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No Tariff on Petroleum

The Department of the Interior is the government department in closest touch with the petroleum industry. The Secretary administers the Petroleum Administration for Defense, the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Land Management which leases lands for oil exploitation. So it was natural for Secretary McKay to be invited to address the American Petroleum Institute meeting in Chicago. Apparently he was delegated to tell the oil men that the government would take no action to restrict imports of petroleum. He told the producers and refiners of oil that such curtailment would weaken our allies and cripple foreign nations as buyers of American products. That makes clear what the Administration policy is; but probably will not stop the domestic producers who find the oil level rising around their necks. They will put the prod on Congress to provide protection.

Secretary McKay was correct. Our foreign relations would tumble like a house of cards if we shut the valves on foreign oil. Venezuela is very dependent on revenues from its oil exports to this country. Colombia, Saudi Arabia, Behrein, Borneo, Sumatra—all have shipped us petroleum in recent years. We just can't afford to wreck their economies by setting up tariff barriers to protect producers here.

'Massive American Shield'

Sir Winston Churchill remains the phrasemaker nonpareil. In his recent address on the reopening of Commons he spoke with a measure of restrained optimism, aligned British policy along with that of the United States, and praised the strength of Britain and Europe "behind the massive American shield." Instead of quailing at the prospect of A-bomb and H-bomb warfare, he said they "may bring an utterly unforeseeable security to mankind;" and that "when the advance of destructive weapons enables everyone to kill everyone else, nobody will want to kill anyone at all." And this was his conclusion:

> "We, and all nations, stand at this hour in human history before the portals of supreme catastrophe and of measureless reward. My faith is that in God's mercy we shall choose aright."

How fortunate that one with Churchill's almost intuitive foresight and consummate skill as an architect of oratory is spared to give leadership to his country and to the world. The free world cannot forget how in 1940-41 he rallied his countrymen to serve as its dauntless if not massive shield.

An envelope enclosure boosting travel by rail is labeled "Let's Get Down to Earth." Very seasonable, we would say.

Governor Patterson's admonition to delegations from Lincoln County might well be: "Come clean."

Skids for Wicks

It looks as though Governor Dewey has the skids greased for Acting Lieutenant Governor Arthur H. Wicks whom the Governor requested to resign. The executive committee of the Republican party met and recommended that Wicks be ousted if he doesn't resign. Wicks, whose parleying with Joe Fay, imprisoned New York labor extortionist brought him into disrepute, has said he wouldn't resign but would leave the matter up to the Senate which will convene next Tuesday. Thus he defied Dewey, and the latter no doubt pulled the levers on the state party organization to back up his demands. In the face of everything we do not see how the Senate can fail to comply with the party demand and declare vacant his posts as acting lieutenant governor and majority leader. Wicks however may follow the example of J. Russell Sprague who resigned as Republican national commiteeman for New York after his ownership of stock in a race track was disclosed.

Credit Gov. Jimmy Byrnes with a fine attitude in this Harry Dexter White expose. He reports that when the FBI summary on White reached him he went to Truman and sought to prevent White's appointment. Truman, says Byrnes, agreed that the appointment should be headed off and telephoned the Senate to find out if that body had acted on the nomination. Byrnes says he is confident that Truman would have withdrawn the nomination had time permitted. Considering the present enmity between Byrnes and Truman the former's forthrightness in the matter is commendable. What remains in question is why a year elapsed before White was allowed to resign. Before concluding that Truman was negligent in performing his duty we really need to know just what the FBI report contained.

One of the first buds of the exotic cafe society of some 15 years ago was Brenda Frazier who was the toast of Gotham. She figured in the news the other day when, now Mrs. John Kelly though separated from her husband she got into a tiff with one of her admirers, Pietro F. Mele, man of the world in Naples, Rome and New York. He insisted on accompanying her into her apartment on Park Avenue. A hot argument on the sidewalk resulted; a neighbor called police. Resisting the officer, Mele got badly mauled and was hauled away to the police station. Such is the price of fame when it is only gilt.

Oregon forests yielded a billion dollars worth of income in 1952, according to a recent compilation of figures. While we are cutting down virgin forests we are also busy with reforestation to insure an annual crop of timber. Closer utilization is practiced so more of the tree is reclaimed for use. The meat packers used to say they used all of the hog but the squeal. Now the lumbermen say they use all of the tree, including the bark.

