

Truman Accuses Ike of 'Blunders'

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ABOARD TRUMAN TRAIN (A) — President Truman accused Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower Tuesday of having endangered the country as commanding general in Europe by grave "blunders" which left America unaware of Russia's threat to world peace.

He said Eisenhower's advice that he saw no reason why Russia and the United States would not remain "the closest possible friends" carried "great weight" and "did a great deal of harm."

If Eisenhower had given "better advice in 1945," Truman continued, "we wouldn't have had so much trouble, in waking up the country to the danger of Communist imperialism in 1946 and 1947 and 1948."

SPEAKS IN MONTANA

Truman chose a whistle stop speech at Havre, Mont., to launch the latest of increasingly bitter attacks on the Republican presidential nominee in reply to Eisenhower's own charges of blunders by the Truman administration in the field of foreign policy.

The President, speaking from the rear platform of his campaign train special, voiced praise of Democratic presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson for having known "that communism was dangerous and that we had to take measures to stop it."

Truman said Eisenhower didn't have such "wisdom and foresight." "After the war, while he was still commanding general of our forces in Europe," the President continued, "he said he saw no reason why Russia and the United States would not remain the closest possible friends."

Truman quoted Eisenhower as having told a congressional committee in November of 1945:

"There is no one thing that guides the policy of Russia more today than to keep friendship with the United States."

Truman then went on to say of

his own former Army chief of staff:

'HINDSIGHT' GOOD

"His foresight was not nearly as good as his hindsight."

"Of course, we can all make mistakes, but the Republican candidate was the commanding general in Europe and was in close contact with the Russians. His advice carried great weight and it therefore did a great deal of harm."

It is true, the President continued, that "we were all trying immediately after the war to find a means for living with the Russians on a peaceful basis."

"I don't blame the Republican candidate for his part in that," Truman added, "but he ought to be honest enough to admit his blunders about the Russians."

Antler Spikes No Proof of Deer's Age

MAPLE, Ont. (A)—You can't tell how old a deer is by the antler spikes.

Biologists at the Ontario department of lands and forests research station here exploded this theory. They said that a young deer that has found lush pastures and good living may have three or four spikes in his antlers, whereas an older one that has fallen on hard times may have only a couple.



VISCOUNT ASTOR
British Sportsman

Death Claims British Peer

CLIVEDEN, England (A)—Viscount Astor, 73, husband of Virginia-born Nancy Astor, died at his home Tuesday after a week's illness.

Waldorf Astor, the second Viscount Astor, was born in New York and before succeeding to his father's title, was elected to the House of Commons five times. He was one of Britain's best-known sportsmen.

His country estate here was the meeting place of the so-called "Cliveden set" of politicians and other influential Britons in the days before World War II. "Cliveden" for a time was synonymous to appeasement of Hitlerite Germany and Mussolini-led Italy.

Later Viscount Astor denounced reports about the "Cliveden Set" as "Communist fiction" and Viscountess Astor also vigorously denied them.

Astor, always somewhat overshadowed by his flamboyant wife, was the great-grandson of American fur trader John Jacob Astor.

Times Foretells Van Fleet Relief

N. Y. Newspaper
Announces Change

NEW YORK (A)—The New York Times said Tuesday that relief of Gen. James A. Van Fleet, after 17 months of gruelling command of the Eighth Army in Korea, has been decided on at the Pentagon.

There will be no formal announcement, however, until his successor has been selected, according to a Washington dispatch to the Times from Austin Stevens.

PENTAGON QUIET

When asked about the report, an informed official at the Pentagon said he knew of no discussion of Van Fleet's removal or of anything to indicate such a move was under way.

The Times story said the most prominently mentioned name in considering Van Fleet's successor is that of Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor. Also reported to be under consideration is Lt. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe. Both men are assigned to Army headquarters in Washington.

Taylor is deputy chief of staff for operations and administration of the Army. McAuliffe is assistant chief of staff of personnel.

WEST POINT CHIEF

Taylor formerly was superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and was commander of the 101st Airborne in World War II.

McAuliffe was the commander who said "nuts" to the German command that he surrender at Bastogne in December, 1944. He was acting commander of the 101st at the time, serving in the absence of Gen. Taylor, who was in Washington. Taylor returned to Belgium at the height of the action.

The Pentagon has recognized for some time, the Times said, "that Gen. Van Fleet has been carrying a tremendous load in prosecuting the Korean campaign and that relief would be in order." Van Fleet is 60 and becomes eligible for retirement next year.

Both Taylor and McAuliffe have had experience in the Far East.



THOMAS J. KEANE
Represents National

B. S. A. Leader To Meet Local Scout Officials

A national leader in the Boy Scout movement, Commander Thomas J. Keane, U.S.N.R., will be in Eugene Wednesday and Thursday to meet with civic leaders here.

Keane, in scouting since 1921, is the national director of civic relationships for the BSA. He represents the national Scout council in its relationships with the principal international and national civic organizations in the nation.

While here, he will meet with the local executive staff, will visit with top institutional people and city officials, and will spend time traveling in the Central Lane District analyzing district relationships. Also on his schedule is a meeting with council and district Scout organizational officials.

Keane was the first national director of Sea Scouting, a post he took in 1924, and during his term of office more than 200,000 young men were trained as Sea Scouts. He was on active duty with the Navy during both World Wars, with the fleet in World War I and in the office of the Secretary of the Navy and in command of the port at Belfast in northern Ireland during the second war.

