

U.S. Editors Applaud Truman's Decision; News Brings 'Jittery Feeling' to Europe

By JAMES F. KING
LONDON (AP)—Europeans Sunday greeted with surprise, regret and a slight case of jitters President Truman's announcement he will not seek reelection.

Some were surprised at his voluntary retirement because they had come to regard him as a scrapper.

Some were regretful because they regarded him as one of their champions in plumping for overseas aid.

Some were nervous that it might lead to a change in American foreign policy.

Mixed with these feelings was the caution of European officialdom. They traditionally carefully keep out of United States internal politics.

Britain's former prime minister, Clement R. Attlee, demonstrated this reserve. Just before boarding a plane for a brief visit in the United States, he said:

"I never comment on American presidential elections."

Eisenhower Silent
In France, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, a prospective Republican nominee for President, greeted the news with silence, in seclusion. The chief of his public information division told reporters:

"There will be absolutely no statement or pictures today."

The French were less reticent. They were sorry to hear that Truman was leaving the White House.

Maurice Schumann, secretary of state in the ministry of foreign affairs, said the wisdom for knowing when to quit is "a rare virtue among great men. President Truman possesses it in a supreme degree."

Shows Courage

He said the President had shown himself courageous in office by acting to stop communism in Europe and in Korea and had braved the risk of unpopularity by dismissing Gen. MacArthur.

West German government circles voiced surprise at Bonn. They stressed that Europe and West Germany have benefited from the United States foreign policy under Truman's leadership. And they showed concern. They wondered aloud—"will Mr. Truman's foreign policy toward Germany be continued by his successor?"

The British Broadcasting Company handled the news straight without any comment. The Indian government radio network also transmitted the news straight, without comment. Afternoon newspapers in New Delhi put banner headlines on the story, but there has been no editorial comment yet.

The Japanese heard the news in midafternoon of a sunny Sunday but it created just about as much interest as the news that Prime Minister Yoshida had resigned would cause among Americans.

It was big news in Japanese papers, though. Editorially, they treated the presidential announcement as a "trial balloon," not a final step.

Church Fires Set by Boy

PORTLAND (AP)—An 11-year-old boy slipped down into the basement of the Hope Presbyterian Church here Sunday night and set three fires.

The blazes were set just below the three church exits while the Rev. John H. Van Leirp was preaching his sermon.

After setting the fires, the boy came back upstairs and whispered to parishioners seated in the back row that the church basement was ablaze. At first he blamed two other youths. But later he said he wanted to see the "Big red engines" come to battle the fire.

Damage was slight as several adults from the congregation put out the fire before flames made much headway.

Kefauver Do-Si-Do's It



OMAHA, Neb.—Senator Estes Kefauver's pleasant evening ending with a hearty laugh from Mrs. Esther Wolf of Omaha as they steered a measured cadence of a square dance at Omaha's YWCA. Kefauver made a late appearance at the square dance after a busy day (Mar. 28) campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination in Nebraska's April 1 primary. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

'I Shall Not Be a Candidate'



WASHINGTON—Departing from his prepared text, President Truman declares, "I shall not be a candidate for re-election," as he speaks to 5,000 Democrats at the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner in the nation's capital. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Army Studies Treatment of Atomic Burns

WASHINGTON (AP)—Army medical officers have reported "considerable progress" in developing treatment for deep burns and other wounds that might result from an atomic attack.

Severe 20 per cent body burns, once considered near-fatal, now can be treated by family physicians, the officers told a House appropriations subcommittee considering budget requests. They said burns would be one of the most frequent injuries from atomic bombs.

Testimony before the subcommittee, released Sunday, also showed that infection no longer is considered a battlefield problem in Korea and the Army has looked such combat diseases as malaria and dysentery.

Witnesses made these additional points in a survey of military medicine:

1. A new disease, known as Songo Fever, began appearing among troops in Korea last year. Army experts are trying to control the disease, believed to be a virus with an 8 per cent mortality rate which moved southward from Manchuria.

