

HST Defends Aides in Talk Before Masons

In Off-the-Cuff Talk Cites Abuses Hurdled At Other Presidents

Washington (AP) — President Truman told a Masonic gathering Thursday that he works all day and nearly all night as President, "but just between you and me and the gatepost, I like it."

The President confided this attitude in an off-the-cuff talk to Grand Masters of Masons attending a nation-wide conference.

Cabinet members and White House staff representatives also attended the hotel breakfast at which Truman defended his aides against the description of "Missouri Gang," which he said has been given them by his opponents.

Cites Other Presidents He noted that Lincoln, Jefferson, Cleveland and other presidents underwent a lot of criticism and that it was some years after Cleveland left office that it was said of him "they loved him for the enemies he made."

"I hope you love me for that same reason," the President said. Truman did not identify the "they" in the remark about Cleveland.

He went on to say that if he thinks he's right in what he does, "I don't care if anyone likes it or not."

Turning to the criticism of past presidents, Truman said: "It has taken 150 years to determine the greatness of Washington."

2. Thomas Jefferson was once described as a "Jacobin" which Truman said is about the same as being called a communist today.

3. Two papers—the New York Tribune and Chicago Tribune—in reference to Lincoln's Gettysburg address said "the president also spoke and made the usual ass of himself."

This, of course, was not true, Truman said.

New Snow Hits Eastern States

(By United Press) New snow hit the Midwest and New England today before residents had time to dig out of paralyzing snow dumped by storms earlier this week.

Sixty deaths were attributed to the storms which began Monday.

Snow plow teams worked around the clock to rescue persons marooned by drifts deeper than four feet in some areas as the new storms bore down.

Fresh snow whipped by 30-mile-an-hour winds reached southern New England early today and began to spread northeast toward where 13 seamen stubbornly stayed aboard the stern of their torn tanker, the Fort Mercer, off Massachusetts shores.

The Fort Mercer and another tanker, the Pendleton, were split in two by mountainous waves churned by Monday's nor'easter.

Fourteen seamen were lost in the double disaster.

New light snows added another two inches to 29-inch depths left by the blizzard that swept across the Dakotas

Chains Needed In Mountains

Chains are needed in all mountain areas of Oregon and many other roads are icy, the State Highway Commission said Thursday.

The road report said chains are needed because of packed snow at these points: Government Camp, Timberline, Warm Springs Junction, Ochoco, Santiam Pass, Lapine, Willamette Pass, Meacham, John Day and Seneca.

Icy spots were reported at Portland, Troutdale, Wilson River Summit, Astoria, Newport, Salmon River Summit, Eugene, Cave Junction, Union Creek, Siskiyou, Coquille, The Dalles, Bend, Detroit, Chemult, Lakeview and Pendleton.

All other points reported the pavement either bare or sanded.

Paratroopers Mass Hong Kong (AP)—The Hong Kong newspaper Wah Kiu Yat Po said Thursday 4,000 newly trained paratroopers have joined 290,000 other Red Chinese troops massed near the Indo-China and Burma borders.

\$3 Million in Wages Paid, No Work Done

Laborers in Secret North Pole Airbase Got \$13,000 a year

Washington (AP) — A Senate investigation heard Thursday that workers on a super-secret air base construction program near the North Pole collected more than three million dollars in wages before even reaching the job.

Lt. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, chief of Army Engineers, defended these payments as well as salaries at a rate of \$13,000 a year for laborers and \$17,000 a year for mechanics on the project.

Drew Salary Enroute Questions by Downey Rice, counsel for the committee — which was set up as a watchdog group on military spending — brought out the salary figures.

Rice did not indicate how many workers shared the three million dollars, but said they drew the pay while en route to the job by ship and airplane.

He said some of them left Norfolk, Va., by ship, expecting to be at the job in 15 days but actually were 42 days on the way.

Blue Jay Project The project was known by the code name of "Blue Jay"—previously publicized as being in Greenland.

Greenland said this project and another air base construction job in North Africa, known by the code name of "Atlas", already involved expenditures of about 100 million dollars.

Truman Made No Secret Pact

Washington (AP) — House republicans said today they are satisfied with President Truman's assurance that he has made no secret agreements with Britain to send additional American troops anywhere in the world.

But administration officials and democratic leaders said it was too bad the president was compelled by circumstances to reveal a fact which may be of great interest to Russia.