Senator Wants Costello Held

WASHINGTON (A)—Senator Williams (R-Del.) said Tuesday he has asked the Justice Department to delay any move to deport gambler Frank Costello because Costello could be an important witness at trials "of some of our former key government officials."

In a letter to Attorney General McGranery, Williams also said the dapper New York rackets leader should not be forced to leave this country until "satisfactory answers" have been obtained to these questions:

"Has the Treasury Department given Frank Costello's tax account a thorough going over and have all outstanding assessments

been collected?"

"Who is responsible for this evidence, upon which he is now apparently being deported, lying dormant in the Justice Department files for the past 27 years?"

"Who in official circles has been giving Mr. Costello and the other racketeers of this country their protection?"

Williams, who has staged a one-man crusade against alleged tax scandals, wrote McGranery that "after we have obtained answers to those questions and to any others which might arise, then deportation proceedings can be resumed."

Westfir Man Declared Wrecked Car's Driver

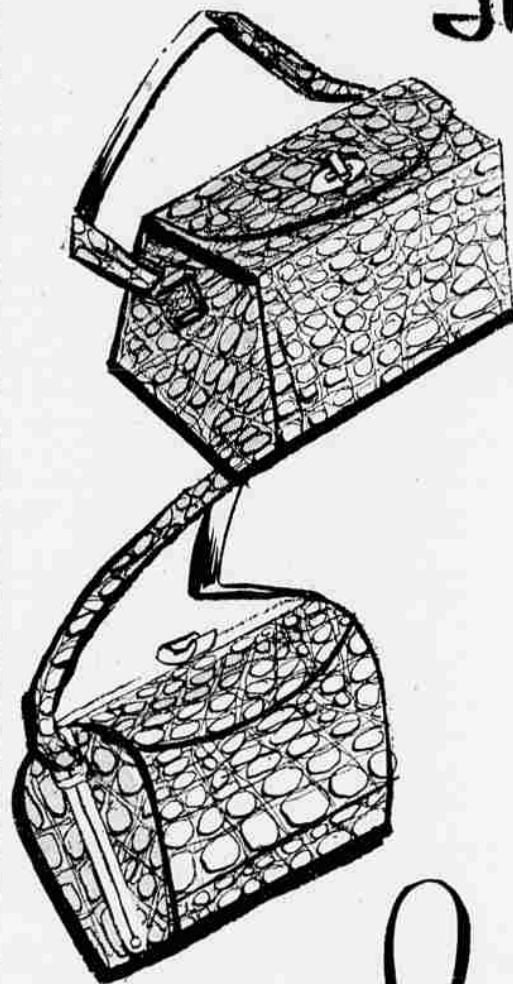
OAKRIDGE — Don Frederick Martin, 21, of Westfir, Monday told police he was the driver of the auto which was wrecked beside a curve west of Willamette City Sunday.

Because Martin was not injured when the auto plunged off the highway there was no report made to police. He said Monday he drove off the curve Sunday afternoon.

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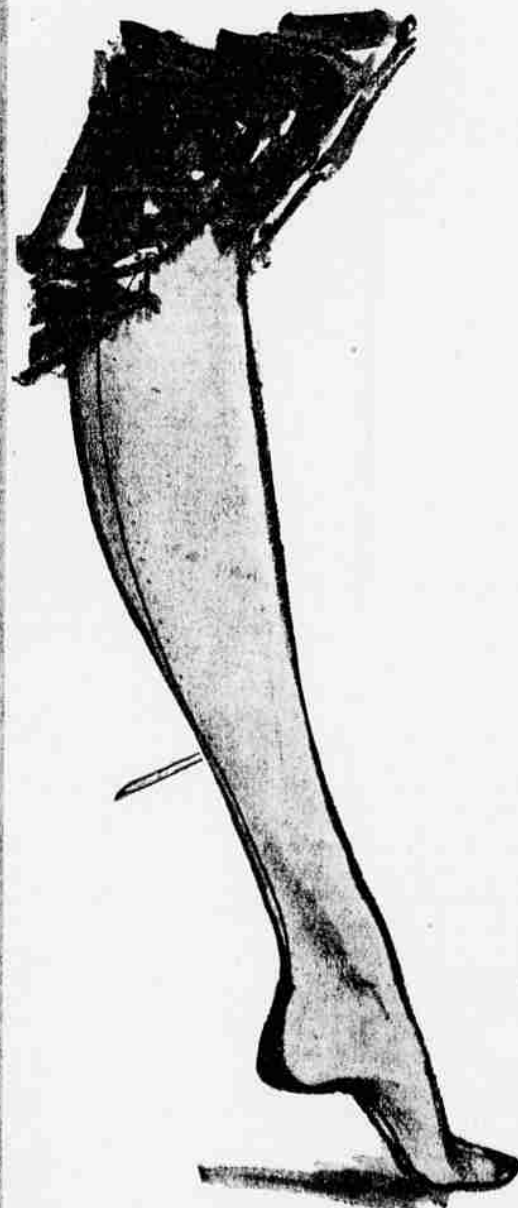
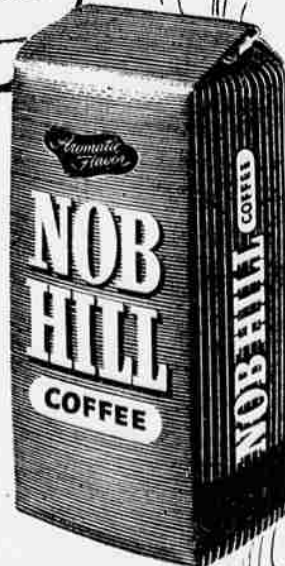
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