Modern Metals Magazine reports there are 511 firms working in fabrication of aluminum in the four Northwest states. Of these 21 use aluminum in the manufacture of trucks and trailers. Aircraft is a heavy consumer of aluminum, and it is widely used for roofing, particularly of farm buildings. This secondary manufacturing is of course made more practical for the region because of the production of aluminum in Northwest reducing plants.

Now that it is popular, and now that he is dead, everybody seems to be getting busy pointing a finger at Harry Dexter White. That will insure him a footnote in American

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"It's the first practical cookbook I've seen... every recipe starts off with: 'Borrow a cup of sugar' or 'borrow 3 eggs'..."

Inside TV

Journalism Pupils Try Hand at Video

NEW YORK—TELETORIAL: The creative writer today has his eye on television as the medium in which he is most likely to succeed. To this end journalism schools and major networks are cooperating in preparing students to fill the increasing orders for telescribes with palatable, practical ideas and the talent to translate them into active production.

There's always room at the top, but most people begin at the crowded bottom. In TV this is tantamount to getting in on the ground floor—with penthouse options—if your potential rising power is what it should be.

Television needs the stimulus of intelligent experimentation, tailored to meet its demands as both art and industry. The idea of training creative young people to serve a specific medium is superlative, for it will pay the double divident of exciting new developments for the medium and rewarding careers for the writers.

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STARR PARADE of personality preferences: Eleanor Roosevelt, who tunes in consistently to Ed Murrow's "Person to Person" . . . Bernard Baruch, who relaxes from his active concern with world affairs with the dramatic offerings on "Studio One" and "Hall of Fame," starring Sarah Churchill . . . Helen Hayes, who takes a busman's holiday as an enthusiastic viewer of "Omnibus" and the Theatre Guild's "United Steel Hour" . . . Greer Garson, who wanders down the memory lane of her brief career as a schoolmarm by chuckling at Eve Arden as "Our Miss Brooks" . . . the Cagneys, Jimmy, Bill and sister Jeanne, who adore Gertrude Berg, creator of the "Goldbergs" . . . Joan Crawford, synonym of sophistication, who sits cross-legged on her rumpus room floor with Christina, Christopher, Cathy and Cindy, watching "Kukla, Fran and Ollie" . . . Loretta Young, who spends as much time and personal effort working for St. Anne's Foundation for Unwed Mothers as she does on her "Letter to Loretta," is inspired by Bishop Fulton Sheen . . . Joe DiMaggio, who guffaws at Jack Benny's antics even when Marilyn Monroe isn't guest-starring . . .

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Red Skelton has cleaned house. He's fired and hired four writers and plans to regain a great deal of his lost popularity touring the coast with one-night shows. Dave Rose, his teleshow maestro, goes along . . . Ed Murrow's "See It Now" show centers around activity at the 20th Century Fox studios during Christmas week. His behind-the-scenes story of launching a new production will include a telecast of the Hollywood premiere of "Prince Valiant" at the Chinese Theatre . . . Government investigator Brian Donlevy of "Dangerous Assignment" fame will guest on Eddie Cantor's "Comedy Hour" Nov. 29 . . . Bob Cummings ("My Hero") has started work on the new Warner musical, "Lucky Me," before he shoots the bankroll on a new video show in the spring . . . From New York comes the good word that "Hedda Gabler," the Ibsen classic, will be televised on the "U. S. Steel Hour" late this year. Tallulah Bankhead plays "Hedda," her first full-length dramatic role on TV . . .

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Didja know: that you will see your first colorcast on a 14-inch screen! . . . that the plunging neckline on TV is a thing of the past—now it's the plunging waistline . . . that comedian Ed Wynn's famous floppy shoes are willed to the Smithsonian Institute . . . that Ed just celebrated his birthday and 51 years in show business . . . that "Humility" and "Dear Mr. Godfrey" are new records being played by deejays around the country . . . that Phyllis Avery ("Meet Mr. McNutley") and Dick Powell ("Four Star Playhouse") both have the same birthday, Nov. 14 . . . Martha Raye tells the glamorous Gabors that when a bunch of girls get together, the Lord pity the first one who leaves.