Mr. Truman made the no-commitments statement late yesterday, shortly after the house passed a GOP resolution demanding a full report on any secret deals made at his meetings with Prime Minister Winston Churchill last month.

Officials said he spoke out—even though the resolution was not binding on him—because he feared continued silence might deepen the suspicion that he had something to hide.

That suspicion has been harbored by some congressional republicans ever since the Churchill visit.

Mystery Explosion Mystifies Portland

Portland (AP)—A thundering noise alarmed southwest Portland and outlying suburbs Wednesday night. The cause still had not been determined Thursday.

Some residents at first believed a jet plane had crashed, but this proved false.

Some thought a meteor had passed over, but no reports of one came from other areas.

A weather observer said it may simply have been a freak crash of thunder. Hall, which usually accompanies thunder, was reported in a few sections.

Blame for Tax Scandals Placed Upon Politicians

San Francisco (AP)—The King congressional subcommittee ended its San Francisco hearings with a blast at politically-appointed internal revenue officials.

It said rank and file employees "have done a good, honest job." A statement by Chairman King (D., Calif.) blamed the local internal revenue scandal on "incompetent" political appointees of King's own party protected by an inept top administration in Washington.

It urged an end to political appointments in the revenue service.

Two republican committee members who stayed for Wednesday's windup of the 16-day hearings, Reps. Robert W. Kean (N.J.) and John W. Byrnes (Wis.), concurred in King's strongly-worded statement.

The statement said the San Francisco internal revenue office was "badly administered" prior to September 27, 1951.

That day, Collector James G. Symth and five top assistants, all democrats, were suspended on orders from Washington. They later were fired.



Eisenhower Becomes Oregon Candidate—General Dwight D. Eisenhower became a candidate in the Oregon republican primaries for the presidency of the United States when his petitions were filed Thursday at the State House. The petitions bearing 1068 names, more than necessary, were filed by Mark Hatfield, left, secretary of the Oregon-for-Eisenhower committee, who was accompanied by W. L. Phillips of Salem, state chairman of the committee, shown at right. In center at desk is David O'Hara, supervisor of the elections division of the state department.

'Luscious Liz' Weds Wilding

London (AP)—Movie Stars Elizabeth Taylor and Michael Wilding were married shortly before noon Thursday in the midst of a lively mob scene.

The 19-year-old bride and her 39-year-old groom, arriving separately, slipped almost unnoticed into the Caxton registry hall through a side door but a crowd of hundreds descended upon them as they emerged after the 10-minute civil ceremony.

Elizabeth radiated happiness as she was jostled by hundreds of persons in the corridors of the hall and in Caxton street outside. Seemingly the cooler of the two, she recognized friends in the milling crowd and shouted greetings to them.

Only about a dozen persons saw the ceremony, which was the second marriage for both Liz and Wilding.

Coy Resigns as FCC Chairman

Washington (AP)—Wayne Coy resigned Thursday as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

Coy told reporters he was quitting because he could not afford the personal sacrifice of continuing in the \$15,000 a year job.

Coy added that he had asked President Truman to relieve him of his post so that "I can negotiate for a job in private industry."

The FCC supervises operations of the radio and television industry among other duties.

Coy, 48, was named chairman of the commission in December, 1947. He left a job as assistant publisher of the Washington Post and as manager of radio station WINX, to become a member of the FCC.

Sales Tax Bill Filed For Old Age Pensions

A preliminary initiative proposal for a 2 per cent sales tax to be used for old age pensions was filed with the Oregon State Department Thursday.

The measure would provide for minimum monthly pensions of \$75.

It was filed by Elmer E. Rowton, Otis, and Verna L. Schorn, Toledo.

If the sponsors get 26,200 signatures, the measure would be on the November election ballot.

Churchill's Free Rides Upheld

London — Prime Minister Churchill stoutly denies he did wrong by accepting free rides on steamships and trains during his January visit to the United States and Canada.

He said Wednesday in the House of Commons, "the gifts and services of the Cunard Steamship company, as well as those of the United States and Canadian Railways, were not to ministers but to the British taxpayers." Conservative supporters backed him up with loud cheers.

He was hitting back at opposition charges that he failed in his duty by "the acceptance of gifts from commercial undertakings."

NATO Calls for 60 Divisions By Year's End

14 Foreign Ministers State Problem Forced By Russian Policies

Lisbon, Portugal (AP)—The 14 Atlantic foreign ministers met behind closed doors Thursday for an up-to-the-moment study of the Russian problem.