2. There had been no known cases of bubonic plague among American forces in Korea by early this month, despite reports of an unidentified epidemic in North Korea and China.

3. "Cold injuries" among troops in Korea were "considerably less" this winter than in the past, but there is no medical preventative for frostbite and similar ailments.

4. Soldiers have been restored to active, but not combat, duty after losing a leg or an arm. Research is underway to use more of the men now rejected for slight physical disabilities to help solve the military manpower problem.

Independence Glad Truman Won't Run

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP)—President Truman's hometown friends are glad he isn't going to run again because they want to see the Truman family in the big white house on Delaware St.

Nearly everyone agreed the President's decision was the best for his health.

"We weren't surprised," remarked George P. Wallace, brother of Mrs. Truman. "He has been there almost seven years, and a man can't stand that strain forever."

Miss Mary Jane Truman of nearby Grandview, Mo., said she believed the President's decision was his and that "he did the right thing."

Mayor Robert P. Weatherford Jr., and Col. William Southern Jr., former newspaper publisher, observed that the President had served his country well and deserved a rest.

"Smart politics and smart personally, in my opinion of the decision," Southern said.

Members of Mrs. Truman's Tuesday Bridge Club said they are hoping she will be able to spend more time in Independence.

Some acquaintances said the President might accept a position in private business that would take him to another part of the country, instead of returning to Independence.

Unidentified Plane Alerts Panama Canal

BALBOA, Panama Canal Zone (AP)—An unidentified aircraft flying over the Panama Canal Zone touched off an air raid alert before midnight Sunday.

The sirens sounded at 8:11 p.m., PST. The all clear was given at 9:08 a.m.

The plane was first reported by an anti-aircraft station near Coco Solo, U.S. Naval base on the Caribbean side of the Zone. Officials said as far as they could determine, the plane headed south over Pedro Miguel and Miraflores, wheeled the Canal's vital locks are located.

The Armed Forces Radio Station announced periodically an alert was in progress and told listeners to stay where they were.

Lights were put out at military installations in the Canal Zone but street and house lights remained on. Traffic, light at this hour, continued uninterrupted.

Neighboring Panama has no alarm system but the Canal Zone sirens were clearly audible and alarmed many residents there.

Kefauver Due in Oregon April 10

PORTLAND (AP)—Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, will arrive in Oregon April 10.

Dave Darland, dean of students at Pacific University, Forest Grove, who has been active in Kefauver's Oregon campaign, made the announcement Sunday night.

He said Kefauver's April 10 visit will be a short one—for the purpose of planning his campaign strategy in the state. Kefauver will campaign in Oregon later, Darland said.

A bullet fired horizontally from a gun will strike the ground at the same time as one dropped from the height of the gun muzzle at the same time.

By The Associated Press

NEWARK STAR-LEDGER—He retires against the wishes of most Democratic leaders, but retains enormous influence with them, with the rank and file of the party and with the people. . . . The President is a much more effective battler now, as a retired statesman, than he was in 1948. . . . Observer—Assuming that Mr. Truman meant exactly what he said, that he isn't a candidate, that he won't change his mind, we count the news welcome and heartening for Truman himself, for the Democratic Party, and for the country at large.

Miami Herald—The race is wide open now for the nomination. Apparently the President had been unable to find an heir presumptive before the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner. If he can't have his man, he will leave nothing undone to block the ambitions of any delegate-seeker whom he dislikes or who has been opposed in any appreciable degree to the doctrines of his fair deal.

Providence (R. I.) Journal—The President's retirement guarantees a new chief executive in the White House in 1953. . . . But much more is wanted than a mere shift of personalities. The nation's crying need is for a complete housecleaning in Washington. Mr. Truman himself has now done half the job. It remains for the GOP to complete it by nominating the one man who can beat any candidate the Democrats put up, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Atlanta Constitution—Dixiecrats in the South are left with their balloon punctured and hissing. Their objective was to prevent a Truman nomination. . . . The President has waited so long he can have little influence at the convention. . . . Overall reaction, even from those who admire the President, is a sigh of relief.