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TELETORIAL: Someone should create a course in good commercials for TV. So much remains to be done in this field that it's appalling. There are commercial that are tiresome, others that are boring, and too many that are plain nauseating. There must be some rules that could be included in a course, or series of lessons, to those most concerned, so that the poor home viewer wouldn't run to the kitchen for a sponsored cool drink, or a jingle-advertised headache powder, the moment the screaming commercial makes its appearance.

The other night a beer sponsor came on with a singing commercial. With radio you can plug your ears. With TV, you need ear muffs and blindfold. And some of the expressions on the singers' faces stimulate your urge to throw beer, not drink it.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page one.)

a few days ago that Puget might reject all proposals, the self-styled committee of Puget stockholders reformed its lines to force through the deal with W. W. P. (Included in the number were representatives of banking houses whose mouths probably were drooling for the business of selling securities to finance the deal.)

Governor Langlie gave out a statement Thursday giving his blessing on this decision, expressing the view that "not only the employes of the company but the public generally would benefit from continuity of management" in the area served. That seems sensible. While Puget, faced with the expiration of its city franchise, did sell its Seattle lines to the city, it serves a large part of western Washington outside of Seattle and Tacoma. There is no reason why it shouldn't stay in business. It is under no compulsion to surrender either to a private company from east of the mountains or to the cannibal PUDs which under the Guy Meyers pressure are out to devour it.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Nov. 14, 1943

Salem was promised prompt action toward construction of the $4,086,000 alumina-from-clay pilot plant by officials of the Columbia Metals Corp. News of the decision was from Congressmen Harris Ellsworth and Homer Angell.

Lt. Commander and Mrs. Carl Cover were in the Capital for a few days. Lt. Commander returned from Kodiak, Alaska, and Mrs. Cover, who has been residing in San Francisco, met him here.

Lt. and Mrs. Frank Prime Jr. announced the birth of a son. Lt. Prime is a dentist with the Army Air Corps. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Frank Prime of Salem and the L. R. Jamiesons of Portland.

25 Years Ago

Nov. 14, 1928

All trading records on the New York Stock Exchange were smashed when 6,714,400 shares changed hands, which carried nearly 75 issues to record high levels in gains running as high as $23 a share.

Princess Ilina became the first licensed woman navigator in Rumania, She was presented with a 22 metre yacht and made honorary life member in the Royal Swedish Yacht Club.

Benito Mussolini, as minister of the interior, prohibited the showing of the Fox film "Street Angel," whose scenes were laid in Italy.

40 Years Ago

Nov. 14, 1913

Thirty mentally ill Chinese were sent back to their native land. This made an annual savings of $48,500 to the state hospital. The cost of sending them back to the Orient was $2,500.

The world touring players of the New York Giants and Chicago White Sox arrived at Victoria, B. C., from Seattle, and embarked for Japan to play their first game in the Orient.

Fifteen men, marble workers on the new Supreme Court building, went on strike. The strike in Salem was a sympathetic movement ordered by the Portland headquarters of the union.

HEAR BETTER for 15¢ A MONTH!
Imagine such low operating cost—one 15¢ battery lasts a full month! See the 3-transistor Zenith "Royal-T" Hearing Aid, $125!
Morris Optical Co.
444 State St. Ph. 3-5528

School Legislation On Tots Dropped

LOWELL, Mass. (AP)—"Baby carriage" legislation which would have allowed children under 4½ years to attend school has been killed by the School Committee on recommendation of Mayor Henry Boudry.

Children under that age would have been allowed to attend school if their parents obtained the consent of members of the teachers who suggested they would be "nursemaids" under the proposal.

Strong opposition came from

Council's Scratching At Meetings Stopped

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — San Diego's city council has stopped scratching at meetings.

At the suggestion of the county sanitarian, the council room ventilation system was examined. A nest with a dead bird, source of nits that had bothered the city fathers, was removed.

TV—Radio Log

KPTV Highlights today: Michigan vs. Michigan State, 10:15 a.m.; Life of Riley, 7 p.m.; Zale-Cerdan title fight of 1948, 11 p.m.; "Trade Winds," starring Frederick March, Joan Bennett and Ralph Bellamy, Premier Theater, 11:15 p.m.

