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Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, June 26.—Almost exactly a year ago we had our first close-up of President Truman. He was on the platform of the Chicago Stadium, receiving congratulations on his victory over Henry Wallace for the vice-presidency of the United States.

Yesterday we had our second close-up, and we ran head-on into one of the miracles of modern democracy, and perhaps the fundamental reason for not only the amazing victory in the present war, but for the survival and eventual supremacy of free democracy in this battered world.

For there and here, ladies and gentlemen, were two completely different men,—as different in actions, manner, bearing and personality, as the two scenes were different,—

That Chicago Stadium with its heat, dirt, sweat and whipped-up political enthusiasm, as the camera bulbs flashed and the successful candidate, flustered, nervous, even apprehensive, allowed Boss Kelly to seize his hand and pull him through the milling crowd to the platform "mike" and,—

Salty, cool, fresh, stimulating San Francisco, the sun breaking through the cold fog as the President's caravan crossed the bridge over the white-capped waters of the Golden Gate, the President standing straight as a soldier in the open car, holding his "campaign hat" aloft in one hand, waving a greeting with the other, as everyone cheered and cheered, and the new Commander-in-Chief of all American forces, now assured, self-confident, triumphant,—smiled and smiled!—!—!

A free democracy and the individual development that democratic responsibility and free play of forces gives, was responsible for that miracle. Repeat that miracle a thousand,—a million—times in its innumerable manifestations, a force and a ferment constantly going on, only stimulated and extended by a crisis,—and you have HAVEN'T you?—

The chief reason why, TODAY, a leading democracy is the most powerful nation in the world; and a leading autocracy the weakest!

Yes, President Truman is a changed man, and the transformation has taken place in a single year. It reminds us of Mrs. McAdoo's remark about her famous father's dictum that "God knows best."

There was not only disappointment but bitterness among Roosevelt's strongest followers over the defeat of former Vice President Wallace at Chicago a year ago. But how different, and how much less promising, would conditions in this country be today, if Henry Wallace were in the Presidential suite at the Fairmont instead of Harry Truman!

For the latter unquestionably is the man for the job at this particular period in our history,—the closing days of a terrible war, and facing a most difficult task of national reconstruction. Mr. Henry Wallace, in spite of his fine qualities of mind and heart, would NOT have been!

And there is reason to believe that Mr. Truman's consciousness of that fact is an important item in the President's surprising exuberance and self-confidence. For he is essentially a business man, rather than a crusader,—a trouble-shooter rather than a cheerleader. And in all likelihood there is going to be plenty of trouble to shoot at during the next two or three years, and the cheering season will soon be over.

It was interesting to watch the crowds along the right of way. There were thousands of them from the bridge to Montgomery street and back to Nob Hill, and they cheered and waved and smiled,—there was no doubt about the genuine cordiality of the greeting. But there was no evangelical fervor about it, such as would have marked a similar triumphal entree by President Roosevelt,—the sparks did not fly, the emotional safety-valve did no dancing.

ence may prove to be as a historical document designed to prevent future wars, there is no question whatever of the tremendous success of the meeting from the standpoint of promoting international amity and good will,—lasting friendships have been made, better understandings established, closer relations set up throughout 50 nations of the world. The charter may work no miracles, but the meeting can't fail to do great good!—R.W.R.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 28.—Twins said upon the airways and in print Mr. Truman won his greatest victory over congress on the tariff-cutting program. It seems to me someone should have smelled something, if not a mouse, when 15 senate republicans voted for the democratic tariff bill. Unity has not yet developed in this world to the heavenly point that a republican accepts a democratic theory on this issue where their forefathers fought, bled and collected.

Men have won the president's chair (and lost it also) for their stand on this one question alone. Nothing, including the civil war (which was a phase of the tariff dispute between the foreign free-trading cotton growers and the New England textile manufacturers desirous of protection) has so deeply torn the political hearts of Americans.

BUT this time congress, with republican votes, authorized a further slashing of 25 per cent by the president singlehanded (making 75 per cent in all from the old high tariff rates) without advice or consent of congress—or the republican national committee.

Yet, even republican Senator Smith of industrial New Jersey voted for it, changing his mind in the last few days from his previously announced repugnance to such a threat to American industrialist, farmer and laborer from cheap foreign competition.

Indeed, the senate did not change the bill one whit from the house version, which caused revival of all the partisan fighting of ages, but it just said, "Yea," in a loud voice and sent it on to the president's desk, where he could victoriously find it upon his return from San Francisco.

The hint of these strange doings should have been sufficient warning that something was wrong, but if anyone reported it, I have not seen the report. Any analyst, however, will be forced to conclude the victory was for enigmatology, more than for Truman. Just before the slashing authority passed the house (and in order to get it through), Mr. Truman sent a bill to his friend, Speaker Sam Rayburn, saying:

"I have had drawn to my attention statements to the effect that this increased authority might be used in such a way as to endanger or 'trade out' segments of American industry, American agriculture, or American labor. No such action was taken under President Roosevelt and Cordell Hull and no such action will take place under my presidency."

