



Arrested—Screenwriter Dalton Trumbo waves his hands as he sits in jail in Venice, Calif., after he was arrested and booked for drunkenness. Trumbo was convicted for failure to tell a congressional committee if he is or ever has been a member of the Communist party. His case is now under appeal. (Acme Telephoto)

Hopes Bits of White House Not Handled Like Those of 'Maine'

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington, Oct. 24 (AP)—President Truman in a few days is scheduled to sign an order to dispose of discarded bits of the White House, which is being rebuilt.

All of which reminds Presidential Secretary William D. Hassett of what occurred when the battleship Maine was raised. The Maine was blown up in Havana harbor in 1898, along with 60 of our officers and men, during the Spanish-American war.

Bill Hassett remembers and tells the story better than anybody else—so let him.

Congress authorized raising the Maine in 1911. It was towed out to sea and re-sunk, to keep the bulk from clogging the harbor water traffic. All movable parts of the vessel were removed and the bodies of the dead were taken to Arlington national cemetery.

The movable parts of the ship—like the bricks and slats and unusable hunks of mortar from the White House—were offered to public libraries, civic bodies, and other official organizations for display. For free—express collect. They were to become public shrines. Things to inspire our growing youth in a bigger and better way of life.

Well, the people of Findlay, O., had appropriated a lot of public money and had just finished a new courthouse, which needed a shrine in front.

What could better inspire the generations of the day and those to come than a scrap from the vessel which carried heroic men to their doom?

The job of handling all these requests was turned over to a red-haired navy officer whose name let's forget since he later became an admiral.

He went down to the dock the day they brought in the removable ruins of the Maine. He had an idea about teaching congress a thing or two about offering something to the people for nothing.

It was plain to see what the elements had done to that vessel while she rested in Davy Jones' locker for 13 years. The metal parts were rusted beyond repair.

The scum of the deep drifted from every crevice of the good-en pieces.

The red-haired officer chuckled as he ordered one slimy mess after the other carted to this city and that.

The echo of the hue and cry still can be heard on Capitol Hill. Particularly the noise that came from Findlay, O.

The man in charge of disposing of the remains of the Maine chose to dispatch to the Ohio city the bathtub of the skipper of the ship—Charles D. Sigsbee.

The tub looked worse than the Maine herself must have—resting there on the bottom all those years. The officials of Findlay ripped one slat off the wrappings and saw the barnacles. They refused the charges. Nobody knows whatever happened to that tub.

Bill Hassett hopes nothing like that happens when they start to ship out pieces of the White House.

10 Most Beautiful Heads of Hair Named

New York, Oct. 24 (AP)—Hair Stylist John Fonda said today the "ten most beautiful heads of hair" adorned the following:

Shelley Winters, platinum blonde; Marie Wilson, blonde; Sarah Churchill, brunette; Talulah Bankhead, Auburn; Ethel Barrymore, gray; Vivian Blaine, strawberry blonde; Hedy Lamar, black; Mrs. Betty Henderson, redhead; Mme. Vajaya Lakshmi Pandit, silver blue; and Lone Ranger's horse "Silver," for silver topping.

All colors are subject to change, Fonda said.

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