KOIN-TV Highlights today: "The Bishop's Candlesticks," Medallion Theater, 7 p.m.; "Charlie Chan at the Circus," starring J. Carroll Naish and Keye Luke, Showtime on Six, 11 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BROADCASTS

Pacific Standard Time

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TELEVISION

KPTV, UHF Channel 27 — KOIN-TV, VHF Channel 6

HOUR		00:00	00:15	00:30	00:45
9	KPTV	Dog Tales	———	Toy Maker	Toy Maker
10	KPTV	Press Box Rev.	Mich.-Mich. St.	Mich.-Mich. St.	Mich.-Mich. St.
11	KPTV	Mich.-Mich. St.	Mich.-Mich. St.	Mich.-Mich. St.	Mich.-Mich. St.
12	KPTV	Mich.-Mich. St.	Mich.-Mich. St.	Mich.-Mich. St.	Mich.-Mich. St.
1	KPTV	Mich.-Mich. St.		Ed McConnell	Ed McConnell
2	KPTV	Scoreboard	Space Patrol	Space Patrol	Space Cadet
3	KPTV	Space Cadet	St'ger Fiction	Lone Ranger	Lone Ranger
4	KPTV	John Jupiter	John Jupiter	Cap. Midnight	Cap. Midnight
5	KPTV	Col. Flack	Col. Flack	Superman	Superman
	KOIN	Laurel&Hardy	Laurel&Hardy	Laurel&Hardy	Laurel&Hardy
6	KPTV			Treasure Hunt	Treasure Hunt
	KOIN	Stallion	Stallion	Beat the Clock	Beat the Clock
7	KPTV	Life of Riley	Life of Riley	Ethel-Albert	Ethel-Albert
	KOIN	Med. Theatre	Med. Theatre	Mir. Theatre	Mir. Theatre
8	KPTV	Bonino	Bonino	Amateur Hour	Amateur Hour
	KOIN	Jack Gleason	Jack Gleason	Jack Gleason	Jack Gleason
9	KPTV	Show of Shows	Show of Shows	Show of Shows	Show of Shows
	KOIN	2 for Money	2 for Money	Fav. Husband	Fav. Husband
10	KPTV	Show of Shows	Show of Shows	Hit Parade	Hit Parade
	KOIN	Geo. Jessel	Geo. Jessel	Roy Bolger	Roy Bolger
11	KPTV	Great Fights	Prem. Theatre	Prem. Theatre	Prem. Theatre
	KOIN	Showtime on 6	———	———	———

