist refuge of Formosa remain invulnerable across 100 miles of water?

It is known the Chinese Communists have an air force. They did not use it against Hainan. They could be saving it for the big push against Formosa.

Radio

Orphan FM

Frequency modulation radio, with its static-less, noise-free reception, has been an artistic success but a financial flop since its inception 10 years ago. First the war and then television have taken the emphasis off this new development.

Standard broadcast stations that added FM do not receive additional revenue from sponsors for duplicating their programs on FM. Broadcasters with only FM have difficulty selling time to sponsors because of the limited audience.

There are now 710 FM transmitters on the air, 23 less than on January 1, and only about 5,000,000 radio sets equipped to receive FM throughout the nation.

There are, however, specialized subscription services which FM offers to buses, trolleys, stores, restaurants, taverns and public places.

The stations make use of dog whistle and supersonic signals—in-audible to home listeners—to raise or lower the volume of special bus and store sets. This makes it possible to boost the volume automatically when the commercial comes on, to make sure it is heard above the noise of bus operation or conversation in the store. Home sets are not affected.

FM operators were told at a Chicago convention that such special subscription services can take FM out of the red if operated in a large enough market area.

Sidelights

● The nation's little red schoolhouses (one-teacher schools) have been disappearing at the rate of about 12 a day for the last 30 years, according to the Federal Office of Education.

● Thanks to high coffee prices, Costa Rica is financially more stable than it has been in many years, according to Vice President Alberto Oreanuno in the U.S. on a visit.

● In Pierre, S. D., a census-taker interviewed a farmer evacuated from flood-swept Sully County. She asked him the standard question: "Do you have running water in your home?" The farmer started to swear. "Never used to," he said, "but last week it came in through the doors and windows."

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RED SABOTAGE—French Communists smashed windshields, headlights, carburetors of these American-made French Army trucks at Paris.

NATIONALISM—Konrad Adenauer, West German chancellor, has been reprimanded for asking audience at Berlin rally to sing "Deutschland, Uber Alles," anthem of Hitler's palmy days. Allied commandants (center) remain seated.

GIFT—French send 52 replicas of the original liberty bell at Philadelphia for U.S. bond drive. This one salutes Statue of Liberty.