Cleveland Plain Dealer—Truman bowed out in a prejudice-inflaming demagogic speech in which he pictured all Democrats as little angels working zealously and unselfishly. . . . and all Republicans as devils and robber barons. . . . We are now assured of new administration come Jan. 20.

Philadelphia Inquirer—It is important—and to Mr. Truman's credit—that he has rejected the "indispensable man theory" which led his predecessor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, to serve an unprecedented third term and begin a fourth.

Baltimore (Md.) Sun—What has to be remembered is that the man who bowed out. . . . is among the most acute political analysts we have. . . . There have been steady reasons to believe Mr. Truman might want to run again if the question were one of beating Taft. Is it not, then, a fair inference that in stepping down as a candidate, Mr. Truman is suggesting that he thinks Taft will not be the Republican nominee? In foreign policy, Gen. Eisenhower stands nearer the position which Mr. Truman had wished to cultivate.

Chicago Tribune—President Truman's decision not to run for reelection is a colossal mistake. . . . He knows he has been found out. His corruption at home built him a political army of grafters. His betrayal of his nation abroad brought to him the crooked finance of the East and the Truman Republicans it controls. . . . Honestly and patriotically are returning to the United States.

St. Louis (Mo.) Globe—Democrat—Several reasons may be found for the President's retirement. His party is split—over him personally. . . . Issues of foreign policy, corruption in government and reckless spending have made it exceedingly unlikely that he could be re-elected. . . . Bitter dregs would it have been, indeed, for him to have been renominated and then repudiated next November. He has lost his grip on the party, and knows it.

The New York Times—Mr. Truman may well have noted, and wisely decided to defer to, the one unmistakable public judgment that has been pronounced thus far in the presidential primaries. . . . The eagerness with which voters in both parties have been turning toward "new faces." . . . Gov. Stevenson, as the Democratic candidate, would be wholly immune to charges of "corruption" in Washington. He would meet the requirement of the "new face." . . . For the Republicans, the withdrawal of Truman makes more essential than ever the nomination of Dwight Eisenhower.

Woman Dies in Wreck at Coast

CANNON BEACH (AP)—Mrs. Lillian F. Johnson, 37, of Manzanita, was fatally injured here Sunday when a car in which she was riding plunged off Highway 101.

With her in the car were her husband, James A. Johnson, and their 4-year-old son. Johnson and the boy were treated for shock. Police were unable to learn why the car left the road.

WALLACE WHITE DIES
AUBURN, Me. (AP)—Wallace H. White Jr., 74, who was majority leader of the U. S. Senate in the Republican-controlled 80th Congress, died at his home here early Monday.

Navy Picks Up 9 Men From Polar Ice Cap

BARROW, Alaska (AP)—A Navy rescue plane has made a successful pickup of nine men stranded since last Thursday on an ice floe near the North Pole, the Navy reported late Sunday night.

The men were members of the Navy's "Operation Ski Jump" project. They were stranded when the right landing gear of their "flying laboratory" collapsed while attempting a takeoff from the ice-pack at Oceanographic Station, Vermouth, 523 statute miles from the North Pole.

The Navy said Cmdr. B. J. (Jack) Coley, the project commander, and his co-pilot, Lt. Cmdr. Cecil B. Shiphart, and a crew of six landed on the pack at 1:45 p.m. Alaska time, 6:45 p.m. (EST) Sunday, in a ski-equipped twin-engine patrol bomber.

The nine stranded men and 1,000 pounds of material salvaged from the wrecked plane were loaded aboard the bomber which was reported airborne shortly after 4 p.m., the Navy said.

The rescue ship was due here at 8:15 p.m. after a 779-mile flight over the ice-covered Arctic Ocean.

Condition of the nine men was not reported but the Navy said last week they were well-equipped to stand Arctic temperatures which range to 50 and 60 degrees below zero at this time of year.

