

# Harry Truman Given Degree At Oxford U.

By EDDY GILMORE  
 OXFORD, England (AP) — Harry S. Truman, who was too poor to go to college, Wednesday received an honorary degree from Oxford, one of the world's most distinguished universities.

Tears filled the eyes of the former U. S. President when Lord Halifax, chancellor of the University, conferred the degree of doctor of civil laws with this eulogy:

"Trust of allies, direct in your speech and in your writings, and ever a pattern of simple courage."

Truman smiled, choked up, and then quickly whipped out a handkerchief and blew his nose.

"Never, never in my life," he whispered to a reporter, "did I ever think I'd be a Yank at Oxford."

**Business Reverses**  
 He had explained to correspondents that his father's business reverses had prevented him from going to the university after a boyhood on a Missouri farm.

Asked by a reporter how many honorary degrees he had received Truman replied:

"My God, I must have a couple of dozen. But this is really a big one."

**Broad Smile**  
 The auditorium of Oxford's ancient Sheldonian Theater rang with applause as the degree was conferred. It swelled in volume as Truman faced 24 crimson robed professors in the packed auditorium and flashed a broad smile.

"I've attended a lot of these convocations," said an old professor after the house became quiet. "I don't remember when there was ever so much applause. Mr. Truman is very popular in this country."

Mrs. Truman, sitting several rows behind her husband also wiped the tears out of her eyes.

But the ceremony wasn't all serious.

**Sound of Laughter**  
 The public orator, Thomas R. Higham, speaking in Latin, caused a round of loud laughter when he referred to Truman's sensational election to the presidency in 1948 when public opinion polls predicted his defeat.

Referring to Thomas E. Dewey, Truman's Republican opponent, the orator said Virgil may help in describing his plight.

"The rears saw not your defeat, poor soul."

"Vain prayers, vain promises—vain Gallipoli!"

Truman, who had been shown an English translation, shook with laughter.

# Zhukov Vows Tito Help in Event of War

MOSCOW (AP) — Defense Minister Georgii Zhukov assured Yugoslav President Tito Wednesday the Soviet Union would fight "shoulder to shoulder" with Communist Yugoslavia in any future war.

Marshall Zhukov, wartime associate of President Eisenhower, made the statement after Tito and the Russians formally ended their bitter feud by signing agreements pledging cooperation both on government and party levels.

The communiques, closing a three week visit by Tito, expressed striking similarity of Soviet and Yugoslav outlook on major world issues and nailed down the principle of "equality" in dealings between the two Communist states who fell apart in 1948 over Stalin's attempt to dominate the Yugoslavs.

**High Decorations**  
 Zhukov's surprise statement about cooperation in a future war came in response to remarks by Tito in awarding the World War II Soviet hero, Yugoslavia's highest decoration, the Order of Freedom, for his command of Soviet forces which led "to the liberation of Yugoslavia from the Fascist invaders."

"I am convinced," said Zhukov, "the people of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia will march hand in hand for peace and socialism. We will do all we can to assure peace in the world, but if a war is imposed on us, we will together shoulder to shoulder as in the last war to fight for the well being of mankind."

The Zhukov remark may have been spontaneous and a surprise even to Tito, who only Monday had said foreign correspondents he had reached no military agreements with the U. S. S. R.

**Costly U. S. Aid**  
 (In Washington, U. S. State Department officials said despite Tito's increased collaboration with Moscow, it appeared to be in American interest to continue economic and some military assistance to Yugoslavia.)

(These sources said the Zhukov statement might have been part of a Soviet effort to embarrass Tito with regard to his links with the West, adding Tito hardly could have been expected at the moment to burst out with a protest that Zhukov had gone too far.)

The brief ceremony for signing the communiques was attended by top leaders of the Soviet government, including First Deputy Premier V. M. Molotov, who stepped down as foreign minister on the eve of Tito's arrival.

**ARMSTRONG TO TALK**  
 DEPOE BAY (AP) — C. H. Armstrong, state parks superintendent, will speak Thursday afternoon at ceremonies which will open the new observatory on the north end of the bay bridge. It is a state parks project.

# Brother and Sister Pianists Among 74 Airliner Wreck Victims



NEW YORK—Venezuelan Super Constellation airliner that crashed in flames into Atlantic Ocean early Wednesday with 74 persons aboard is shown in flight last year when it was delivered to the operating company, Linea Aeropostal Venezolana. (AP Wirephoto)



NEW YORK—Cross indicates area in Atlantic Ocean off Asbury Park, N. J., where airliner carrying 74 persons crashed in flames early Wednesday. Coast Guard plane reported finding only "an oil slick and debris." Plane, a Super Constellation operated by Linea Aeropostal Venezolana, took off from New York's Idlewild Airport for Caracas, Venezuela, some two hours before plunging into ocean. (AP Wirephoto)

# Mechanical Nose, Death Ray Eyed by Inventors

By ARTHUR EDSON  
 AP Newsfeature Writer  
 WASHINGTON (AP)—What this country needs is someone who will invent a good mechanical nose, or a substitute for wolverine fur, or a handy little death ray machine that would work—zzzzzz!—at 500 yards.