RADIO

KSLM 1390, KOCO 1490, KGAE 1430, KOIN 970, KGW 620, KEX 1190

FM: Megacycles — KOIN 101.1; KEX 92.3

HOUR		00:00	00:15	00:30	00:45
6	KSLM	News	Timekeeper	News	March Time
	KOCO	West. Melody	West. Melody	Farm News	World News
	KGAE	Salute to Sat.	Salute to Sat.	Salute to Sat.	Salute to Sat.
	KOIN	News of Amer.	KOIN Clock	KOIN Klock	KOIN Klock
	KGW	Record Room	Record Room	Record Room	Record Room
	KEX	Ore. Farm Hr.	Ore. Farm Hr.	Ore. Farm Hr.	Ore. Farm Hr.
7	KSLM	Hemingway	Break. Gang	Break. Gang	News
	KOCO	KOCO Klock	KOCO Klock	KOCO Klock	Ex. Service
	KGAE	News	Salute to Sat.	Salute to Sat.	Salute to Sat.
	KOIN	KOIN Klock	Macleod News	Goss News	Consumer
	KGW	News	Record Room	Record Room	Manning, News
	KEX	First Edition	M. Agronsky	Vet's Report	Bob Hazen
8	KSLM	Music	Music	Haven of Rest	Haven of Rest
	KOCO	Proudly Hail	Proudly Hail	Music	Music
	KCAE	News	Salute to Sat.	Salute to Sat.	Salute to Sat
	KOIN	Romance	Romance	Give and Take	Give and Take
	KGW	Record Room	Record Room	Record Room	Record Room
	KEX	Playtime	Playtime	Our Town	Home Agent
9	KSLM	N.W. News	Farm & Home	Pastor Call	Bargain Countr
	KOCO	World News	Public Health	4-H Club	Kiddie's Korner
	KGAE	News	Uncle Bob	Uncle Bob	Uncle Bob
	KOIN	Theater Today	Theater Today	Hollywd. Stars	Hollywd. Stars
	KGW	Howdy Doody	Howdy Doody	Howdy Doody	Howdy Doody
	KEX	Toyland Tunes	Toyland Tunes	Space Patrol	Space Patrol
10	KSLM	News	Music	Mel Blanc	Mel Blanc
	KOCO	Aunt Hallie	Aunt Hallie	Sat. Serenade	Sat. Serenade
	KGAE	News	Uncle Bob	Uncle Bob	Uncle Bob
	KOIN	Fun for All	Fun for All	Music Girls	Music Girls
	KGW	Book Fun	60,000 Child.	Hlywd. Bkft.	Hlywd. Bkft.
	KEX	Tomor'w Stars	Tomor'w Stars	Guest Star	N. Dame-N. C.
11	KSLM	Mel Blanc	Mel Blanc	Strictly Dixie	Strictly Dixie
	KOCO	Sat. Serenade	Sat. Serenade	Sat. Serenade	Ga. Tech.-Ala.
	KGAE	News	Jack Horner	Jack Horner	Jack Horner
	KOIN	Meet Missus	Meet Missus	Robt. Q. Lewis	Inside Portland
	KGW	Mary L. Taylor	Mary L. Taylor	Nat. Fm.-Hme	Nat. Fm.-Hme
	KEX	N. Dame-N. C.	N. Dame-N. C.	N. Dame-N. C.	N. Dame-N. C.
12	KSLM	Gay 90's	Top Trades	Man on Farm	Man on Farm
	KOCO	Ga. Tech.-Ala.	Ga. Tech.-Ala	Ga. Tech.-Ala	Ga. Tech.-Ala
	KGAE	News	Jack Horner	Jack Horner	Jack Horner
	KOIN	Dunc MacLeod	Farm Facts	Galen Drake	Football Rdup.
	KGW	Football Prolog.	Football Prolog.	Football Prolog.	Football Prolog.
	KEX	N. Dame-N. C.	N. Dame-N. C.	N. Dame-N. C.	N. Dame-N. C.
1	KSLM	Record Hits	Music	Music	Ore.-Calif.
	KOCO	Ga. Tech.-Ala	Ga. Tech.-Ala	Ga. Tech.-Ala	Sat. Matinee
	KGAE	News	Jack Horner	Jack Horner	Jack Horner
	KOIN	Football Rdup.	Football Rdup.	Football Rdup.	Football Rdup.
	KGW	Before Whistle	OSC-WSC	OSC-WSC	OSC-WSC
	KEX	Mus. Jamboree	Mus. Jamboree	Mus. Jamboree	Mus. Jamboree
2	KSLM	Ore.-Calif.	Ore.-Calif.	Ore.-Calif.	Ore.-Calif.