A spokesman said U.S. Secretary of State Acheson and his colleagues heard and thrashed over top-level reports on the Soviet Union and its latest policies toward the free world.

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman told the closed door session about the situation in Indo-China. Problems of the Middle East, including Egypt, were gone over.

Call for Big Force Earlier, Allied defense ministers in less than an hour approved a military committee report calling for 50 to 60 divisions to be in the field by the end of 1952.

The report now goes to the council. There the full-dress assembly of foreign, finance and defense ministers must settle a conflict between the allied chiefs of staff and W. Averell Harriman's temporary council committee.

The committee says the 1954 target of 100 divisions on active duty or in immediate reserve must be scaled down 12 per cent because the European economies cannot afford the full goal.

2676 Soldiers Land, Seattle

Seattle (AP)—The Navy transport Marine Adder arrived here Thursday from the Far East after being slowed two days by rough weather in the North Pacific. It brought 2,676 homebound Army rotation troops.

It raised to 86,472 the total of men returned through the Seattle Port of Embarkation under the Army's rotation plan.

Another ship, the Hugh J. Gaffey, is due Friday with 817 passengers. It is filling what is oft-times labeled a "diaper ship" role, carrying 316 military dependents. It also has 499 members of the Armed Forces aboard.

Lakeview Wants To Join Nevada

Reno (AP)—Some Lakeview, Ore., residents want to secede from Oregon and put their town under Nevada jurisdiction, a Nevada assemblyman said here Wednesday.

Don Crawford of Vya, an assemblyman who long has advocated that Nevada take over the eastern slope of the Sierras in northeastern California, said five Lakeview residents wrote him that they wanted to join, too.

They suggested that a 30-mile strip along the southern edge of Lake County should be included in the border-shifting plan, he said.

He said they added: "That the Lake county seat, now at Lakeview, could be moved some 50 miles north to Paisley, which has always wanted it anyway."

Green Lights for New Buildings

Washington (AP)—The National Production Authority Thursday approved a start on construction on 645 churches, fire stations, orphanages and community buildings with materials to be made available in the ninth month following July 1.

The go-ahead, it was understood, applies to virtually the entire list of pending applications for public welfare and safety projects in all parts of the country. The total estimated cost is more than 200 million dollars.

Details as to the specific projects approved and their location will not be announced until after all the building authorizations and the allotments have been issued.

Nunan Resigns From Law Firm

New York (AP)—Joseph D. Nunan, Jr., former commissioner of Internal Revenue, has resigned from his Washington, D. C., law firm because of the criticism directed at him in tax case probes.

Nunan's New York counsel, Richard J. Burke, announced the resignation Wednesday.

The action was attributed to fear that Nunan's partners might "suffer unjustifiable harm temporarily through his continued association with them."

Burke said Nunan "has been subjected to the most vicious character assassination and unfounded vilification, rumor and innuendo."

A group of approximately 50

Japanese Reds Riot Over U.S. Colonization

Tokyo, Friday (AP)—Thousands of Japanese communists and sympathizers rioted in Tokyo Thursday in a demonstration against "colonization" of Japan by the United States.

At least 14 Japanese policemen were injured in stone throwing and tear gas melees before order was restored.

An estimated 11,300 police patrolled the city to prevent further trouble.

Other demonstrations were reported in Yokohama, the big industrial city of Osaka, Nagoya and elsewhere.

The Japanese communists, in their most open postwar demonstration of violence, had set Thursday as "anti-colonization-of-Japan day."

Even before the demonstrations subsided, the Peiping radio was reporting that Chinese communist youth had sent "messages of solidarity" to the "Japanese Youth Federation" for its "struggle against colonialism."

Fontana Sues For \$118,000

Charles P. Fontana, who May 14, 1951, was discharged by the Oregon liquor control commission, Thursday morning filed suit against the commission in the circuit court of Marion county for damages in the sum of \$118,080.

Fontana, 41 years of age, alleges in his complaint that he was wrongfully discharged by the commission and that he was damaged by not being permitted to continue his services to the commission though he had offered to continue and perform said agreement on his part.

The complaint states that Fontana had been employed by the commission April 1, 1944, to serve with the law enforcement division and that the defendant agreed to employ him until his retirement age of 65.

Fontana further notes in his complaint that in 1947 he was elevated to the position of a lieutenant in the liquor commission's law enforcement division and at the time of his discharge was receiving a salary of \$410 per month. He states that he complied with all of the reasonable rules and regulations of the defendant and was duly appointed and qualified to perform the services for which he was employed.