In the old days the saying went: build a better mousetrap, and the world will beat a path to your door even though you live in a house in the woods.

That may have worked once, but today's world is so complex the poor inventor may not even know what needs inventing.

So the National Inventors Council, in the Department of Commerce, has prepared a handy little list of things badly needed, especially in national defense.

**Problem No. 595**  
 Take Problem No. 595, the mechanical nose. Or if you prefer the more sombre government



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amounts of power would be required using present techniques." So "a completely new approach is indicated."

**May Be Fretful**  
 This lack of a death ray machine may fret the military, but most civilians probably can abide their time. Like the lady who

said, "I don't know why they had to invent the hydrogen bomb. The atom bomb was good enough for me."

Well, the list shows the scope of operations in this brave new world.

There are demands for equipment that will stand up under

# Author Admits Being Drunk On British TV

LONDON (AP) — Irish playwright Brendan Behan cheerfully admitted Wednesday that, as millions of viewers suspected, he really had a load on the other night on the TV.

"I had a bottle of whisky—good Irish whisky—inside me before I went to the studios," said the rumpled, 225-pound former member of Ireland's terrorist Republican army.

"They kept me locked in the place from 5 o'clock until I went on the air at 10 o'clock, and I had a few drops of Scotch to while away the time."

"So when we got in front of the cameras I made an exhibition of myself."

**Makes Confession**  
 Behan (pronounced Bean, as in lima bean) made his unabashed confession to reporters who found him treating a hangover — with pints of beer — in his London flat.

His television appearance for the British Broadcasting Corp. Monday night was an interview by Malcolm Muggeridge, editor of the humor magazine Punch.

The interview was supposed to consist of questions and answers about a play, "The Quare Fellow," which has scored a hit in London and projected 33-year-old Behan into fame.

**Protests Lodged**  
 Muggeridge asked the questions, but Behan's answers were indistinct to the point of incoherence. At one point he nearly slid from his chair to the floor. Hundreds of listeners who called the BBC to protest were told by a spokesman: "Mr. Behan was nervous."

"Nervous?" snickered Behan. "Not a bit of it. You can put me down as a ham actor if you like, but I wasn't nervous. I was drunk."

"Please let it be known that I am sorry — sorry for the people in the show, sorry for the BBC, sorry for the viewers."

And Behan, who served eight years in British prisons for his Republican army activities, concluded the interview with:

"We Irish have always said about the English that they have short memories. I hope that's still true for me."

# Rehearsals to Start for Shakespeare Festival

ASHLAND (AP) — Rehearsals for the annual Shakespearean Festival start Thursday after an all-night casting session. Auditions began Monday.

The festival opens Aug. 1 and runs through Sept. 1.

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# Eugene Couple Leave for Korea To Adopt Youth

EUGENE (AP) — A Eugene couple left here Wednesday for San Francisco to greet a 19-year-old Korean youth they say they intend to adopt.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Blinkhorn, said the youth, Pak Sang Wong, became acquainted with their son, Jim, while he was serving with the Air Force in Korea. The Korean youth, who is called Joe by his American friends, was a houseboy for U.S. forces in Korea.

Mrs. Blinkhorn said Joe's parents were killed in the Korean War. He is coming to America on a permanent visa, and hopes to enter the University of Oregon as a pre-medical student. Jim, who expects to be out of the service in two months, will attend the university with Joe.

The Blinkhorns have two other children, one married. Blinkhorn is a realtor here.

Joe is scheduled to arrive Friday at San Francisco aboard the Pacific Bear.

# Northwestern Reclamation Projects Gain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate and House conferees Wednesday reached agreement on a number of items in the giant public works-reclamation appropriations bill, in an attempt to reconcile differences between what the two houses have authorized.

The agreements were reported by Sen. Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.) and Rep. Don Magnuson (D-Wash.), who said these Pacific Northwest projects won approval.

**RECLAMATION**  
 Columbia Basin project, \$13,850,000; Roza power plant, Yakima project, \$1,720,000; Kennewick Division, Yakima project, \$1,288,000; Chief Joseph Dam project, reclamation division, \$1,500,000.

Also, the amendment sponsored by Sen. Magnuson for construction of a large siphon to serve the Waukege Slope section of the Columbia Basin project.

Harbor projects included Columbia River, improving channel at river's mouth, \$1,270,000, for start of \$9,541,000 project.

**Power Projects**  
 The Dalles Dam, \$42,457,000; Chief Joseph Dam, \$9,500,000; Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, \$8,000,000; Eagle Gorge project (King County), \$6,300,000; McNary Lock and Dam, \$2,828,000; John Day Lock and Dam, planning funds, \$1,200,000.

The sum of \$17,000 was agreed upon for planning funds for a \$73,000 project for new levees on the Lower Columbia River in the Washington area.

# Cement Strike Negotiation Halts

SPOKANE (AP) — No further negotiations have been scheduled in the 11-day strike of the Lehigh Portland Cement Co. at Metaline Falls, Wash., Federal Mediator Louis Zimman said Wednesday.

Members of the United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers Union walked out after rejecting a company offer of an 18 cent hourly wage boost.

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