	KOCO	Sat. Matinee	Sat. Matinee	Sat. Matinee	Sat. Matinee
	KGAE	News	Sal. to Sat.	Sal. to Sat.	Sal. to Sat.
	KOIN	Football Rdup	Football Rdup	Kirkham News	Kirkham News
	KGW	OSC-WSC	OSC-WSC	OSC-WSC	OSC-WSC
	KEX	Mus. Jamboree	Mus. Jamboree	Mus. Jamboree	Mus. Jamboree
3	KSLM	Ore.-Calif.	Ore.-Calif.	Ore.-Calif.	Ore.-Calif.
	KOCO	Sat. Matinee	Sat. Matinee	Sat. Matinee	Sat. Matinee
	KGAE	News	Sal. to Sat.	Sal. to Sat.	Sal. to Sat.
	KOIN	Let's Pretend	Let's Pretend	Kid Critics	Schorr News
	KGW	OSC-WSC	OSC-WSC	OSC-WSC	OSC-WSC
	KEX	Music Jamb'ree	Music Jamb'ree	Music Jamb'ree	Music Jamb'ree
4	KSLM	Music	Hemingway	Music	Music
	KOCO	Sat. Matinee	Sat. Matinee	Sat. Matinee	News
	KGAE	News	Sal. to Sat.	Sal. to Sat.	Sign off
	KOIN	Syncop'tion Pc.	Syncop'tion Pc.	Cap. Cloak Rm.	Cap. Cloak Rm.
	KGW	Crying Towel	Crying Towel	Crying Towel	Crying Towel
	KEX	Music Jamb'ree	Music Jamb'ree	Music Jamb'ree	Music Jamb'ree
5	KSLM	Music	West. Serenade	Music	Music
	KOCO	Rhythm Ranch	Rhythm Ranch	Music	Navy Band
	KOIN	GOC Roll Call	Guest Stars	Danger Ahead	Goss News
	KGW	Ftball Roundup	News	H. Kaltenborn	What's New
	KEX	Scoreboard	Scoreboard	Blue Serenade	Town & Coun.
6	KSLM	Hawaii Calls	Hawaii Calls	West Ramblers	West Ramblers
	KOCO	Din. Music	Din. Music	World News	Music
	KOIN	Gangbusters	Gangbusters	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke
	KGW	Pee Wee King	Pee Wee King	Hit Parade	Hit Parade
	KEX	News-Mus.	Some Edition	Tomorrow stars	Tomorrow stars
7	KSLM	Mel. Roundup	Westerners	Westerner	Music
	KOCO	Music	Music	Music	50-Yd. Line
	KOIN	Two for Mon.	Two for Mon.	Jimmy Wakely	Jimmy Wakely
	KGW	Tex Williams	Tex Williams	Grand Opry	Grand Opry
	KEX	Good Listening	Good Listening	Good Listening	Good Listening
8	KSLM	Music	Music	Lombardo	Lombardo
	KOCO	Will.-Linfield	Will.-Linfield	Will.-Linfield	Will.-Linfield
	KOIN	Country Style	Country Style	Country Style	Country Style
	KGW	Eddy Arnold	Eddy Arnold	Twn Hall Party	Twn Hall Party
	KEX	Lone Ranger	Lone Ranger	Dancing Party	Dancing Party
9	KSLM	News	Orchestra	News	Music
	KOCO	Will.-Linfield	Will.-Linfield	Will.-Linfield	Will.-Linfield
	KOIN	Dude Martin	Dude Martin	Don McGrane	Don McGrane
	KGW	Twn Hall Party	Twn Hall Party	Country Time	Country Time
	KEX	Dancing Party	Dancing Party	O. Wld. Dances	O. Wld. Dances
10	KSLM	Barn Dance	Barn Dance	Barn Dance	Barn Dance
	KOCO	Will.-Linfield	Night News	Dance Party	Dance Party
	KOIN	Sat. Nite Final	Looking Ahead	Dance Orch.	Dance Orch.
	KGW	News	Vet. News	Eternal Light	Eternal Light
	KEX	News	Dance Time	Dance Time	Dance Time
11	KSLM	Dance Party	Dance Party	Dance Party	Dance Party
	KOCO	Dance Party	Dance Party	Dance Party	Dance Party
	KOIN	Answer Man	Round & Round	Round & Round	Round & Round
	KGW	News Roundup	City Council	City Council	City Council
	KEX	Dance Time	Dance Time	Dance Time	Dance Time