Second Atomic Sub Ordered

Washington (AP)—The Atomic Energy Commission Thursday ordered construction of a second atomic-powered submarine engine.

It said this one will be of a design which may be easier to build and operate than the one already under construction.

An AEC announcement said the General Electric company has been authorized to start construction at its West Milton, N. Y., laboratory of a test engine which "will be used for final development work leading to construction of an intermediate energy reactor for propulsion of a submarine."

The Westinghouse Electric corporation already is working on a thermal reactor at its testing station in Idaho.

Lydda Is Now Lod Lod, Israel (AP)—This is the new name of the Israel town formerly called Lydda. Lod is the ancient Hebrew name for the place and is so mentioned in the Bible.

Critics Grilled By Ridgway

Tokyo (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway said Thursday night it is deplorable that many Americans still ask "Why are we in Korea?"

The supreme allied commander declared the pattern of communist intentions is "now spread across the world where even the blind can see."

For his part, Ridgway said there can be no question of the "validity and purpose" of U.S. fighting in Korea "against that deliberately planned unprovoked aggression."

"To have done otherwise," he said, "would have been a repudiation of every principle we had previously professed."

Ridgway spoke at the annual convention of the Far East Department of the Reserve Officers' association.

He made no mention of the Korean armistice talks at Panmunjom.

The address was devoted largely to remarks on military reserve officers and George Washington, who was born 220 years ago Friday.

Blood Program Chairman Lebanon — Don Baxter was named chairman of the Lebanon Red Cross blood program, replacing George Kingan, who resigned last week.

UN Tells Reds Russia Can't Act as Neutral

Record of Past Participation in Korea Bars Soviet Union

Munsan, Korea (AP)—The U. N. command told the communists Thursday Russia's "record of past participation in Korea" bars the Soviet Union as a neutral fit to help police a Korean truce.

Simultaneously general headquarters in Tokyo warned that every step forward in truce talks "will be followed by a step backward until Moscow is convinced that the final decision for Korea must be made without further delay."

An information bulletin compiled from "Voice of the U. N. Command Broadcasts" declared: "It seems to be their plan to raise two additional disputes to take the place of every one that has been settled."

"Like the hydra-headed monster of mythology, there will be new entanglements following every settlement just as long as the Kremlin thinks there is still something to gain by prolonging the talks."

At Panmunjom, an allied spokesman said U. N. reasons for rejecting Russia were "clear, cogent and irrefutable." He did not spell out the reasons.

Held Not Satisfactory Col. Don Darrow said the U. N. command would reject the nomination of any nation "in close proximity to Korea" or any nation which had "a record of past participation in Korea."

A Red staff officer said the U. N. reasons were not satisfactory.

Darrow refused to be drawn into an argument. He said: "The United Nations does not propose to enter into endless discussion on this topic and recommends that your side give our statement serious consideration."

Sabre Jets Down 2 Red Mig-15s

Seoul, Korea (AP)—American Sabre jet pilots shot down two more Red jets Thursday bringing their toll this week to ten.

The two MIG-15s eliminated were blown out of the air during a 20-minute battle in cloudy North Korean skies between 27 American Sabre jets and 20 MIGs.

The kills were credited to Lt. Billy B. Dobbs of Fontana, Calif., and Capt. Brooks J. Liles of Elizabeth City, N. C.

American losses, if any, were not announced. The Air Force discloses U. S. plane losses only once a week.

Pinned down an Allied patrol and its rescue force for more than an hour on the frozen Eastern front.

A second United Nations rescue group broke the trap and freed both Allied units in sharp fighting. The action occurred northwest of Kansong, on the east coast.

Langlie Blames Reds for 'Hunger Strike Invasion'

Olympia (AP)—Gov. Langlie Thursday denounced William J. Pennock, president of the Washington Pension Union, and other leaders of "Hunger Strikers," a group of persons who were ejected from the chief executive's office by state patrolmen Wednesday.

Langlie said several persons had testified that Pennock was a Communist when they appeared as witnesses before the state legislature's hearing on the un-American activities in 1948.

The chief executive used strong words against other leaders when he talked to reporters Thursday morning.

A group of approximately 50

Weather Details Maximum yesterday, 40; minimum today, 28. Total 24-hour precipitation: .00; for month: 3.58; normal: 2.64. Season precipitation: 34.41; normal: 26.35. River height: 2.4 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)