Volcano Cone Pushes Higher In Philippines

MANILA (AP)—Mysterious Didi-cas volcano, submerged and silent for 92 years, pushed its flaming cone 480 feet above the Pacific Ocean surface Monday and continued to grow in smoking fury.

The ocean around boiled and steamed and smoke columns mounted thousands of feet. The new island 65 miles north of Luzon's northern tip was all but obscured. Volcanologists radioed from the scene that red hot rocks still were spewing out of the smoking cone. They tumbled down the raw and jagged slopes and turned the sea into a boiling cauldron.

The volcano first erupted 96 years ago. After four years of activity, the volcano quieted and the rocks disappeared. The new eruption was sighted March 16 by a passing ship. Volcanologists said two columns of smoke were rising from the new volcanic island, indicating two active craters. Because of the steam rising from the ocean around them, the volcano island could not be seen clearly.

Wallace Thinks Truman May Change His Mind

SOUTH SALEM, N. Y. (AP)—Former Vice-President Henry A. Wallace said Sunday night he thought President Truman "could be induced to change his mind" about running for re-nomination.

"Truman has often gone two directions at the same time," Wallace said.

Councilor



SILVERTON—Raymond Riches of Silverton who will be installed as master councilor of the Silver Falls Chapter of DeMolay at ceremonies at the Silverton Masonic Hall Wednesday night.

Installation by DeMolay Due At Silverton

Statesman News Service

SILVERTON—A Public Installation of the newly-elected and appointed officers of Silver Falls Chapter of the DeMolay will be held Wednesday, April 2, at the Masonic hall. Raymond Riches, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Riches, will be installed as master councilor, together with Keith Cooley, senior councilor and Howard Poppleton, junior councilor.

The incoming master councilor also announced the appointive officers for the new term which extends to September: Gary Green, scribe; Joe Carter, senior deacon; Herbert Starky, junior deacon; Norman McCullough, senior steward; Wayne Rose, junior steward; Eugene Helsler, chaplain; Louis Olson, marshal; Robert Howe, orator; Bruce Monson, almoner; Don Davis, standard bearer; Farrell Lewis, sentinel; Nels Deman, Wayne Smith, Dick Johnson, Dean Way, Robert Robbins, Jim Black, Larry Brown as preceptors.

R. A. Fish, chairman of the advisory committee, announced that Cordell Woodall had been appointed Dad Advisor to fill the vacancy left by resignation of Clark Bachman.

Baby Dies as Vaporizer Sets Crib on Fire

PORTLAND (AP)—Ernest John Tanner, month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tanner, Hillsboro, died in a Portland hospital Sunday from burns.

The coroner's office reported the child's crib caught fire when a vaporizer failed to work properly. The vaporizer was being used to ease a respiratory ailment.

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2 Boys Cause \$8,000 Damage In Catholic School

CHICAGO (AP)—Juvenile authorities said Sunday two young brothers invaded the Catholic school they attend Saturday night and using hatchets—chopped up desks, broke religious statues and shattered windows.

The Rev. Patrick J. Malloy, head of St. Leo's Roman Catholic elementary school, said the boys, 13, and 10, caused about \$8,000 damage.

He said the youngsters did most of the damage in their own school rooms—the 7th and 8th grades—and in the rest rooms on the same floor.

They chopped up book cases, broke ink bottles, smashed piano keys, wrecked toilets and shattered glass on desk-tops and book cases and in windows, police said.

Ralph E. Davis, Formerly of Salem, Dies

Word has been received here of the death Sunday in Redmond of Ralph Emerson Davis, former Salem man and brother of Harold Davis, Salem city engineer.

Davis, who had worked for the U.S. Corps of Engineers since 1938, had been ill during the last year and a half.

He was educated in Salem, living here from 1909 until shortly after World War I. For about four years following the war he was on the Salem police force. He has had police work on the Los Angeles department and the Union Pacific Railroad.

Besides his brother, he is survived by his widow, Lillian, and a daughter, Mrs. Norman Weigand, both of Redmond.

Masonic funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Redmond.

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