KOAC—550 KC.—10:00 a. m. The News and Weather; 10:15 Especially for Women; 10:30 AWS—"A Letter Home"; 10:45 Once Upon A Time; 11:00 The Concert Hall; 12:00 The News and Weather; 12:15 Noon Farm Hour; 1:00—Crew Races—OSC-Univ. B. C.; 1:15—Homecoming—OSC vs. WSC; 4:00— Excursions in Science; 4:15—On the Upbeat; 5:00—Children's Theater; 5:30—Frontier Fighters; 5:45 Public Health; 6:00 News & Weather; 6:15 Sign off.

Brownell Regarded as Far Out on Limb In Charges Against Former President

By STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON — Even after ex-President Truman has said his piece, it may never be known exactly what did happen at the White House at the time the two FBI reports on Harry Dexter White were delivered there. As Mr. Truman has already demonstrated, memory can play strange tricks; and two of the principals are dead.

Stewart Alsop

But the following reconstruction of what may have happened is by a former Truman aid, who was on the White House staff at the time. Although this version obviously favors the former President, it seems worth repeating, if only because it makes certain points Mr. Truman himself is very unlikely to make.

The first of the two FBI reports were delivered in December, 1945, to then Brig. Gen. Harry Vaughan. This was a very long report, consisting almost entirely of the undigested reminiscences of Elizabeth Bentley (then wholly unknown) and including a great many names besides White's.

At this time, after only a few months in office, Truman was still both awed and swamped by his tremendous job, and he relied heavily—and unwisely—on his bumbling crony Vaughan. Vaughan was—and is—a simple soul, with about as much political intelligence as a ten-year-old child. He never made any secret of the fact that the FBI reports which he used to receive—and which were, as always, "unevaluated" and full of hearsay—seemed to him "a lot of malarkey."

To the former Truman aid, it seems unlikely that Vaughan himself (who is not much of a reader) read the long Bentley report right through. It also seems unlikely that he drew it to the President's attention at all; or if he did, with some such phrases as, "Some dame has been telling the FBI that the government's full of Commies." At any rate, this defender of the former President is convinced that Truman had no idea that White's name was in the report, when he sent White's routine appointment to the Senate. If so, this was terrible staff work—but no worse.

So much for report number one. Report number two was sent to the White House two days before White's Senate confirmation on Feb. 6, 1946. There seems no longer any doubt at all that Truman read it, even allowing for the personal animosities of James F. Byrnes. There seems also little doubt that it only got to Truman too late for him to stop White's confirmation. But why did Truman not find some means of blocking White, despite his confirmation?

The answer to this question may be forthcoming, from Truman or another, even before these words are published. But the former Truman aid's admittedly speculative answer is as follows: Truman would certainly have taken the advice of White's superior, the then Treasury Secretary Fred Vinson, whom he greatly admired. White could hardly do much harm in the Monetary Fund, which, being an international organization, is strictly a goldfish bowl. If an underground Communist apparatus did exist, and White was a member of it, the public firing of White after his Senate confirmation would have alerted the other members of the apparatus. Vinson might, therefore, have advised Truman to leave White where he was, on the principle often employed by the FBI of letting the rat lead back to the rat holes.

This speculation seems to have received at least partial confirmation in the story by Arthur Sylvester, the reliable Washington correspondent of the Newark Evening News. Sylvester reports that no less than 500 FBI agents were assigned to White when he was an official in the Monetary Fund, in a year-long, unsuccessful attempt to find the other rat holes.

Even if something like this version of the White episode proves correct, Attorney General Herbert Brownell could legitimately have used the episode to prove certain charges against the former President and his Administration. He could have used it to prove, for example, that Truman then permitted execrable staff work at the White House. He could have used it to prove that Truman had a penchant for surrounding himself with bumbling cronies. He might have used it to prove that Truman and those around him were wooly-headed about the threat of Soviet-Communist espionage—as many others were at the time.

But the charge Brownell actually made was accurately summed up in the New York Times' headline reporting his speech: BROWNELL ASSERTS TRUMAN APPOINTED A SPY AND KNEW IT. This is not a charge of stupidity or woolly-headedness. It is a charge of condoning treason, which is something else again.

The story is not yet ended, and perhaps Brownell can prove this charge, about the gravest ever levelled by a high official against a man who has been President of the United States. But it begins to look as though Brownell, to put it more kindly than it deserves to be put, has gone very far out on a limb. And judging from certain of his press conference statements, which reflected the innate decency of the man, President Eisenhower has already started to saw the limb off.

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Accident Proves Reversible One

FULTON, Mo. (AP) — Anthony Viso, 50, of Chicago drove along U. S. highway 54 in his 1953 coach (Mercury) the other day, en route to California.

Donald Mackay, 55, of Chicago, hummed along on U. S. 54, homeward bound from California in his 1953 coach (Mercury).

Blam!

The colliding cars were damaged to the tune of $800. Mackay and Viso were uninjured but a bit astonished when they got together.

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