

Truman Has Many Advisers When There's Possibility of War

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Washington, July 6 (AP)—We're a nation of 150,000,000 people in a very stormy world. Our ship has to be steered with thoughtful planning if we hope to stay afloat. But how is it done? Who makes—and how are they made—the plans on our foreign policy? On military preparations, just in case? And throwing our whole civilian life into a war, if there is one?

For example: We couldn't decide to go into communist China and try to clean up, if our military experts said this would consume so much of our strength that Russia then could seize the rest of the world.

Our decision and policy-making set-up can be explained this way:

1. President Truman, of course is top man. As commander-in-chief, final decisions rest with him. He's assisted—which means he consults with and is advised—by:

2. The defense department, made up of army, navy and air force; the state department; the national security council; the national security and resources board; and the munitions board.

Take them one at a time: 1. Defense department. Louis A. Johnson is secretary of defense. He's civilian head of all the armed services. Directly under him are the joint chiefs of staff (JCS):

(General Omar Bradley is chairman of the JCS. The other chiefs are: General J. Lawton Collins, chief of staff of the army; Admiral Forrest Sherman, chief of naval operations and General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, chief of staff of the air force. The JCS has a staff of its own of about 200 officers from all services helping them.)

The JCS figures out how big a peacetime military force we need; what kind of war we can or should fight, with whom, where, under what circumstances; how many men we'll need; what kind of weapons and supplies. In short, they figure what we can and can't or should do.

They pump this information into Johnson who advises the President.

2. State department. Dean Acheson is secretary of state. He has the advice of a staff of specialists on foreign affairs and foreign countries, since the department's representatives are all over the world. He advises the President on foreign policy.

So the President has to weigh Johnson's ideas on what we can or should do against Acheson's ideas on what we can or should do. Then he can sit down with:

3. The national security council. This is made up of the President, Vice President Barkley, Johnson, Acheson, and W. Stuart Symington, chairman of the national security resources board (to be explained in a moment.)

This is the top policy-making group in the government. But—the President makes the decisions, since the other members of the security council are only advisers. It meets when the President wishes.

4. National security resources board (NSRB). Symington, former secretary of the air force, is chairman of this. Other members of this board are cabinet members: The secretaries of the treasury, defense, state, interior, agriculture, commerce and labor.

The NSRB's job is to advise the President on the "coordination of military, industrial, and civilian mobilization." Which means:

It has the job of planning—in case of war—for getting equipment and arms made for the military forces; converting plants to wartime use; and using civilian manpower. It has to plan in such fields as transportation, public utilities, price control, exports and imports, materials.

The NSRB is an independent agency, under no other agency. Symington reports directly to the President and, as pointed out, is a member of the national security council, the top policy group.

5. The munitions board. The chairman is Hubert E. Howard, a civilian appointed by the President. The other board members are civilian officials of the three armed services.

Its job is to buy and store away, for use in case of war, scarce and strategic materials, and to arrange for plants to switch over to war work. This board is part of the defense department and is answerable to Secretary of Defense Johnson. (The research and development board is another planning

agency and is part of the defense department, too. Its job is to arrange for scientific research and development of weapons or instruments for another war.)

In addition to all this, of course, the President has the advice of the heads of various departments, his cabinet members, like justice, treasury, commerce, agriculture and so on. All of them would be involved in running of a wartime show. They all deal directly with the President.

Mr. Truman and his appointed advisers, of course, have to take into account public and congressional opinion in framing their decisions.

Bee Evacuees Fleeced by Landlord

Independence — A family of honey bees that have been inhabiting a space between the walls of the residence of Wm. A. Sherwood on Fifth street for several generations was evacuated by force on Sunday and the Sherwood family gathered about 10½ gallons of strained honey.

For quite some time, the bees have kept the rightful owners away from the south side of the house, as they were industriously going about their business of making honey and storing it for future use. However, Sherwood decided to evict the bold tenants, and he did so with the aid of fumes from burning sulphur.

After that, the family set to work removing the siding and there they found honey in a space about 6 feet wide and reaching to the second story.

Many good neighbors were invited to bring a kettle and take home some honey. Those who took advantage of the offer have reported that the honey is delicious.

Although most of the honey was removed, much of it spilled out on the ground, and bees from other hives came during the next day or two and took that away.

Some people are wondering if the Sherwoods will miss the honey insulation next winter.

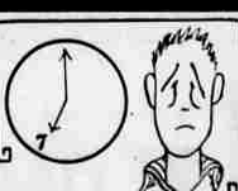
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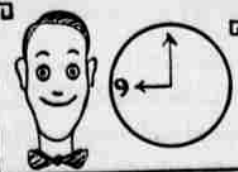
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