THE only reason for a tariff rate, of course, is to protect some American industry, farm or worker from cheap production costs coming in competition from abroad. There are no tariffs on noncompetitive products, no reason for any.

If there is to be no "danger" to domestic interests from tariff cutting, how can there be any tariff cutting—in fact, why was the subject ever mentioned, or the law passed?

beautiful bonanza of the bountiful postwar world, the one "indispensable leg" of the Roosevelt postwar program, including also the Bretton Woods bank and exchange matter and incidentally, the San Francisco agreement. The indispensable leg apparently has rheumatic quotas and noncompetitive arthritides.

DO not ask me to make sense out of this tariff slashing thing. No one else has. If you want a personal hint, mine is that tariffs are archaic and of little importance at 25 per cent of their normal rate or 100 per cent. The financial state of the nations of this world makes the value of their currency and many other factors (credit, goods available, etc.) the truly important considerations of trade. The whole subject is obsolete.

But this, of course, is only my guess. As far as anyone knows it was "the greatest victory" Mr. Truman has won in congress—but certainly also the greatest one enigmatology has won in my time.

Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson Co History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY June 28, 1935 (It was Friday) Roosevelt flays power lobby, as Congress balks at 'holding company' bill.

Foreign Minister Eden returns to London, with word of Mussolini's firm intention to wage war on Ethiopia. Rabbits cause damage in valley wheat fields.

Cloudy and cooler. High 89, low 51 degrees. Congress votes eight billion dollars for 1936 budget. Navy files orders for huge 'mystery' plane.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY June 28, 1911 (It was Wednesday) Golf course and Country club to open Friday.

Great Britain signs peace arbitration treaty. Ashland Chautauqua will open July 5. Fats defeats Leans in game that nets \$500 for band concerts.

Court House News Marriages Orvie G. Thorshelm and Louisa Evelyn Thomas.

ANY BONDS TODAY? By Gracie Allen and George Burns Illustrated by Ed Reed. I hooked the other one and bought a War Bond!

PLANS COMPLETE FOR 4TH ANNUAL SHERIFF'S RODEO. Final arrangements for the fourth annual Posse Rodeo and Horse Show were completed at a committee meeting held at noon today.

CHERRY CANNING STARTS TUESDAY. The Rogue River Canning corporation will start canning cherries next Tuesday, according to A. L. James, manager.

BIRTHS HANSCOM—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry, Brownsboro, Ore., June 28, 1945, a boy, nine pounds, at Community hospital.

REWARD Marlboro, Mass., June 28.—(U.P.)—When she returned to the owner a briefcase containing \$225,000 in cash and securities which she found on a street, Mrs. William C. Nielsen of Marlboro was given a \$10 reward.

Daily Weather Report Medford and vicinity Continued fair and slightly warmer tonight and Friday. Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Warner in south and east portions tonight.

LOADINGS RISE Washington, June 28.—(U.P.)—Loadings of revenue freight in the week ended June 23 rose 3,768 cars to 876,442, the Association of American Railroads disclosed today.

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WHEAT CROP THRESHING WILL START NEXT WEEK. Threshing of the wheat crop of the valley will start next week in some sections, County Agent Robert G. Fowler reports.

EDITOR DIES AT TRACK Los Angeles, June 28.—(U.P.)—Funeral rites were planned today for Arthur E. Dunning, 59, head of the copy desk of the Los Angeles Examiner, who was stricken with a heart attack yesterday while attending the Santa Anita races. He died in the track emergency hospital.



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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

Local poultryers claim the program of the National Poultry association to produce a double-breasted chicken, and more meat will be a bust.

Citizens are getting ready to retreat to the Coast for the Fourth, and not chase themselves back for several days.

In the South and East, moves have been launched to again "divide the wealth," similar talk arising after World War I, and the depression-recession. As there is more of it, some think a re-distribution of the poverty would be a better deal.

NICE WEATHER FOR IT! (Networker Notes) Woody Herman got a chuckle out of a letter he received from his next-door neighbor's daughter.

The sister city of Eugene boasts a new and novel pain in the civic neck. They have run out of ration books, the two that have the stamps for the grub and shoes, the stores have run out of.

Bert Orr, the chair-and-sofa man, has a birthday tomorrow. Except he is old enough to vote, and is no longer young, little is known about the number of his years.

Two autos attempted to knock a freight train off the Main Stem crossing late yes. Both missed, but the engine had a narrow escape.

THE AMERICAN WAY! (New York Sun) "But what will arouse the curiosity of those who hesitate to take what seem to be extreme risks in a period of fluctuating employment is the fact that, despite rationing, the new enterprises in that first half of 1944 included 8,400 eating and drinking places and 13,500 filling stations."

The lamb situation in Oregon is paradoxical or something. In an OPA mix-up a contest rages to determine which has the most wool pulled over their eyes—the lambs or the public.

The Hoblas Deuel woodpile is nearing completion, and may cause an outbreak of the Halloween spirit, before the Fourth of July.

YEAH! "CAPITALISTS"! (S.F. Chronicle) "What is aimed for in the farmers' case is legislation which will narrow the range of consequences of the chances they must take, along with other capitalists."

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